

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

FOURTH

Sunday of Advent

“Joseph, son of David,
do not be afraid
to take Mary your
wife into your home.”

Matthew 1:20

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December 22, 2019

Sacraments/Other Information



BAPTISM

2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 1:15pm. Required Preparation Class. 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.



ANOIDTING 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

“Have mercy on me as a sinner”
Saturday 4-4:45 pm and Mon-Fri
7:30-8:00am or by appt.



FUNERALS

Please contact Amanda Suchara,
Funeral Coordinator, 636-577-
3776, to make final arrangements.



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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Merry Christmas,

OK, it isn't yet, but it is just a couple of days away. Amidst all of our preparations maybe this Bible passage will put us in the right frame of mind for what we are to prepare for.

MT 1:18-25 The Birth of Jesus.

Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus.

May you and your
families have a Merry
Christmas.

Peace,
Fr. Nick



**HOSPITALITY:**

Christian
Kindness
"We are ALL
hospitality
ministers"

Hospitality

New Member Registration News! WELCOME!

Ready to be an official member of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish??!! **We can't wait to welcome you!** We are changing our format to make it easier for you! There are several ways to register! You can call the parish office 636-240-3721 or Lynn Crews 314-578-0741 and register over the phone; come in to the parish office and register; or we have a link on our web page. Simply click on the link and download the registration form and either email the form to Lynn Crews at: lynn.assumption@gmail.com or print it off and mail it to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket at Mass.

Then, the first Sunday of every month, please plan on joining our wonderful Welcoming Team in the front of Church after the 10:00am or Noon Masses for a brief tour of our Church and facilities. The tour will end in our parish center where we will join our Hospitality Sunday folks for coffee, donuts and more! We'll also answer any other questions your family might have about how we function as a parish and how we live our mission:

May you find Christ here... may you find Christ to the world!



TEXT TO GIVE! GIVING FROM YOUR CELL PHONE IS NOW AVAILABLE!

1. On your smart phone create a new text
2. message to 877-788-8571, type GIVE
3. hit send
4. You will receive back a link – go to the link which will have three sections
5. Enter a dollar amount, date of gift
6. Enter frequency (one-time gift or recurring)
7. Enter your name, email, phone
8. Enter banking or credit card information

Mark Your Calendars... Blood Drive!

Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center will be in the Parish Center on **SUNDAY, January 12, 9:00am – 1:30pm.**

If you have not made a blood donation elsewhere since November 18, you will be eligible to donate at this drive.

DID YOU KNOW? ...

- * Most donors taking medications are acceptable
 - * Most Diabetics can donate
 - * Most people with controlled high pressure can donate
- The need is always great. Please consider making this life-saving donation. Mark your calendar now and plan to join us.



Knights of Columbus New Years Eve Dance!!

Place: 202 W. 3rd St. O'Fallon, Mo. **Time:** 7:30pm - 1:00am **Cost:** \$50 per person

Special reserve a table of 8 and pay \$360, Credit Cards Accepted for this.

Will include the Following:

DJ Event Productions, Open Bar All Night!

Hot Appetizers from 8:00 till 10:00pm!

Cold Appetizers and Sweets from 11:00pm till the end!

Champagne at Midnight and Party Favors!



Make your reservation at Queen of Hearts or call Todd at 636-262-4925 to reserve a table!



"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

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve: Tuesday, December 24

4:00pm
4:30pm (Chapel)
6:00pm
8:00pm (St. Josephs Chapel,
CPPS Motherhouse)
10:00pm



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday, December 31:
Vigil Mass, 5:30pm
Wednesday, January 1, 9:00am



Christmas Day: Wednesday, December 25

8:00am
10:00am
12:00pm



The Story of Mary, Mother of God

Mary's divine motherhood broadens the Christmas spotlight. Mary has an important role to play in the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. She consents to God's invitation conveyed by the angel (Luke 1:26-38). Elizabeth proclaims: "Most blessed are you among women and blessed is the *fruit of your womb*. Without naming Mary, Paul asserts that "**God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law**" (Galatians 4:4). Paul's further statement that "*God sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out 'Abba, Father!'*" helps us realize that Mary is mother to all the brothers and sisters of Jesus.



The precise title "**Mother of God**" goes back at least to the third or fourth century. In the Greek form *Theotokos*—God-bearer—it became the touchstone of the Church's teaching about the Incarnation. The Council of Ephesus in 431 insisted that the holy Fathers were right in calling the holy virgin *Theotokos*. At the end of this particular session, crowds of people marched through the street shouting: "Praised be the *Theotokos*!" The tradition reaches to our own day. In its chapter on Mary's role in the Church, Vatican II's *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church* calls Mary "**Mother of God**" 12 times.

Reflection

Other themes come together at today's celebration. It is the Octave of Christmas: Our remembrance of Mary's divine motherhood injects a further note of Christmas joy. It is a day of prayer for world peace: Mary is the mother of the Prince of Peace. It is the first day of a new year: Mary continues to bring new life to her children—who are also God's children. ~Excerpts taken from *Franciscan Media*

Join us in celebrating the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass, Tuesday, 12/31/18 – 5:30pm in Church

Feast Day Mass, Wednesday – 9:00am in Church

Week at a Glance

	MONDAY 12.23.19	TUESDAY 12.24.19	WEDNESDAY 12.25.19
Mass Time / Intentions	6:30am Harland Stroud 8:00am Florence Karl	6:30am Hubert & Isabel Molitor 8:00am Raymond Ruff 4:00pm Carolyn Elfrink 4:30pm A.J. Renaud 6:00pm Joan Proch 10:00pm Madison Sakuma	8:00am Helen Schaller 10:00am Andy Thornhill 12:00pm Carolyn Phillips
Readings	1st Reading: Mal 3:1-4,23-24 Gospel: Lk 1:57-66	1st Reading: 2 Sm 7:1-5 Gospel: Lk 1:67-79	1st Reading: Is 52:7-10 2nd Reading: Heb 1:1-6 Gospel: Jn 1:1-18
Reconciliation	7:30 - 8:00am Church Or by appointment	7:30 - 8:00am Church Or by appointment	No Reconciliation
Other Events/Activities	O.T. Bible Study 10:00am	No Perpetual Help Devotions	

Perpetual Help Devotions and the Rosary:

Join us each Tuesday evening at 6:15pm for the recitation of the Rosary, live organ music, and perpetual help prayers in the Chapel.

Please NOTE:
There will be no Perpetual Help Devotions this Tuesday, Dec. 24.



PLEASE NOTE:

We will not have Reconciliation on Christmas Day, 7:30-8am.

Pray the Rosary Before Weekend Masses:

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



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Cheryl Fisherkeller, Mother of Bill Fisherkeller

Robert Yeamans, Brother of Ron Yeamans

Steve Stroder, Brother of Robin Lewandowski



PRAYER:

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

Laugh
& Pray!!

Assumption BVM
Parish Mission

Speak (eternal) Life

Leave
Refreshed!

Presents:



-Priest
-Preacher
-Storyteller
-Catholic Evangelist
-Missionary of Mercy

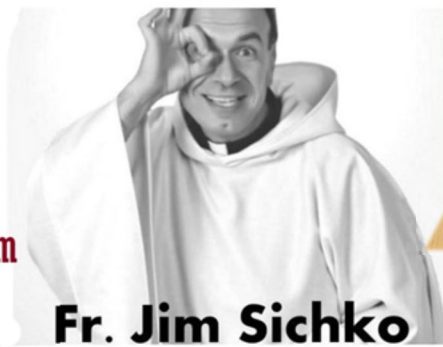
Come Join Us!

Mon. - Jan. 27

Tues. - Jan. 28

Wed. - Jan. 29

Each evening from 7-8pm
Reception Following!



Fr. Jim Sichko

Prayer



THURSDAY 12.26.19

6:30am Living and Deceased
Relatives of CPPS
8:00am Robert Mueller

1st Reading: Acts 6:8-10
Gospel: Mt 10:17-22

7:30 - 8:00am Church

Or by appointment

Closed for Maintenance

FRIDAY 12.27.19

6:30am Eileen Loeffler
8:00am Carmela Bamert

1st Reading: 1 Jn 1:1-4
Gospel: Jn 20:1 a, 2-8

7:30 - 8:00am Church

Or by appointment

Closed For Maintenance

SATURDAY 12.28.19

9:00am Needs of Immigrants and
Refugees
5:00 pm Cecilia Scully

1st Reading: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2
Gospel: Mt 2:13-18

4:00-4:45pm Church

Or by appointment

Closed for Maintenance

SUNDAY 12.29.19

8:00 am Renee LeCuru Kratzer
10:00 am People of the Parish
12:00 pm Gene Jezik
5:30 pm Joe Meyer

1st Reading: Sir 3:2-6

2nd Reading: Col 3:12-21

Gospel: Mt 2:13-15

Closed for Maintenance



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- Ephesians 4:15-16

Adult Formation

NOTE: A social gathering will follow each evening service to enhance our feeling of parish community. Fr. Jim will be available for informal chats and questions and answers. He will also be selling his book and famous mother's spaghetti sauce! *So that all may attend, other parish functions will be canceled during the Mission and babysitting will be provided.*

****ASSUMPTION PARISH MISSION****

What is a Mission?

A mission is a time of special grace when God call us into a deeper relationship with Him, a time for personal growth, a time to listen, and a time of spiritual refreshment and invigoration.

Who is a Mission for?

The mission is for all people, from inactive to very active. It is for all ages and for any stage in life - married, single, divorce, separated, widowed, etc. We particularly invite those who want to know more about the church today and how faith can take an active role in the everyday experiences of our lives.



Parish Mission

Featuring Fr. Jim Sichko

#60Minutes with Jesus



Assumption Church
O'Fallon, MO

**7pm-8pm
Reception
Following**

**Mon. Jan. 27 thru
Wed. Jan. 29, 2020**

**Babysitting
available**

CONTACT US AT (636)240-3721

ASSUMPTION LIFE TEEN

CALENDAR

All nights end around 8:30pm unless noted

Sun Dec 22 - Life Night: "White Elephant Christmas Party!" (Hall C) - 6:45pm
 Wed Dec 25 - NO West House Wednesday (Christmas)
 Sun Dec 29 - Life Night: 9 Square in the Air Night! (Hall C/Gym) - 6:45pm
 Wed Jan 1 - NO West House Wednesday (New Years Day)
 Sun Jan 5 - Life Night: "That They May All Be One" (Hall C) - 6:45pm
 Wed Jan 8 - West House Wednesday (West House) - 7pm
 Sun Jan 12 - Life Night: "That They May All Be One, Part 2" (Hall C) - 6:45pm
 Wed Jan 15 - West House Wednesday (West House) - 7pm
 Sun Jan 19 - Life Night: "Pro-Life Night" (Hall C) - 6:45pm
 Wed Jan 22 - NO West House Wednesday (March for Life)
 Sun Jan 26 - NO Life Night (March for Life)



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

Youth Formation

LIFE TEEN:



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Assumption Life Teen

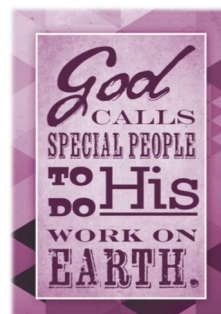
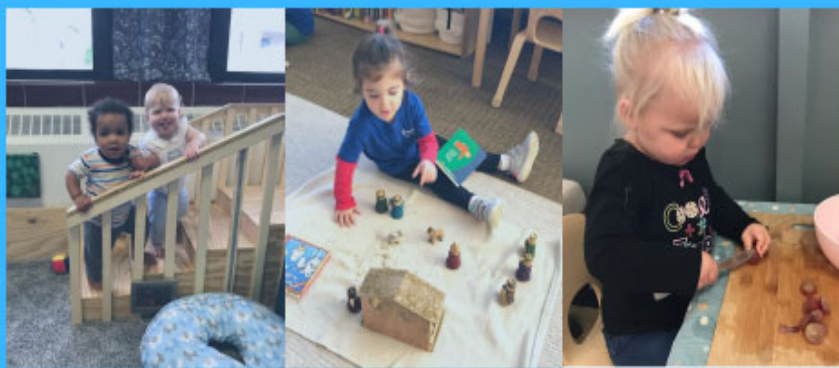
MONTESSORI INFANT TODDLER PRIMARY CLASSROOMS

ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS FOR THE
2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR.

Want to know more about the Montessori approach to learning?
 come visit our classrooms on January 26, 2020 between 11am-
 1pm for more information.



We are now accepting registration for
 CYC Golf through Feb 2, 2020.
 Open to boys and girls, Grades 1-8.
 Please sign up at
aaa63366003.sportssignup.com
 Any questions, please contact
 Jeff LaBarge at jslabarge@yahoo.com
 or 314-495-9198.





SERVICE:

Love in action
"Truly I tell you,
whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Matthew
25:40

Service



EVERYBODY CUT LOOSE...



AND JOIN US FOR OUR

17TH ANNUAL PRODUCTION!

Friday, January 10, 7:00pm
Saturday, January 11 at 7:00pm
Sunday, January 12 at 3:00pm

Amy E. Dickherber Performing Arts Center
St. Dominic High School



Tickets on sale NOW

www.assumptionbvm.org



For more information or to purchase tickets by phone
contact: **Cathy Pescarino** at 636-485-5221.





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Service

Christmas 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Rejoice! The weeks of Advent waiting are over, and Christ is born!

We rejoice in our Savior's birth—remembering the great gift of faith He has given us through the mystery of His incarnation and the saving power of His death and resurrection.

Each year, the people of the archdiocese are asked to make a special gift on Christmas Day to support our seminarians at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. These men are responding to Christ's call to follow Him as they discern a vocation to the holy priesthood. This year, more than 140 men have dedicated themselves to living, growing, and serving in His love as they prepare for a life of parish ministry. God-willing, these men will bring the faith given to us by Christ 2000 years ago to future generations.

This Christmas, I ask you, once again, to pray for vocations and for all our priests and seminarians. I also ask you to be generous in your donation to the Christmas collection at your parish, which helps ensure that our seminarians receive the education and formation they need to grow closer to Christ each day. Your support is a source of inspiration for the seminarians and helps to build up the Church in St. Louis. Together, we can encourage our future priests to walk the path of holiness as they seek to configure their hearts to the Heart of Jesus Christ.

Please be assured of my prayers for you during the season of Christmas. May the Lord of life come into your hearts and homes in a special way during this holy time of year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of St. Louis

Our Gifts to God and Parish

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

	December 8, 2019	7/1/2019 - 12/8/2019
Envelopes (467) & On Line	\$ 47,572	\$ 781,762
Loose	\$ 1,148	\$ 26,242
Total	\$ 48,720	\$ 808,004

Needed to sustain our mission \$824,000

Loan Balance as of 11/30/2019: \$1,562,355

"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

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

An Advent Prayer – Week Four - Peace

Father in heaven, help us to remember that all our gifts come from you. When we think we are in charge, remind us that we are your people and that you are our God. And let us have no gods — not wealth, not power, not fame, not material things — before you.

God above, as you found favor in the Virgin Mary, help us live so that you find favor in our lives. Help us to be holy.

Help us, Lord, to follow Mary's example of faith and trust. Along with Mary, help us, too, to say: "Yes, God, I am yours. Do with me as you want. Make me your hands on earth."

Holy Spirit, inspire us to live every day as if Christmas were just a week away.



"...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

Can YOU drive a Golf Cart? We Need YOU!



The Golf Cart Ministry is seeking Golf Cart Drivers for the 5:00 pm Saturday and Noon Sunday Masses. Ministry members receive much Joy helping fellow parishioners who otherwise would be unable to attend Mass due to physical restrictions. For additional information or to volunteer please contact Jim O'Loughlin at 314-606-0048 or joloughlin55@gmail.com.

Pictorial Directories ARE HERE!



If you had you or your family's photo taken in our Pictorial Directory, you may pick up a copy after all our Masses this weekend downstairs in the pre-function area. Or, you may come by the Parish Office:
Monday - Thursday,
8:00am - 4:00pm or Fridays,
8:00am - 3:00pm.
We have a limited number of extra copies for \$10 each, for anyone who would be interested in purchasing one.

ATTENTION ALL USHERS/ GREETERS!

It's that time of year! We need all available Usher/Greeters to help us with our seven Christmas Masses! Our Christmas Masses are beautiful and holy and take a lot of coordination and we appreciate all that you do to help make that happen!! Please sign up for a Christmas Mass or two!! There is a sign-up sheet in the Usher's closet. THANK YOU!!! If you would like to recruit family and friends for these Masses... **PLEASE, WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE THEM!!** Email Gerry Prinster at: gerryprinster@gmail.com if you have any questions. Thank you for all that you do!

Upcoming RETREATS – 2020!

Women's Retreat: February 8/9

Men's Retreat: February 22/23

For more information:

Women's Retreat contact: Kim Thornhill, (918) 381-7459 or thornhillproductions@gmail.com

Men's Retreat contact: Tim Berry, 401-318-0266 or tim.berry@pharma.com



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by Tuesday 9:00am

WEBSITE

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PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Religious instruction in the Catholic faith. Call 636.240.1020 for information or to register.

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

For one-on-one grief support, contact Kris Bohn at 636.795.2611, and for information regarding our grief support series, which is held twice per year, contact Lynn Crews at 294.0821.

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