

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Jesus said,

“LET US GO ON TO THE NEARBY
VILLAGES THAT I MAY
PREACH THERE ALSO.
FOR THIS PURPOSE HAVE I COME.”

Mark 1:38



February 7, 2021

**FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

Sacraments/Other 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.



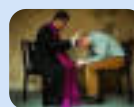
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Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721



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



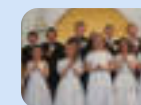
FUNERALS

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,

Last week I mentioned that our parish is beginning a Pastoral Planning process and we are calling it **Vision Planning 2025**. The goal is to help focus and guide our activities as we go forward over the next three to five years. This will start with **Visioning**, through four evenings of ZOOM meetings, each night focusing on a different area for the parish that are described as pillars. The four different pillars are **Formation** (Tue. March 2nd), **Service & Hospitality** (Thur. March 4th), **Worship & Prayer** (Tue. March 9th), and **Administration** (Thur. March 11th). Each evening will have a short presentation about the topic or pillar we will be discussing, and then we will break up into smaller discussion groups to talk about our strengths and aspirations for the future. This information will be compiled and shared with everyone participating to eventually lead to determining our goals and desires for the parish in the future.

Last week I talked a bit about the pillar of **Formation**. This week I will address our pillar of **Service & Hospitality**.

Service & Hospitality are something we can all identify with. Using our time and talents that God has given us, that we have hopefully developed in Formation, we can now put to use ways that we know can help others in need. When we talk about service we are going to focus on three different areas that are distinct in recognizing who it is we are serving: our Parish itself, the local community, or the universal church and community. The practices that serve our parish itself are the most obvious in that they help us to operate and function as a parish. Some examples are: our funeral luncheon group that provides lunches in our parish hall for families after they have celebrated the funeral of a loved one, our golf cart drivers who drive those who need help getting from our parking lot to the church for Sunday Mass, our church and chapel cleaners who take turns cleaning our worship areas. You can find quite a few areas that we are currently doing this in the many different ministries listed in our parish directory. These actions not only help serve our needs, but they also help us to take ownership of our parish and are a means by which we do become a stronger, more caring community.

Other Services we do in the parish are not as focused on ourselves, but are more openly focused on the local community we live in. The St. Vincent de Paul Society is a great example of this, and I'm also glad to say an active part of our parish. While they help many parishioners who might find themselves in times of need, the St. Vincent de Paul Society serves whoever is in need regardless of faith and help to live out the recognition of neighbor as anyone who is in need of our help. Our parish specifically recognizes and identifies the pillar of service with St. Vincent de Paul who we honor with his statue in the southwest side of our church.

We are also called at times to go beyond just our local community, though, and respond to the needs of people throughout the world. Our Respect Life Apostolate not only helps us to grow in the appreciation of the gift of life God has given us, but also raises an awareness of these concerns throughout our state, nation and the world, and opportunities to make a difference. Support of missionary appeals is another means by which we can help the physical and spiritual needs of those throughout the world.

Another specific form of service that we have focused on at Assumption is Hospitality. This could be called a specific form of service but it is a part of the welcoming and respect that we strive to do as Christians and as a parish. The statue of St. Monica in the southeast corner of our church is a constant reminder to us of being welcoming and always extending hospitality. Hopefully we can start recognizing what are the best ways we do this now and need to continue, but also start considering ways we might not have been as strong in the past that should be a part of our parish in the future.

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



Catholic Men For Christ is Going Virtual!

This event is happening as part of the National Catholic Men's Conference put on by the Virtual Catholic Conference.

By signing up for this **free** conference, you'll have access to over 50 great talks from some of the best Catholic Speakers across the country along with an opportunity to have access to a Zoom watch party for the Men of Assumption Parish.

In addition to the main conference, we will also have a Zoom set-up for bonus discussions. Please contact Deacon Richard at (314) 397-2433 to be added to the Zoom invite!

Main Registration Link: <https://go.virtualcatholicconference.com/NCMC2021>

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEXT FISH FRY! FEBRUARY 19TH!

And **ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT!!** February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2

5:00-7:00pm ~ Curb Side Pickup Only

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Becoming Catholic! Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

In the past several weeks we covered all the sacraments and are ending this week with Catholic Social Teaching (How we treat others and beliefs of the church). We have one more Sunday before we transition into the final period, Period of Purification and Enlightenment. "During the period of purification and enlightenment, the focus becomes a stronger emphasis on the spiritual and mystical life in preparation for the sacraments. The guidelines for this period (which normally coincides with Lent) as well as the rites associated with them, enable catechists to shift the focus of teaching from an exposition of the Deposit of Faith to reflection and meditation. Before they receive the sacraments of initiation, "the elect must have the intention of achieving an intimate knowledge of Christ and His Church, and they are expected particularly to progress in genuine self-knowledge through serious examination of their lives and true repentance." (The Association of Catechumenal Ministry) Please continue to pray for us.

Knights of Columbus Council #2269 202 W. 3rd St., (636) 281-9223

All Events Open to the Public

Every Tuesday - QUEEN OF HEARTS!

Doors open at 5:00pm and drawings begin at 7:00pm

Are you looking for a space to hold your next event? Whether it is an anniversary party, birthday party, luncheon, or wedding reception, we have the perfect space for you right across the street from Assumption Parish! The Knights of Columbus Hall has two spaces available for rent. For more information, contact us at: (636) 281-9223





"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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Everyone Is Invited!

On Ash Wednesday, February 17 after the 8:00am Mass, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Chapel until 6:30pm.

So that our Lord is not alone, we are asking for people to commit to spending one hour with Him in prayer. We will have a sign up sheet in the back of church, online, and in the chapel right as you enter through the North side entrance.

Other opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration will be:
Tuesday, March 2 - after 8:00am Mass until 5:30pm & Saturday, March 13 - after 9:00am Mass until 3:30pm.

To sign up online, please visit:
www.assumptionbvm.org

For more information, visit www.assumptionbvm.org. For any questions, call Susan Prinster @636-940-0426 or email: sprinster1952@gmail.com

Please pray for:

- Our Pastoral Planning Process
- Our Parish, School & PSR Program
- Our Lenten Journey

Prayer

Week at a

	MONDAY 2.8.21	TUESDAY 2.9.21	WEDNESDAY 2.10.21
Mass Times/Intentions	6:30am Gerard Schoenherr 8:00am Shannon Bafaro	6:30am Julia Boyd 8:00am Mabel Fernandez	6:30am Eileen Loeffler 8:00am Frances Vomund
Readings	1st Reading: Gn 1:1-19 Gospel: Mk 6:53-56	1st Reading: Gn 1:20 - 2:4 Gospel: Mk 7:1-13	1st Reading: Gn 2:4-9, 15-17 Gospel: Mk 7:14-23
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



February 7, 2021 — Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

JB 7:1-4, 6-7; PS 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1 COR 9-16, 22-23; MK 1:29-39

Our readings today remind us that Christ came to serve. Jesus' entire life was focused on others. He came to fulfill His Father's mission — the salvation of mankind. He labored for this mission by becoming the humblest of servants.

In today's Gospel, Simon says to Jesus, "Everyone is looking for you."

Jesus did not seek after the praise. Rather, He responded by saying, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also." Jesus was already looking to whom He could serve next.

As Christian stewards, we are also called to be humble servants who labor for our Father's mission. We should strive to imitate the Perfect Steward, Who was constantly aware of the needs of those around Him and put His gifts to good use. For us, this begins right here in our homes, parish and community. We are called to live each moment in awareness of our Father's mission and in gratitude for all He has given us.

Jesus tells us that the way to be attentive is through prayer. Before Jesus made the decision to go to the nearby villages to preach, He first went off to pray. It is through prayer that Jesus could hear what His Father was asking of Him. We, too, are called to spend time in daily prayer — we will then become aware of the opportunities to serve the Lord.

Let us commit to finding some quiet time this week to pray. Let us ask the Lord — how can I serve You better throughout my days? And let us pray, *"Make me humble, Lord."*



PRAYER:

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



Glorious Saint Joseph, Model of all those who are devoted to labor,
Obtain for me the grace to work in a spirit of penance. For the expiation of my many sins;
To work conscientiously,
Putting the call of duty above my inclinations;
To work with gratitude and joy,

Considering it an honor to employ and develop,
By means of labor, the gifts received from God;
To work with order, peace, moderation, and patience,
Without ever recoiling before weariness or difficulties;
To work, above all, with purity of intention,
And with detachment from self,
Having always death before my eyes
And the account which I must render of time lost,
Of talents wasted, of good omitted,
Of vain complacency in success, So fatal to the work of God.
All for Jesus, all for Mary, all after your example,
O Patriarch Joseph.
Such shall be my watchword in life and in death.

Amen

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Michael Easton
Brother of Kathy Osborn

Eddie Murray
Brother-In-Law of Joan Busby and John Siesennop

William Vogt
Father of Mark Vogt

Rudolph Hlavaty
Husband of Elizabeth Hlavaty

Prayer

THURSDAY 2.11.21

6:30am Pat Liston
8:00am Lucille Meinert

1st Reading: Gn 2:18-25
Gospel: Mk 7:24-30
7:30 - 7:50am Church
Or by appointment

FRIDAY 2.12.21

6:30am Bob Kaufman
8:00am Levi Rash

1st Reading Gn 3:1-8
Gospel: Mk 7:31-37
7:30-7:50 am Church
Or by appointment

SATURDAY 2.13.21

9:00am Community Benefactors & Prayer Enrollments
5:00pm Richard C. Townsend

1st Reading: Gn 3:9-24
Gospel: Mk 8:1-10
4:00 - 4:45pm Church
Or by appointment

SUNDAY 2.14.21

8:00am People of the Parish
10:00am Wayne Prinster
12:00pm Glennon Hibbeler
5:30pm Wehmeier Family

1st Reading: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46
2nd Reading: 1 Cor 10:31-11:1
Gospel: Mk 1: 40-45

By appointment



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Continuous
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Youth Formation

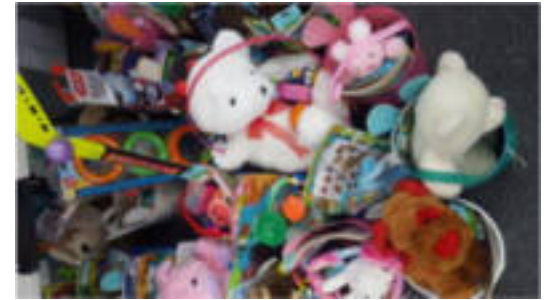


From the Principal's Pen

Easter Baskets in January

Service is an important aspect of Catholic schools. Through our actions, we live our faith and bring Christ to all.

As we close Catholic Schools Week, I am proud of our students in their efforts to provide Easter (yes, Easter) for children birth to 18. The Alleluia Baskets project, a locally sponsored program that collects Easter Baskets and needed "fillers", was our over-arching focus during Catholic Schools Week. As Karen Mesler, founder of Alleluia Baskets, said to our students when she introduced the program, "This project was like an Easter snowball, in a way. A project filling Easter baskets that started out as a parish school of religion project for 25 needy children has "snowballed" its way to an effort filling 733 baskets each year and involving volunteers as far away as Pennsylvania."






The number of agencies receiving baskets for distribution went from three —St. Vincent de Paul Society, Karen House and Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Center — to 10 or more!

Candy could be part of the collection, however, other items were needed: pencils, crayons and coloring books, journals for the older children, nail polish, a small stuffed animal, and the like. The promise of Alleluia Baskets at Easter is sharing Christ's basket of love with children in our community. Seeing the excitement on the faces of Assumption students when they saw the amount of "Easter goodies" they collectively gathered, gave testament to the words of St. Francis, "For it is in giving that we receive."

Thanks for reading about our Catholic school!
Pat Hensley





 @assumption_life_teen
 Assumption Life Teen
 @assumption_LT



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

Youth Formation

Sunday, February 7th: NO LIFE NIGHT-Super Bowl Sunday!

SAVE THE DATE:

March 19-21 – Luke 18: Assumption Confirmation Retreat

June 13-18: Catholic Heart Work Camp

July 16-18: Steubenville Mid-America Week 2

Due to COVID-19, our Life Nights look different than they normally would as our highest priority is the holiness and health of our teens. Here are the measures we are taking:

- All Life Nights are held in a socially distant manner. Teens may only share a sitting space with a sibling or friend they have regularly been in contact with.
- In the event of rain, we will be in the Hall and spread out in a socially distant manner.
- All teens must wear a mask any time they are inside a building or if an activity requires movement. Hand sanitizer is always available.



Have a question? Contact **Becky Whitaker,**
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 Connect with us on Instagram:
[@assumption_life_teen](https://www.instagram.com/assumption_life_teen)





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



4th Quarter - 2020, Update from Assumption St. Vincent de Paul

Dear Supporters and Benefactors,

As you are painfully aware, Covid 19 has had such a detrimental effect on our needy, including loss of work, loss of jobs available to them, evictions, utility shutoffs, limited support for children at home, and severe health issues.

During the fourth quarter of last year, your most generous financial support enabled us to provide the following aid to 126 families in our community, plus the re-stocking of our food pantry:

- \$43,677 of support including rent/mortgage help, utilities, car repairs, cab rides, and medical Rx.
- 46 food baskets and gift cards directly to our needy and stocking of our food pantry with food and gift cards.
- 92 families in our Christmas Program: through the giving tree, family adoption, our schools' generosity and community services and agencies.
- 84 families in our Thanksgiving Program, "No Hunger Holiday"
- 8 gasoline vouchers.
- 7 SVDP Thrift Store Vouchers.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts and pray for you each day that our Lord Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit continue to provide you with peace, mercy and compassion.

If you have any interest in joining your St. Vincent de Paul Society here at Assumption Parish, please contact Mike McCleish at 717-919-7558 or email: michaellmccleish@msn.com.

Thank you... and Peace!



Holy Baptism



*Piper Rene Bray
August Erwin Faerber
Blake Marie Mintert
Ava Ray House
Luciana Vakenke Vasquez Herrera
Harper Lynn Newton
Kolette Christine Fetter
Jamie Oliver Bales*

We Welcome the Newest Members of Our Faith!



The February cemetery cleanup will be postponed until early March due to weather. Please check back in the bulletin for specific date and time.



Parish Office Volunteers Still Needed!

We have implemented safety measures for your peace of mind and are looking for friendly, caring and reliable people who can help us out. We need volunteers for the parish office on Tuesday afternoons and Fridays. If interested, please call Angie at 636-240-3721 ext. 235 for information.



"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

Looking for a scholarship for the 2021-2022 school year?

- All elementary schools in the Archdiocese of St. Louis
- All Catholic high schools
- Any private elementary school in the City of St. Louis

Apply online at TTEF-STL.ORG for elementary and high school scholarships.

Deadline is February 26th, 2021.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

STARTING JANUARY 11, 2021

Visit ttef-stl.org for more details

1-800-735-7777

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- A reflection from Fr. Mike Schmitz
- And guided prayer to help you hear God's voice in his Word.



Unlike any other Bible podcast, Ascension's Bible in a Year Podcast for Catholics follows a reading plan inspired by the Great Adventure Bible Timeline® learning system, a groundbreaking approach to understanding Salvation History developed by renowned Catholic Bible teacher Jeff Cavins.

It's not too late to tune in and live your daily life through the lens of God's word!

Register for the podcast at: <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration> or at the Apple podcasts link: podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-bible-in-a-year-with-fr-mike-schmitz/id1539568321.

Our Gifts to God and Parish

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

	January 24, 2021	7/1/2020 - 1/24/2021
Envelopes (226) & Checks	\$ 24,234	\$ 651,282
Loose	\$ 132	\$ 3,757
Electronic	\$ 10,720	\$ 339,942
Total	\$ 35,086	\$ 994,981

Needed to sustain our mission 1,112,000

Loan Balance as of 12/31/2020: \$1,495,819

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The Bible Teaches It (Mal 3:10-12)
We Believe It (Acts 4:32-36)
God Honors It (Gen 14:18-20)

TITHING



ASH WEDNESDAY – February 17

Distribution of Ashes in Time of a Pandemic WILL LOOK DIFFERENT THIS YEAR

Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it too. Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us.

The Changes

The Presider says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. Then he addresses all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: ***“Repent, and believe in the Gospel,”*** or ***“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”***

The Presider then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask and distributes the ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places. **The Presider, instead of making a sign of the cross on your forehead with ashes, takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything.**

The Ashes

The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES/SERVICES:

February 17th, 2021: 6:30am Mass; 8:00am Mass; 12:05pm prayer service; & 7:00pm Mass.

Bring in your Blessed Palms –

Beginning this Weekend Feb. 6/7, 2021!!

Today, leading up to Ash Wednesday, you will notice wicker baskets in the back of church for you to drop off your blessed palms!



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- Ephesians 4:15-16

Adult Formation

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by Tuesday 9:00am

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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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