# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



For unto You is Born this Day in the City of David, the Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

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December 26, 2021

### Sacraments and Parish Information



BAPTISM Scheduled every Sunday at :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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**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





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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## Merry Christmas,



What are your greatest memories of Christmas? Giving and

opening your presents? Going to your grandparent's house? Going to Midnight Mass? Participating in a Christmas pageant? A memory that many of us share with many others, and also have been able to pass down to another generation, is some of the Christmas specials (that started when we baby boomers were kids). Some of them are Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer, Frosty the Snowman, How the Grinch Stole Christmas, and of course The Charlie Brown Christmas Special.

I guess all of those specials had some moral they were teaching, but you have to give credit to Charlie Brown in point blank asking what it is all about, and then for the answer given by Linus. Actually his answer is the last half of the Gospel reading that is read at Midnight Mass (or Mass at Night as it is currently called) as is written below:

(Luke 2:8-14)

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests."

Even if we might remember the Charlie Brown Christmas tree, and a few other things from the special, pretty much everyone always remembers Linus giving the true meaning of Christmas.

I hope that all of your Christmas celebrations are joyful and memorable this year, and the most memorable parts will be centered on Christ. May you and your families have a Merry Christmas,

Peace, Fr. Nick



#### Holy Family...Pillar of 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."

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- Ephesians 4:15-16

#### 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 8:00am Mass and through Rosary at 6:15 pm, followed by Perpetual Help Devotions and Benediction to close. Please sign up at assumptionbvm.weadorehim.com.



## Young Adults 21-40:





Are you looking for ways to become more involved with parish ministry and school activities? Please scan this QR code to take a quick survey in order for us to better understand your needs as a parish member.

Should you have any questions, please contact our Service and Hospitality Pastoral Planning Commission Chair, Brandon Gervais at 214-727-6752 or b\_gervais@hotmail.com.

#### **NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION NEWS:**

We will not have the New Member Registration table set up on Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our next gathering will be on Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup> during Hospitality Sunday after the 8am,10am and Noon Masses. Please join us at our New Member Registration Table to register for our parish, or if you have already registered, please take a moment to stop by to meet our Welcoming Team in person so we can answer any questions about our parish or about the many ministries we offer here at Assumption. The Welcoming team wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Blessed New Year. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Crews at 314-578-0741 or lvnn.assumption@gmail.com

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 contact Diane Donnelly (978) 223-8597 or dianedon63@gmail.com or Kathy at (314) 308-7332 mikebsr8518@gmail.com.

### Assumption Blood Drive – Coming in January!

Assumption Parish will be hosting another blood drive and you are encouraged once again to consider making a donation of the Gift of Life. Impact Life will be in the parish hall on Sunday, January 23, 2022, 9:00am – 1:30pm, and we look forward to welcoming you there! If you have not donated blood since November 28, you are eligible to donate at this drive. Donations must be by appointment only to accommodate social distancing.

You may go to www.bloodcenterIMPA CT.org (use sponsor code 9007) to schedule an appointment, or call MVRBC at 866-448-3253 for assistance in scheduling. Please visit www.bloodcenter.org for information about COVID-19 protocols relating to blood donations. Mississippi Valley representative, Terry Deters, is also available to answer any questions you may have about donating. He can be reached at 314-852-3842. Parish coordinator, Mary Anne Robinson, can also be reached at 636-541-2823 to assist with scheduling.

#### St. Francis . . . Pillar of Prayer

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		Assumption Preschool, Sundays during 10 am Mass in the Early Childhood Center. Drop off begins at 9:45 am, pick up is at the conclusion of Mass. Children ages 3-6 welcome! Children can enter throughout the academic year, now through May 1st. Tuition is \$40 for the first child and free for additional siblings. 'First class Trial' is welcome. For information please call Denise Hoehne at 314-954-3192 Sunday Preschool Registration Form – 2021/2022 CHILD'S NAME: DOB:
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Since our Spiritual Retreat Day, we enjoyed a break for Thanksgiving. The Advent season kicked off by introducing The Sacraments. We have covered a brief introduction of what Sacraments are following with the past few Sundays focusing on individual Sacraments. We covered Baptism and Confirmation. Additional topics have been the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit and Saints. Today we pause for a time to spend Christmas and New Years with our families. We send blessings to each and every one of our RCIA group and you as well. Peace be with you.



#### Week at a Glance

Mass Times/Intentions

Readings

Reconciliation

#### MONDAY 12.27.21

6:30am Robert & Richard Scholten 8:00am Venancio & Raymond Salas

1st Reading: Jn 1:1-4 Gospel: Jn 20:1a,2-8 7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment

#### **TUESDAY 12.28.21**

6:30am Poor Souls in Purgatory 8:00am Renee Lecuru-Kratzer

1st Reading: Jn 1:5—2:2 <u>Gospel: Mt 2:13-18</u> 7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment

#### **WEDNESDAY 12.29.21**

6:30am Sr. Dory Obermann, CPPS 8:00am Ruth Ell

1st Reading: Jn 2:3-11 Gospel: Lk 2:22-35 7:30 -7:50am Church Or by appointment

#### St. Francis ... Pillar of Prayer

Pray the Rosary Before Weekend Masses: Please join us in Church 30 minutes before each weekend Mass for the

Rosary. We gather and pray before the Holy Family Statue.

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#### Epiphany January 6, 2022 – Home Blessing

One interesting custom for Epiphany is for families to ask God's blessing on our own homes. The ritual calls for parents to mark, with blessed chalk, the main entrance door with the initials of the Magi and a code of the current year. This year's mark will be: 20 + C + M + B + 22

The numbers stand for the year in which the blessing is inscribed (2022). The letters stand for the names traditionally given the Magi who found the Christ Child: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They are also an abbreviation for the Latin blessing: Christus mansionem benedicat, or "Christ bless this dwelling." Blessed chalk will be available after masses the weekend of January 5/6.

**Gather your family at the main entrance to your home.** All make the sign of the cross. **Parent:** "Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace. Blessed be God forever." **Family:** "Blessed be God forever"

Parent or reader: (reading from Sacred Scripture) "And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage." Matt 2:10-11

**Parent imparts the blessing:** "Lord God of heaven and earth, You revealed Your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them with the light of Christ, that their concern for others may reflect Your love. We ask this through Christ, our Lord."

Family: "Amen"

Then the parent sprinkles holy water on those gathered and sprinkles it about the home.

#### 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."



#### **THURSDAY 12.30.21**

6:30am Kristi Nickles & Family 8:00am Mary Jane Hibbeler

1st Reading: Jn 2:12-17 Gospel: Lk 2:36-40

7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment FRIDAY 12.31.21 6:30am Hugo Nanny 8:00am Carmela Bamert 5:30pm Lou Bognar

1st Reading: Jn 2:18-21 Gospel: Jn 1:1-18

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

#### **SATURDAY 1.01.22**

9:00am Frank Regan 5:00pm Michelle Kiely

1st Reading: Nm 6:22-27 2nd Reading: Gal 4:4-7 Gospel: Lk 2:16-21

By appointment

#### SUNDAY 1.02.22

8:00am Jim Griesenauer 10:00am Ken Naumann 12:00pm People of the Parish 5:30pm Lazaro Ricafort Jr.

1st Reading: Is 60:1-6 2nd Reading: Eph 3:2-3a Gospel: Mt 2:1-12 By appointment





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St. Vincent de Paul ... Pillar of Service



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

### From the Principal's Pen





Love came, held safely within a gentle womb All the truth, majesty, and creativity of a living God Poured into a ting heart Making a quiet entrance in a dark and uninviting shack Just one star shone anew as a handful of people were brought Led by angelic voices, and open hearts A young mother A goung mother A faith-filled father Men of wisdom who searched for truth And a group of humble herdsmen They came to bow before a new life And acknowledge that the rescuer had arrived That the Word of God had come alive And that the extraordinary transformation of heaven and earth flad begun. *(written by Julie Palmer)* 



December 26, 2021 — Feast of The Holy Family

SIR 3:2-6, 12-14 OR 1 SM 1: 20,22, 24-28; PS 128: 1-5 OR PS 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; COL 3:12-21 OR COL 3: 12-17; OR 1 JN 3:1-2, 21-24; LK 2:41-52

The Holy Family experienced many of the same joys and trials that all parents and children experience today. And, so, we can look to this Family for help in our own family lives and see in them a model of stewardship in family life.

The Gospel passage from Luke starts by telling us something about Jesus' parents: "Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover, and when he was 12 years old, they went up according to festival custom." This Family took seriously the stewardship of their time. The "Holy Couple" carefully observed the traditions and practice of their Jewish faith and brought up their Son to do the same. They worshiped as a family, and with their faith community. And they did so faithfully.

We can take their example to heart by making Sunday Mass attendance a priority for our families, by making prayer with our family a priority every day, by making sure that we regularly celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and by observing in our family life the feasts and fasts appropriate to the liturgical calendar. When we, as families, prioritize our Time with God and worship of Him we will be imitating the Holy Family.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us reclaim the beauty and importance of family life. Let's commit to steward our families well in 2022, making time spent with God and practicing our faith the most important appointments on our family calendars.

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Merry Christmas!





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 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. Our

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hearts to Christ, experiencing the truth that they are loved beyond measure, and that they have a place in the Church.

Thank you for your prayers for our middle school youth and teens, and know that we are praying for you. The young Church is alive and well and we can't wait to see what God has in store for us in 2022.

EDGE ministry has been a transformational community for our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders

and our core team-it has been beautiful to watch the middle schoolers open their

In Christ.

Becky Whitaker,

#### Save the Dates.

January 9 – Life Teen Kick Off! January 11 - Generation Life Meeting for all Attendees and Chaperones January 12 – EDGE Kick Off! January 19 – 23 - Generation Life Pro-Life **Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C.** April 8 – 10 - Luke 18 Confirmation Retreat July 15-17 – Steubenville Youth Conference

Have a question? Contact Becky Whiteker, Director of Youth Ministry 636-240-3721 ext. 243 or becky.assumptionlt@gmail.com

**Connect with us on Social Media:** Instagram: @assumption life teen // @assumption edge Facebook: Assumption Life Teen // Assumption EDGE

# **150th Anniversary Gray Sweatshirts and T-shirts**



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



### St. Vincent de Paul ... Pillar of Service



HOSPITALITY: Christian Kindness "We are ALL hospitality ministers"



### 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 Fa-thers 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* 

Since this Solemnity falls on a Saturday, it is <u>not a holy day of obligation</u>. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am on Saturday, January 1st (Not at 8:00am)

### Assumption Director of Communications and Marketing - Now Hiring

Assumption is seeking a full time Director of Communications and Marketing. This position is responsible for developing and implementing the long-term communications and marketing vision for the parish and school, working with our staff and parish commissions to increase our school enrollment and active participation of our parishioners.

#### **Responsibilities will include:**

• Promoting the parish and school's mission by planning, developing, and implementing all marketing and communications strategies.

• Developing and managing school and parish communications, including website content, social media, printed materials, video messages, and e-communication platforms.

- Coordinating communication and fundraising plans with parish and school groups.
- Planning and conducting appeals to attract and retain school students.
- Planning and conducting appeals for contributions to the parish and school.
- Writing and submitting press releases regularly, keeping Assumption Parish and School in the news.

• Coordinating the proper and consistent application of the parish and school's identity, such as logo, tagline, fonts, etc., for use on letterhead, brochures, invitations, etc.

- Organizing admission tours and new parishioner gatherings for prospective school and parish families.
- Attending Archdiocesan meetings to network and gain professional knowledge.
- Creating programs and events of donor care for the school and parish to encourage community and partnership.

Interested candidates should send cover letter and resume to Assumption Business Manager at: mvogt.abvm@gmail.com

# Athletic Association

Basketball practices are starting up! Everyone is looking forward to this season!

Coordinators: We are looking for volunteers for Golf and Baseball/Softball. The more volunteers to help with a sport helps make it more manageable and is a great chance to get involved in the community. Jeff Labarge is looking to train someone to take over. Meetings and registration will be upon us soon, and now would be a good time to start a transition over the next few seasons. Please contact jslabarge@yahoo.com. Duties include: Communicate with Athletic Association



**Attend Pre-Season Meetings** Communicate with District Coordinators **Communicate With Participants Recruit Parent Volunteers** 

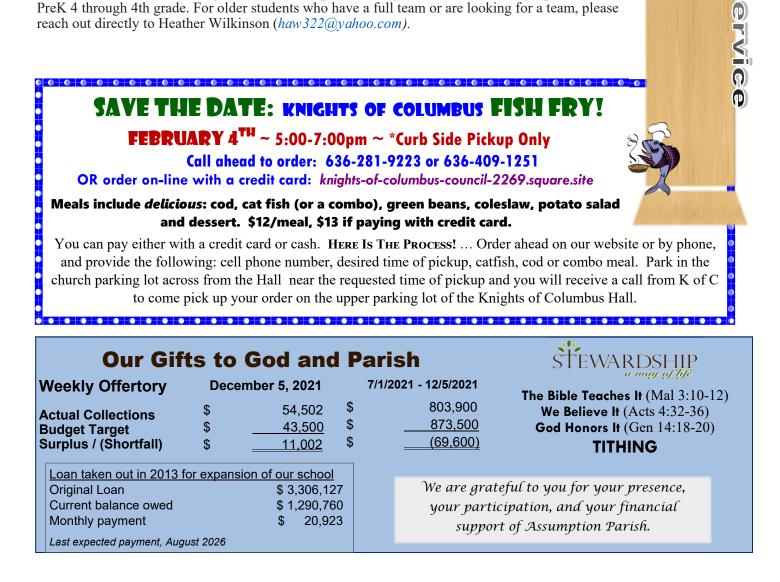
We are also looking for volunteers to help coordinate Baseball/Softball this year or help with field management for the PreK/K games. Please contact Heather Wilkinson (haw 322@yahoo.com) if interested. Duties include: Attend Pre-Season Meetings

Communicate with Athletic Association Communicate with Participants / District Coordinators **Team Formation** Equipment management



varied grace." - 1 Peter 4:10

The 2022 Baseball/Softball registration is now open. Closing date is still TBD. Signups will be for PreK 4 through 4th grade. For older students who have a full team or are looking for a team, please reach out directly to Heather Wilkinson (haw 322@yahoo.com).





"As each one

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a gift, use it to

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Christmas 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

all your families and loved ones!

forward, giving generously to help those in need.

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, and 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 2,000 years ago to future generations.

I send my warmest and most sincere greetings at this holy time of the year to all of you, and to

This past year has been a challenging time for everyone. It has also been a year of great grace. We have

tremendous sacrifices to keep people safe, and try and curb this global health crisis. We have much to be

grateful for as we move a step closer to the end of the pandemic. Now is the time for Catholics to step

witnessed the love and concern of people for one another. So many have been willing to make

This Christmas, I ask you 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.

I look forward to celebrating the joy of the Christmas season with all of the faithful of the Archdiocese. How wonderful it is to have the faithful back in church to celebrate Christ's birth. Please be assured of my prayers for you during the season of Christmas.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski Archbishop of St. Louis

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