# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



# Reconciliation Weekend

Friday & Saturday, February 26 & 27 in the Chapel

Confessions being heard Friday, 6:00pm-9:00pm & Saturday, 9:30am-3:30pm

Confessing our sins may be difficult for us, but it brings us peace. We are sinners, and we need God's peace.
-Pope Francis

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - FEBRUARY 21, 2021



#### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Please contact Ann Marie Quan at 636-240-1020.



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Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721



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# Welcome

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## Hello,

This week I will talk about our final pillar for our **Pastoral Planning** and our upcoming **Vision Planning 2025** meetings, Administration. The three different areas identified in this pillar are called Administration, Finances, and Stewardship. In some ways this whole area is the parish's stewardship of what the parishioners have provided, where the individual section labeled Stewardship is the encouragement and facilitating of each of the parishioners stewardship of what they have been given.

Administration can be considered primary before all of the other pillars since you cannot do anything without it, but it should be considered secondary to all of the other pillars as the whole purpose of it is to make it possible for the other pillars to happen. This will be the last of the pillars we look at and will probably be informed by some of our other discussions but also give a different perspective as to staffing and our facilities. We need to take a good look at what we have already and those strengths and weaknesses, as well as what we would envision having in the future. But then, in our future pastoral planning, we need to look at how our staff and facilities really fits our most important goals for the future in Formation, Worship & Liturgy, and Service & Hospitality.

**Finances** similarly are easy to say what we would like, but first requires an honest look at what we have and where we are. How the parish uses its finances should not only be an example of good stewardship, but hopefully also one that is transparent to the parishioners so they are aware and confident of how our financial resources are being used. Identifying and communicating primary and critical expenses of the parish and how those needs are or are not being met.

Stewardship will then allow each of us to understand how we can take part in supporting our parish. Each of us needs to consider the time, talent, and treasures that God has entrusted us with and our obligation to support the Church and one another. Hopefully we will identify the ways that our parish is helping us to do this and possible new ways we can encourage and facilitate each of our parishioners to live out lives of stewardship.

Lent is also a good time to reflect on this pillar as one of the three actions we are encouraged to increase for Lent is almsgiving (along with prayer and fasting). Taking the time to recognize, acknowledge, and respond to God's call and gifts in our lives.

I hope you can join us for some or all of our ZOOM Visioning Meetings (Go to <u>Sign UP GENIUS</u> [https://bit.ly/3aq1grN] or call the parish office at 636-240-3721 and have a blessed Lent.

Peace,







"...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 Adult Formati brings about the body's growth and builds itself in love."

- Ephesians 4:15-16

During this time of year, we usually present to you our RCIA members prayer cards. This year, due to the pandemic, we are placing their cards in the bulletin. Each man, woman and child are invited to take multiple cards and journey with them through your prayers, to the Easter Vigil. As a family, you and your children can draw pictures for them, write prayers and welcome them on another piece of paper and put them in an envelope. Please cut out these cards and return in one of two ways: Return in the special box in the Narthex or mail to: Elaine Schmersahl 2932 Eagle Pointe Drive Wentzville, MO. 63385. We need these returned by March 21st. The cards will be given to our special friends on our Spiritual Retreat Day on March 28th.



RCIA Catechumen TAYLOR Wiss

~Please **pray** for Taylor ~Write her a message! ~Return in collection basket by 3/21/2021



RCIA Catechumen LISA Sha

~Please **pray** for Lisa ~Write her a message! ~Return in collection basket by 3/21/2021



Ashley Cella

RCIA Candidate

**RCIA** Candidate **CAROLEE** Patek

~Please **pray** for Carolee

~Write her a message

~Return in collection basket by 3/21/2021



**RCIA** Candidate **DOMINIK** Gothe

~Please **pray** for Dominik

~Write him a message!

~Return in collection basket by 3/21/2021



### **RCIA** Candidate **ASHLEY Cella**

~Please **pray** for Ashley ~Write her a message!

~Return in collection basket by 3/21/2021





Please detach cards and return them with prayers, thoughts and pictures as directed above.



#### Lenten Opportunities 2021

- Reading, Rice Bowls, and Activity Materials will be available in the Narthex
- ♦ Attend Daily Mass at 6:30am & 8am in Church
- Participate in the **Stations of the Cross** every Friday during Lent!
- ◆ Tuesday Night Masses in the Chapel: 6pm
- ♦ Reconciliation Weekend Service: Chapel Feb. 27/28
- Sign up to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament: Ash Wed. Feb. 17; March 2 & 13
- Visit our 24 hour Prayer Chapel (Northwest door ramp entrance-code to enter: 3721)
- Participate in praying the rosary on Sundays before each Mass!
- ♦ Attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation: Daily 7:30-8:00am & Saturdays 4-4:45pm

**That Man is You! (TMIY)** sessions continue on Saturday mornings from 7:30 -8:30am. This series features multiple speakers discussing topics such as Science and Faith, The Impact of the Holy Spirit, Strength to Service, and the Eucharist. All men of the parish are welcome to join us. This series will continue virtually via Zoom. For questions, please contact Deacon Richard: 314-397-2433. Come and see what the Holy Spirit has in store for YOU!



Jeremiah 29:10-13



## **February 21, 2021** — **First Sunday of Lent** *GN 9:8-15; PS 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 PT 3:18-22; MK 1:12-15*

Today's readings remind us why we partake in this 40-day Lenten journey — to prepare our hearts for the resurrection of Christ on Easter

St. Peter reminds us in our Second Reading of the blessings we receive from Christ's passion, death and resurrection — "Christ suffered for sins once... that he might lead you to God." And again,

"[Baptism] is... an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ." To more readily receive the blessings from Christ's passion, death and resurrection, we too are called endure 40 days "in the desert." In our Gospel, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert where He was tempted by Satan. Jesus was called to face trials and to confront evil. During this time, He committed to intense prayer and fasting. It was not necessary for Jesus to go into the desert so that He might be purified, but rather, to endure temptations of man for our sake. He was fully man, and experience temptations just like us, yet responded to them perfectly, never falling into sin.

We should strive to fully participate in this Lenten season by mirroring Jesus, the model steward by Whom we are called to imitate. Through our time in the desert, we will confront evil by weeding out the roots of sin in our lives through fasting. And we will be sustained and nourished in the desert by prayer. Let us strive to purify our hearts so that we might be ready to receive the glorious gift of Christ and partake in the riches that pour forth from this Gift.

### Week at a Glance

	MONDAY 2.22.21	TUESDAY 2.23.21	WEDNESDAY 2.24.21
Mass Times/Intentions	6:30am Olivia Long 8:00am Bob Capstick	6:30am Hugo Nanney 8:00 Trisha Godar	6:30am James Schoeffer 8:00am Richard C. Townsend
Readings	1st Reading: Gn 4:1-15, 25	1st Reading: Is 55:10-11	1st Reading: Jn 3:1-10 Gospel: Lk 11:29-32
Reconciliation	Gospel: Mk 16:13-19 7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	Gospel: Mk 6:7-15 7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment

Knights of Columbus Council #2269 202 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

The Upper and Lower Halls are available for rent. We have space to fit your occasion. . . Meetings, Birthday, Anniversary, or Christmas Parties, Corporate Events, Reunions, Rehearsal Dinners and Wedding Receptions.

For more information about our events, rentals, or if you have interest in joining, please follow us on Facebook: *O'Fallon Knights of Columbus #2269* or Twitter: @KofC2269. Web: www.thecompass2269.com



Momming is hard. You deserve a break!

Join MOPS (Mothers of PreSchoolers)...
for all moms of children newborn through
5 years old. We meet the second Wednesday
of every month in the Meyer Room
from 7:30-8:30pm.
Children are not currently attending.
Contact Emily Hentschel by email

Contact Emily Hentschel by email, ehentschel0326@gmail.com, or phone (309-531-2515) for more details. We can't wait to meet you!



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

*Jean Rutkowski*Wife of Robert Rutkowski

Mary Ann Hunstein
Mother of Mark and Scott Hunstein

Sr. Dorothy Ann Katke
Of the Most Precious Blood Community



#### PRAYER:

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



#### **Interested in Becoming a Deacon**

A deacon is a man that is in service to the church, the parish and the priests. He is someone that loves God and wants to serve. In the book of Acts, in Chapter 6, you will find the installation of the firsts deacons (Including Stephen). We have had Deacons in the St. Louis Archdiocese since the 1970's. You must be between the age of 35 and 60 on the day of ordination.

Introduction meetings will be held at the Archdiocesan office on March 9 and March 18. Bob Hennekes (who is currently in formation to become a Deacon) is available to go with you, or discuss this opportunity and what being a Deacon is all about. For more information please call Bob at 314-696-4870.

<b>THURSDAY 2.25.21</b>	FRIDAY 2.26.21	<b>SATURDAY 2.27.21</b>	SUNDAY 2.28.21
6:30am Caroline Wolf 8:00am Richard D Townsend	6:30am Glennon Hibbeler 8:00am Mason Keeven	9:00am Needs of Immigrants and Refugees 5:00pm William Fulhorst	8:00am Henry Prinster 10:Audrey Lang 12:00pm Lucie Chartrand 5:30pm People of the Parish
1st Reading: Est C:12, 14-16 Gospel: Mt 7:7-12 7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	1st Reading Ez 18:21-28 Gospel: Mt 5:20-26 7:30-7:50 am Church Or by appointment	1st Reading: Dt 26:16-19 Gospel: Mt 5:43-48 4:00 - 4:45pm Church Or by appointment	1st Reading: Gn 22:1-2 2nd Reading: Rom 8:31b-34 Gospel: Mk 9:20-10  By appointment



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Continuous
conversion
of mind and
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"Following
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lifetime"







\* Holy Thursday \* Good Friday \* Holy Saturday \*

## Holy Triduum Schedule

#### Holy Thursday - April 1, 2021

- 7:30am Gather in Chapel for the Office of Morning Prayer.
- 7:00pm The Holy Triduum begins.
- Gather in church for the celebration of the Eucharist of the Lord's Supper.
- After Mass: Eucharistic Adoration will take place in the chapel until Midnight!
- Containers will be in the Narthex for Rice Bowl collection and your gifts to the poor.

#### Good Friday - April 2, 2021

- 7:30am Gather in Chapel for the Office of Morning Prayer
- 12:00pm Gather in Church for "Tre Ore" Video recording by Bishop Barron
- 3:00pm Gather in church for the "Walk the Way of the Cross" lead by our Life
   Teen
- 7:00pm Gather in church for the Celebration of the Lord's Passion
- Containers will be in the Narthex for Rice Bowl collection and your gifts to the poor.

#### Holy Saturday - April 3, 2021

- 7:30am Gather in Chapel for the Office of Morning Prayer
- 7:30pm (Sat) Easter Vigil Gather in church for the Night watch for the Lord.
   Reflective readings will begin a half hour before Mass.
- 8:00pm (Sat) Easter Vigil Gather in church for our main Easter Mass which includes Baptisms and the lighting of the Easter fire.

#### Note: there will not be a 5pm Mass or Reconciliation

#### Easter Sunday Mass Schedule - April 4, 2021

 8:00am Mass in Church; 8:15am; Mass in Chapel; 10:00am; Mass in Church; 10:15am

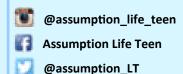
Mass in Chapel; 12:00pm; Mass in Church; Note: there will not be a 5:30pm

#### Mass on Easter!

All of our Holy Week Services will be Live-Stream









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

outh Formation

### Sunday, February 21st. Life Night-The Cross



All teens are invited to join us for the third night of "The Promise" Series – focusing in on God's faithfulness to us throughout all of salvation history. This night will focus on how Jesus as Messiah was the unwelcome unexpected and a consideration on what we do with the unwelcome and unexpected in our lives. Don't forget your mask and we will see you after Mass in Hall C for a chili dinner, dynamic games, an impactful sharing and powerful prayer.

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.

#### **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





LUKE 18

MARCH 19-21, 2021 @ ASSUMPTION PARISH

> Have a question? Contact Becky Whitaker. Director of Youth Ministry

636-240-3721 ext. 243 OR becky.assumptionlt@gmail.com Connect with us on Instagram: @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

# STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Come Pray with us...

## **Every Friday during Lent**

Friday, Lebruary 19

- 230pm in Church & Live-Stream with School Children
- 700pm in Chapel

Friday, February 26

- 23opm in Church & Live-Stream with School Children
- 7200pm in Chapel

Friday, March 5

- 230pm in Church & Live-Stream with School Children
- 7200pm in Chapel

Friday, March 12

700 pm - in Church & Live-Stream - Divine Mercy Way of the Cross

Friday, March 19

- 230pm in Church & Live-Stream with School Children
- 7200pm in Chapel

Friday, March 26

- 230pm in Church & Live-Stream with School Children
- 700pm in Chapel

Good Friday, April 2

320cpm in Church - Led by our Assumption Life Teens - Walk the Way of the Cross

## Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world!

One of the most important reasons for praying the Stations of the Cross is that it is a powerful way to contemplate, and enter into, the mystery of Jesus' gift of himself to us. It takes the reflection on the passion out of our heads, and makes it an imaginative exercise. It can involve our senses, our own experiences and our emotions... to the extent that - we come to experience the love of Jesus for us.



#### **Boeing Matching Gifts Are Back!**

Last year, Boeing removed us from their list of eligible schools for matching gifts, but we appealed our case and have just been reinstated! Employee donations are eligible for a 100% match, and retiree do-

nations receive a 50% match. THANK YOU!!!

For instructions on how to designate your contributions for matching gifts from Boeing, please visit <a href="https://www.assumptionbvm.org">www.assumptionbvm.org</a> and scroll your mouse over the Our Parish tab, where you will see the option for "Boeing Matching Gift".

**Matching Gifts Program – FREE MONEY!** As a reminder, matching gift programs are also available for employees and retirees of Tyco, McDonald's, Verizon, Well Fargo, Bank of America, First Data, Home Depot, Monsanto, IBM, Merrill Lynch, MasterCard, UPS, Ameren, and USAA!!!

These companies offer a matching gift program for private elementary schools and Assumption School should qualify. Did you know that. . . by designating your contributions to the school and requesting the matching gift for Assumption School, the parish subsidy for the school is reduced? If you work *or* are retired from one of these companies, please consider taking advantage of their matching gift program. For more information please contact Mark Vogt in the parish office at 636-240-3721 Ext 225 or *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

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### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEXT FISH FRY! FEBRUARY TH!

And ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT!! February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2
5:00-7:00pm ~ Curb Side Pickup Only

Call ahead to order: 636-281-9223 or 636-409-1251

OR Order on-line with a credit card:

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We will be serving *delicious*: Cod and Catfish, beans, coleslaw, potato salad and cake for dessert. **Price: \$10/meal.** (You can pay either with a credit card or cash)

HERE IS THE PROCESS! ... Order ahead on our website or by phone, and provide your cell phone number, specify a desired time of pickup, park in the church parking lot across from the Hall, near the requested time of pickup, receive a call from K of C to pick up your order on the upper parking lot of the Knights of Columbus Hall.



### **Our Gifts to God and Parish**

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

7/1/2020 - 2/7/2021 **February 7, 2021** Envelopes (205) & Checks 685,371 16,022 Loose \$ 4,031 \$ 177 Electronic 363,837 \$ 13,137 Total 1,053,239 \$

STEWARDSHIP

Needed to sustain our mission 1,189,500

Loan Balance as of 1/31/2021: \$1,486,985

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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)
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## VISION PLANNING 2025



Have you ever felt that you haven't had a role to play in the direction of our beloved parish, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary? Well, the good news is that you now have a great opportunity to help craft the Strategic Vision of 2025 (Pastoral Plan).

Simply sign-up, stay home and crank up the Zoom on all four Vision Day evenings. We will cover the entire aspects of parish life through the four pillars:

- Formation, (Education)
- Service and Hospitality
- Worship and Prayer
- Administration, Finance and Stewardship

Once you sign up, we will send you the links for the sessions and also information about the pillars so you can prepare to participate.

With parishioners identifying Assumption's Strengths and Aspirations the Pastoral Plan will be crafted by your fellow parishioners with the spiritual guidance of Fr. Nick.

The Pastoral Planning Committee is comprised of the follow parishioners:

- Shawn Gibbs
- Gary Hinrichs
- Mike Lennon
- Danielle Lifritz

- Mark Martin
- Doug Price
- Russ Schaller and
- · Fr. Nick

Each Vision Day session will be from 7 PM - 8:30 PM on the following dates:

1. Tuesday, March 2 Formation, (Education)
2. Thursday, March 4 Service and Hospitality
3. Tuesday March 9 Worship and Prayer

4. Thursday March 11 Administration, Finance and Stewardship

We are counting on you to help develop the Pastoral Plan for 2025. The viability and sustainability of Assumption can best be assured through your participation.

#### Sign Up

Go to Sign UP GENIUS (https://bit.ly/3aq1grN) OR CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 636-240-3721

#### OFFICE INFORMATION

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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

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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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