Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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

Sacraments and Parish Information ~ February 13, 2022



BAPTISM

Scheduled every Sunday at 1:15pm. Baptism preparation class is required. Call 636-240-3721 ext 235 to register.



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.



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.



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.



RITE of CONFESSION

Weekdays 7:30 - 7:50am Church Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45pm Church Or by appointment



FIRST COMMUNION

Preparation begins in September for all students who are entering 2nd grade. Please contact Ann Marie Quan at 636-240-1020.



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Hello.

This coming Monday I would imagine a few of you know that we celebrate the feast of St. Valentine, but we really don't know very much about him. This Monday we also celebrate the feast day of two brothers, St. Cyril and St. Methodius. We do know quite a bit about them, and I have always been impressed by these brothers.

The first reason to be impressed, beyond the saint thing of course, is the Cyrillic alphabet. Cyril and Methodius both grew up speaking Slavonic and thus were natural choices to be missionaries to Moravia in the mid-ninth century. This is when the land had been going back and forth between numerous different forces in Europe. They didn't have a problem translating the Bible and liturgical texts into Slavonic, but there was a problem in writing it, as up to that point it was only a spoken language. So in order to write the language, they created an alphabet based on the Greek alphabet that we have since known as the Cyrillic alphabet, pretty impressive.

This wasn't their only challenge. They also had the fortune, or misfortune, to be sent on this mission from Constantinople, the center of the Eastern Church, which at this time was becoming more and more in conflict with the Western Church. One specific difference was that coming from the Eastern Church, Cyril and Methodius didn't even think about whether they should or shouldn't translate the Bible and liturgies into Slavonic. In contrast, in the Western Church the only languages considered suitable for the liturgy were Latin, Greek and Hebrew. After spending some time in Moravia, they had some difficulty since they did not have a bishop and thus could not ordain priests. The closest bishops were Western, from Bavaria, and were not immune to some of the rivalries at the time between the East and the West. So Cyril and Methodius went to Rome to seek approval of the Slavonic liturgy and of their mission.

Cyril would die while in Rome but Methodius would return to the Moravian missions with the Pope's blessings. Later, he would return to Rome and the pope would consecrate him as a bishop. Unfortunately, Methodius would have to continue to face conflicts in the Church, and when the current pope died his successor would rescind the permission for the Slavonic liturgy. Methodius would later return to Rome to obtain permission again for the Slavonic liturgy and only a few years later travel back to Constantinople to be received by the emperor and the patriarch. I think a few more reasons to be impressed.

Not only did the brothers bridge differences between the East and the West in their times, but they have also been recognized as saints by both the East and the West and still are a means of unity, especially in Europe, today. Butler's Lives of the Saints gives much more detail about these and other saints, hopefully they can inspire us to bridge divisions in our world today.

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."

dult Formation

- Ephesians 4:15-16



<u>February 13, 2 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> *JER 17: 5-8; PS 1:1-4,6; 1 COR 15:12, 16-20; LK 6: 17, 20-26*

Today's readings speak of an essential quality for the Christian steward — hope. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit (CCC 1817)."

In many ways, this is the very definition of a stewardship way of life — focusing on eternity as we live our daily lives and relying on God to provide for our needs and satisfy our deepest longings for meaning and happiness right now.

In today's Gospel from Luke, Jesus describes the true richness of life that is possible for those of us who are willing to live as his hope-filled disciples. We are all familiar with this passage in which Jesus reveals the Beatitudes: blessed are the poor; they have the kingdom of God. Blessed are those now hungry because they will be satisfied. Blessed are those who weep because they will laugh. Blessed are those who are hated, excluded, and insulted because they are disciples of Jesus; they will be greatly rewarded in heaven. Jesus is describing here the character of one who is living a life of hope – the life of a Christian steward whose trust is firmly rooted in God and who is focused on others and eternity. It is not always an easy life, but it is a deeply meaningful life and one that leads to eternal reward.

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 assumptionbym.weadorehim.com.





Respect Life Apostolate February News!

- ◆ February 16, all are invited to Our Lady of Guadalupe Convent for an hour of Adoration beginning at 10:00AM! Sister Sue and Sister Dolores would love to see you! 4311 Forest Park Ave., St. Louis, MO. (314)449-6812
- ◆ February 18-20, "Healing the Pain of Abortion One Weekend at a Time" a retreat for women, men, and couples. Rachel Vineyard Ministries will be hosting this weekend for those who are wounded by abortion. A trained and compassionate team, including a priest and professional therapist, will gently lead participants through the critical steps of healing after abortion and help retreatants encounter the merciful love of Christ, the Divine Physician. For more information or to register: hopehealing@archstl.org (314)406-0815
- ◆ February 19, Monthly Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral Basilica beginning at 8:00am.

For more information about all these things, or if you would like to attend and need transportation, please contact Sylvia Kiphart at (636)978-8803.

Save the Date:

ASSUMPTION

DINNER AUCTION

Parish/School Fundraiser
Benefitting
Assumption School and PSR

May 7, 2022

More information to follow. Follow us on Facebook at: https://www.facebook.com/ AssumptionDinnerAuction



"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



Week at a Glance

Mass Times/Intentions

Reconciliation

MONDAY 02.14.22

6:30am Gene Henthorn 8:00am Norm Ochsner

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

TUESDAY 02.15.22

6:30am Mary Ann Angelo 8:00am Jim Griesenauer

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

WEDNESDAY 02.16.22

6:30am Carmela Bamert 8:00am Betty Meyer

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



Men of Assumption parish... This week we take an indepth look at one of the most famous of all of Jesus' parables, the Prodigal Son. Although, it could be argued that this story should be called the "Prodigal Father".

This week's session is titled, "The Prodigal Son"

- ♦ Speaker: Paco Gavrilides STL
- An Insulting Demand
- ♦ Isolated and Desperate Man
- ♦ Awakening of Grace
- A Radical Reunion
- Robed in Righteousness
- Never A Lost Cause
- From Legality to Freedom

Join us for... "That Man is You!" This Saturday, Feb 19th, in the lower hall of the Knights of Columbus building. Our start time is 7:15am with Breakfast, followed by a short video and table discussion, ending at 8:30am.

We are also offering the sessions by Zoom. Contact Deacon Richard, *DeaconRichard@charter.net* or by cell at 314-397-2433 for more information.

All are Welcome, Every TUESDAY!

Please come and pray for peace and special intentions. The Rosary, Perpetual Help Devotions and Benediction: Tuesdays, 6:15pm in the Chapel.

Cin loving memory

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

Mark Bickmeyer
Nephew of
Denis and Deana Van Booven

Tim Maassen
Father of Mark Maassen

Clifford Dunn
Of Our Parish Family
Elizabeth Uhlenbrock

Of Our Parish Family



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.



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



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, Pray."



THURSDAY 02.17.22

6:30am Bill Toker 8:00am Juanita Lister

7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment FRIDAY 02.18.22

6:30am Lee Akerly 8:00am Lou Bognar

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

SATURDAY 02.19.22

8:00am Partners in Mission 5:00pm Sherri Lesch

7:30-7:50am Church By appointment

SUNDAY 02.20.22

8:00am Patricia Francis Mueller 10:00am Stephanie Carpenter 12:00pm People of the Parish 5:30pm Priest Intention

By appointment

Youth Formation

From the Principal's Pen

National Kazoo Day







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

On January 28th, we celebrated National Kazoo Day and

Mrs. Welby's class enjoyed learning how to play kazoos. Most people think that the small end goes into the mouth, however, after watching a video, students knew to place the LARGE end into their mouth and HUM the song into the kazoo. In the video, the kazoo-ist created melodies, which the students were able to hum and within minutes were able to almost master the instrument. Above are two of our students playing their kazoo!

The Science of Meteorology - 6th grade

Meteorology is the science dealing with the atmosphere and its phenomena, including both weather and climate. The local weather people are well-versed in meteorology and also in creating the graphic displays that are used to help visually see the weather and its impact on the local community.





Our 6th graders have been studying this science and as a project, were expected to make class presentations using PowerPoint for visual information. In the presentations, students embedded videos and graphs along with commercial breaks and "Breaking News" reports. Each group of students worked as teams for the presentation and were graded by Mrs. Schenk using a rubric. The students enjoyed developing the presentations and also giving their presentation to their classmates.

Thank you for reading about our school! Pat Hensley, Principal





AUDITIONS! 5TH- 8TH GRADE

FEBRUARY 18 & 19 Performances: May 13 - 15

Grace Beyond Gravity is excited to announce auditions for our Middle School Spring Production of Disney's **Descendants: The Musical**. Performance dates are May 13-15, times TBD, and will be held at Assumption School Gym.

Auditions for 5th-8th grade will take place Friday and Saturday, February 18th - 19th Callbacks will also be on Saturday, February 19th.



- ◆ Interested in Junior Chorus? (3rd 4th Grade)
- ◆ Interested in Crew? (5th-9th Grade)

GO TO gracebeyondgravity.com

Interested in Internship Opportunities? (10th-12th Grade) Please email Lisa Briz (Ibrizu2@msn.com) by February 18th.



Connecting HEARTS in the ARTS through CHRIST!

Questions or for more information, please call Cathy Pescarino at 636-485-5221.





Happy February!

It has been so good to be back in action for an incredible semester of fun, faith and community with Life Teen and our EDGE Middle School Youth Ministry. Thank you for your prayers! The young Church is alive and well and we can't wait to see how the Lord puts the teens at His service.



FOR-**MATION** Continuous conversion of mind and heart Following Jesus is the work of a lifetime"

Currently, we are gearing up for our Luke 18 Retreat which will be April 8-10. This is an allhands-on-deck kind of weekend and we need lots of help to make it happen! We have opportunities for our teens to lead the retreat, volunteers to feed our 100+ hungry teens and middle schoolers, families to open their houses as sleep houses, there is something for everyone! If you are interested in being part of this amazing Confirmation retreat for our 8th Graders, please reach out! We'd love to have you. Praying for you!

Here's what's going on this week.

February 13 – No Life Teen: Super Bowl Sunday

February 16 - EDGE: Battle Cry ~ 6:00 - 7:30 pm in the Parish Center All 7th & 8th graders are invited to the EDGE - our new

middle school youth ministry program! In tandem with 7th & 8th grade PSR, EDGE seeks to foster community, joy, and getting to know Christ and the teachings of our faith in a powerful and dynamic way. This Wednesday, we focus in on the life of Jesus, specifically His early and hidden life. Middle schoolers, you can expect fun, games, real talk and the transformative power of our Catholic faith.





Save the Date: July 15-17: Steubenville Conference August 1-5: Life Teen Camp



Have a question? Contact Becky Whitaker. 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 Sweatshirts \$10 / T-Shirts \$10



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







2022 ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AUCTION BENEFITING K - 8 AND PSR STUDENTS **AUCTION DONATION IDEAS!**

Each year our Annual Fundraising Auction is successful, because it is built on the time and talents of our school and parish community. Be creative and have fun with your donation. Please turn all donations into the school office by April 8th or Contact us at auction@abvmtech.org to arrange a time/place for pickup.





Let's make this the best year yet!

Who has connections/talents as a...

- Carpenter
- Furniture maker
- Chef
- Landscaper
- Painter (interior/exterior)
- Cleaner/Organizer
- Travel Agent
- Photographer
- Crafter
- Musician



- Florist
- Athletic Trainer
- Estate Planner
- Puppy Rescue Org.
- or many other options!



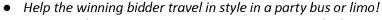
Where do you dream of traveling to for a little R&R?

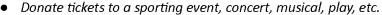
- Condos, cabins, houses, etc. can all be highlighted in this year's auction!
- Airline miles can be donated in any amount!
- Campers, RVs, properties, etc. are great opportunities for someone to hit the open road and enjoy some time away!



- Hot Air Balloon rides are a perfect adventure with loved ones!
- Feeling more adventurous? Skydiving or Hang gliding would be amazing donations!

Where is your favorite place to gather? Wineries, Busch, Enterprise Center, Tours, etc.?





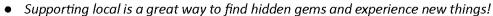




What is your favorite part of a weekend?

- Watching the "big game" on a big screen? Backyard cookout for the family or neighbors?
- Walking, hiking or biking along the beautiful trails in MO? Visiting a day spa to relax and unwind?
- Donate an experience, gift cards, items and more!

If you could visit any local establishment, where would it be?



Gift cards and/or merchandise from a local establishment would be great auction items!

Go where the Spirit leads you

- Following the Kentucky Bourbon Trail or setting up your private Bourbon tasting will fit perfectly with this year's theme!
- Donate an experience, Bourbon, glasses, cubes, etc. to help the winning bidder enjoy in style!

Still not sure what to donate?

 Check out our Amazon wish list for additional ideas. These items, when purchased, will be shipped directly to the auction committee.



https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2BKLA9ENJMGL9/ref=nav wishlist lists 1

- Make sure to check out our Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/AssumptionDinnerAuction
- Want to make a monetary donation? Want to stay in the know about auction items? Check out: ponyup2022.givesmart.com











Athletic Association!

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

Golf: CYC Golf Registration was extended to February 13th. Golf is open to all in Grades 1-8. Due to Covid, our registration is on a tight schedule this year... NO LATE REGISTRATIONS will be accepted!

- Grades 1-4 (Little League) 6 clinics with instruction from PGA Certified Trainers and 2 rounds of golf at Golf HQ Pitch and Putt Course, cost is \$120
- Grades 5-8 (Big League) 4 clinics and 6 rounds of golf at Pheasant Run or Hawks Ridge, cost is \$165

Sign up at https://www.teamsideline.com/sites/cyosaintcharlesmo/current-programs

Any questions contact Jeff LaBarge at 314-495-9198 or *jslabarge@yahoo.com*

Also visit CYC.St.Charles.Golf@gmail.com

Umpires: Hiring Umpires for Baseball/Softball. Umpire at Knights of Columbus April-June. Ages 13+, great way to earn money! *Matthew.j.flick@gmail.com* or 228-233-9388.

Now Hiring

Assumption Director of Communications and Marketing

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.

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



"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



Sunday, Feb. 13th (4p): Superbowl Party at the Hall

All our welcome to attend. Pizzas and beverages will be available for purchase. Food may be brought in. Come watch the games on our multiple TVs! No outside beverages.

Tuesday, Feb. 15th (5p doors; 7p drawings): Weekly Queen of Hearts Raffle.

Sunday, Feb. 20th (9a - 1p): 1st Collection Drive of 2022! Please consider donating food, household and personal care items, or gift cards to help those less fortunate in our area. Your donations will be distributed to St. Vincent De Paul, Salvation Army, Foster Adoption Support Team, and other local school children. Every donation helps make a difference!

March 13th (6p): Mouse Races. Gather your friends and reserve your table for what will be a fun event. More infor-

Our Gifts to God and Parish



Weekly Offertory January 30, 2022 7/1/2021 - 1/30/22 The Bible Teaches It (Mal 3:10-12) We Believe It (Acts 4:32-36) 1,132,280 31,048 **Actual Collections God Honors It** (Gen 14:18-20) \$ 1,189,500 \$ 34,500 **Budget Target TITHING** \$ Surplus / (Shortfall) (57,220)(3,452)

Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school
Original Loan \$3,306,127
Current balance owed \$1,236,010
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.

RCA

You might be wondering: "Why are the RCIA participants dismissed before we profess our faith?" These RCIA Adults along with their sponsors, depart from the Mass at the end of the Liturgy of the Word to discuss the readings and experience more fully the impact of the Scriptures in their lives. These individuals who are preparing to be baptized and those preparing for initiation through Confirmation are dismissed simply to continue reflecting on what they have just heard in the readings and continue to learn the formal teachings of the Catholic Church. The sending forth blessing they receive reminds us of Jesus sending out his disciples. This continues each Sunday and at the Easter Vigil. Those who are ready will join us at the Table of the Eucharist for the first time.

The Living Word of God is their only food during this period. In addition, we have a specific topic each Sunday. The past few weeks we have studied our seven sacraments. We invite you to attend at least one of the 8am Sunday Masses in order to experience this holy event. Other opportunities to witness them will be made available in the coming weeks as we enter Lent. Please continue to pray for our sponsors and team members as we continue to help those seeking entrance into our Catholic faith and community at the Easter Vigil.

Be sure to check out the poster board in the Narthex! These are the faces of our Candidates and Catechumens in our program. If you see them at the 8:00am Mass, please say Hi!



"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Our Parish Prayer

Lord Jesus, You call us to follow You as disciples. Help us to respond wholeheartedly without counting the cost. We commit ourselves to being good stewards. Help us to be grateful, accountable, generous, and willing to give back. with humble hearts and make stewardship a way of life. Though the intercession of Your mother Mary, grant us the grace to understand, and the courage to accept the challenges and opportunities we have been given to: "Find Christ here and... bring Christ to the world."



"...living the truth in love. we should grow in every way into Him...from whom the whole body, held and ioined together by every supporting ligament brings about the body's growth and builds itself in love."

- Ephesians 4:15-16



March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 8 and 15.9

The Knights of Columbus Hall is OPEN! 5:00-7:00pm
Dine In and Take Out

MENU: Fried Cod/Cat fish Meal or Sandwich, Chicken Strips. Green Beans, Coleslaw, Mac N Cheese, Desserts. Tea and coffee free, Full Cash Bar available: beer, wine and mixed drinks. You can pay either with a credit card or cash.

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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.

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