

# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

From the cloud  
came a *voice,*

February 28, 2021

*This is My Beloved Son. Listen to Him!*  
Mark 9:7

*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.



### ANOIDTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721



### RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION of ADULTS

(RCIA) Process through which adults are initiated into the Catholic Church by Baptism or Profession of Faith. For more information, call Missy Lowrey 314-630-3983.



### RITE of CONFESSION

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

# Welcome



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*Hello,*

Praying the Stations of the Cross on Fridays is a tradition that used to be quite common, especially during the season of Lent, and maybe can be again. The tradition is said to have started with Mary visiting the places where Jesus suffered and died. Once Christianity could be practiced openly and legally in the year 312 it soon became a common pilgrimage for people to walk in the steps Jesus did, following the “via Dolorosa” (Sorrowful Way) or the Way of the Cross. The term ‘stations’ only began to be used much later and is credited to William Wey who visited the Holy Land in 1462, a time when the devotion was gaining in popularity.

This devotion grew throughout the centuries and by the fifth century reproductions of some of these “stations” were made in other places where more people could then participate in this devotion. Through the years it would not only be the distance of travel that made it difficult for pilgrims to visit the Holy Land and these sites but also depending upon whether the ruling nation at the time was accepting of Christians. In the 1400’s-1700’s this devotion grew largely due to the Franciscan’s, who had been entrusted with care for the holy sites in the Holy Land in 1342 and also promoted this devotion throughout the world. In 1686 Pope Innocent XI allowed the Franciscans to erect stations in all of their churches with Pope Benedict XIII extending this privilege to all the faithful in 1726.

This could be a little confusing as up to that point the number of stations varied from 5 up to 37. To standardize this practice Pope Clement XII would officially set the number of stations at 14 in 1731 when he would permit the Stations of the Cross to be erected in all churches. Only 11 years later this would go from permission to erect them to encouraging it by Pope Benedict XIV in 1742. These stations could range from the most ornate paintings or statues for each station to small simple crosses with the numbers from 1-14 under them throughout a church.

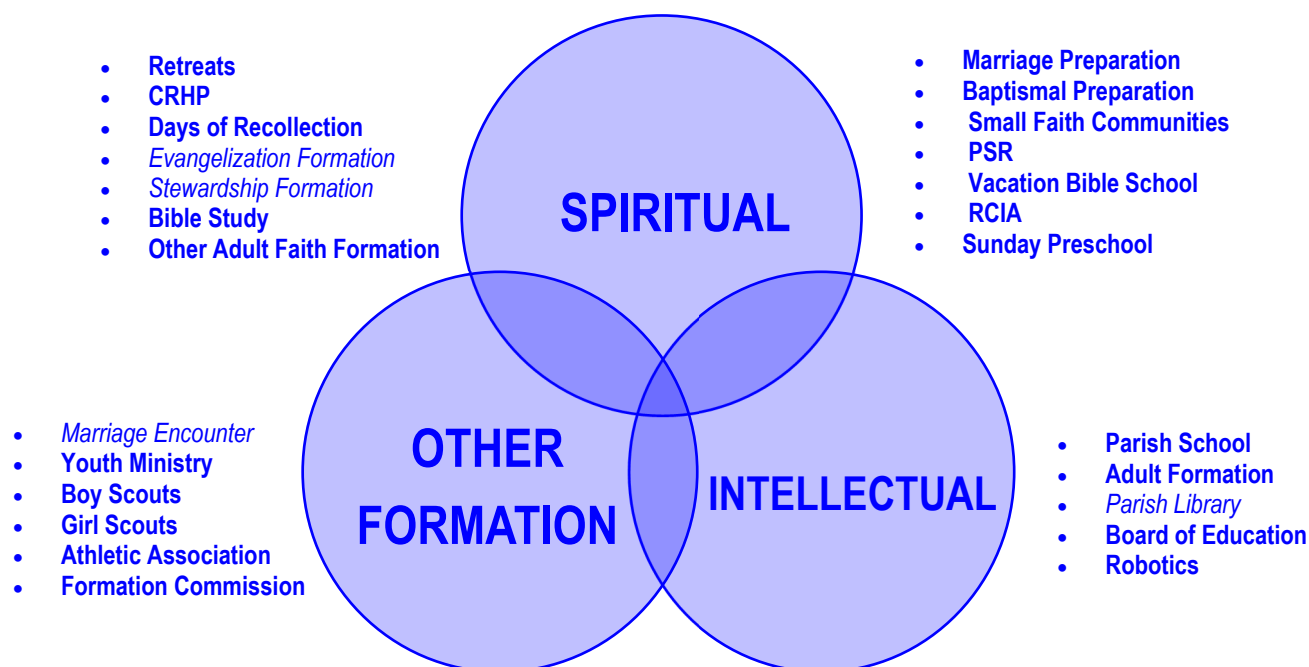
The prayers themselves that people pray as walking from one station to the other may vary. There are many popular texts that can be used, often having different Scriptural passages to reflect on at each station. A common practice in recent times is that an unofficial ‘15<sup>th</sup> station’ is added referring to Christ’s Resurrection. When we pray them in our church this results with the leader standing back in the center of the church in front of the altar and tabernacle after the 14<sup>th</sup> station, where we can truly recognize Christ risen in His presence in the Eucharist.

Whether using a standard set of prayers and praying these together as a group (2:30 with the school in the church and 7pm in the chapel at Assumption) or simply spending some time quietly reflecting on each station this can be a very good spiritual practice, especially during our Lenten journey as we prepare for Christ’s Resurrection at Easter.

Peace,

*Fr. Nick*

**P.S. – Our Visioning Nights start this week, please consider participating and helping us plan for our parish’s future. See further information in this week’s bulletin.**

VISION DAY SCOPE & TOPICS TO STIMULATE REFLECTION AND SHARING: FORMATION**2.1 Spiritual Formation**

- Opportunities for **Retreats**: (CRHP, White House, King's House, ....)
- **Scriptural Studies** (led by priest, deacon or lay person)
- Formation aimed at understanding **Evangelization** as the primary ministry of the church and the parish
- Formation aimed at understanding **Stewardship** as the means to live out our lives as faithful Catholics
- Parishioners attending diocesan formation programs (Lay Formation Program, Diaconate Program, ...)
- **Parish School of Religion (PSR)**
  - ◊ Enrollment proportional to parish population of school children attending public school
  - ◊ Parents actively involved, recognizing their role as primary educators
  - ◊ Sufficient number of well-trained volunteer PSR teachers
  - ◊ Age appropriate resources
- **Priests teaching religion** in the parish school and PSR
- Ministry of **small faith communities**, promoted, organized and well attended
- **RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) well organized, resourced and well attended
- **Marriage Preparation** led by a priest and marriage couples for all couples to be married in the parish

**2.2 Intellectual Formation**

- **Parish School**
  - ◊ Integrated Faith Formation (Learning, Loving, Living Christ)
  - ◊ Enrollment proportional to parish population of school children
  - ◊ Tuition (affordable, sustainable)
  - ◊ Quality of education (core subjects, special areas, [STEM] technology and resources ...)
  - ◊ Resourced for special need children
  - ◊ Teachers and Administration
  - ◊ Facilities
  - ◊ Parents actively involved, recognizing their role as primary educators
- **Adult Formation** - Programs other than faith formation are offered to all segment of the parish
- **Parish Library** well-resourced and accessible to all with topics for all segments of the parish

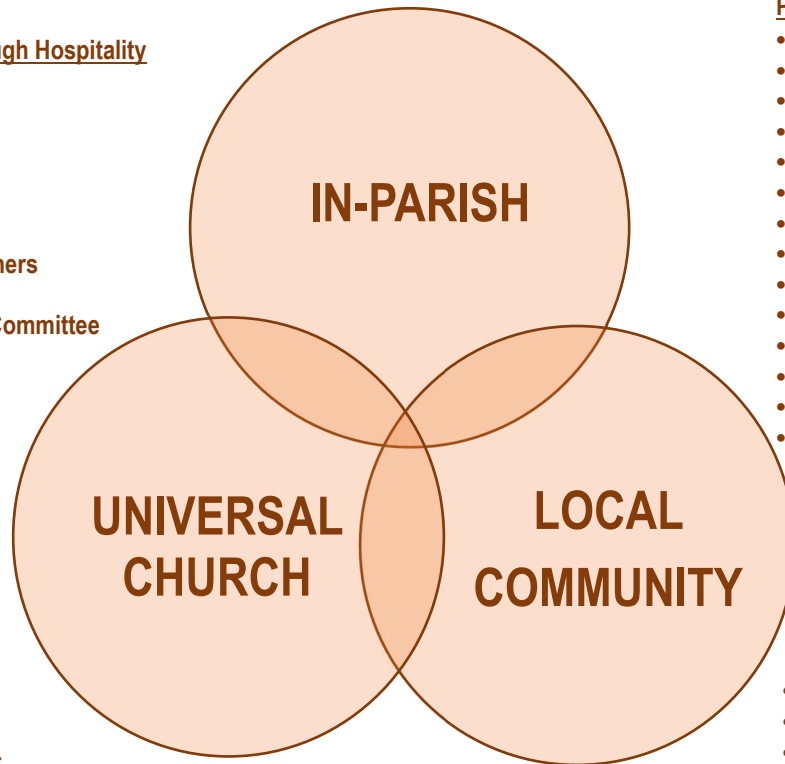
**2.3 Leadership & Other Formation:**

- A spiritual dimension in all programs, not just the 'religious' ones.
- Youth ministry professionally directed and well attended by parish youth

VISION DAY SCOPE & TOPICS TO STIMULATE REFLECTION AND SHARING: **SERVICE & HOSPITALITY**

Building Community Through Hospitality

- Welcoming Committee
- Men's Club (24/7)
- 50+ Club
- Socials Committee
- Fall Festival
- Hospitality Sunday
- Church & Chapel Cleaners
- Church Launderers
- Grounds and Garden Committee



- Missions
- Peace & Justice
- Evangelization
- Fair Trade Market
- Growing Project
- Respect Life Apostolate

Parish Needs-Based Services

- Bereaved Ministry
- Funeral Luncheons
- Communion to Homebound
- Homebound Ministry
- Golf Cart Drivers
- Quilters
- Moppets Volunteers
- Office Volunteers
- Cancer Support Group
- Cemetery Committee
- Home Repairs
- Hospital Visitation
- Nursing Homes Visitation
- Annulment Advocates

- Advent Giving Tree
- Blood Drives
- Meals for the Homeless
- St. Vincent de Paul
- Knights of Columbus
- Ecumenism
- Support of Other Parishes

- Parishioners are aware of service opportunities
  - ◊ Parishioners are invited to participate
  - ◊ If expressed interest they are contacted
- Sufficient volunteers to cover all needs
  - ◊ Areas we need greater participation
- Volunteers are from all parish sectors
- Service opportunities build up our parish community
- Work of volunteer groups coordinated by a Service Commission, represented in Council
- The parish makes its facilities available to community groups
- Parishioners respond generously to special collections for service to others
- Parishioners participate directly in services outside the parish community (local and universal church)
- Evangelization is an essential component of the Service ministry
- The following message is clearly and frequently proclaimed and practiced:
  - ◊ *“The pursuit of justice and peace is an essential part of what makes a parish Catholic, and an essential measure of every parish community”*



## 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 following parishioners:

- Shawn Gibbs
- Gary Hinrichs
- Mike Lennon
- Danielle Lifritz
- Mark Martin
- Doug Price
- Russ Schaller
- Fr. Nick

Each Vision Day session will be from 7:00 – 8:30pm on the following dates:

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

**Please sign up by going to: [SignUpGenius \(https://bit.ly/3aqlgrN\)](https://bit.ly/3aqlgrN)**

**OR CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 636-240-3721**



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- Ephesians 4:15-16

Adult Formation



**The February Cemetery Cleanup was rescheduled due to weather.** With the snow melted and hopefully nice weather ahead, we plan to have the rescheduled clean-up on Saturday, March 6th at 9:00am. We will be removing any remaining Christmas items, weathered or broken items and trash. If you would like to help or have any questions, please call or text Angie Bauman at 636-578-2185. Thank you!

### OFFICE INFORMATION

403 N Main Street, O'Fallon MO 63366  
636.240.3721 Parish Office  
636.272.3838 Fax  
Office Hours - Mon-Thu 8:00am-4:00pm  
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](mailto:peggy.assumption@yahoo.com))  
by Tuesday 9:00am

### WEBSITE

[www.assumptionbvm.org](http://www.assumptionbvm.org)  
[facebook.com/@assumptionmedia](https://facebook.com/@assumptionmedia)  
assumptionparish



### 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.



"For thus says the Lord: When you call Me, and come and pray to Me, I will listen to you. When you look for Me, you will find Me. Yes, when you seek Me with all your heart, I will let you find Me..."

Jeremiah  
29:10-13

Prayer

## 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 at 2:30pm in Church and 7:00m in Chapel unless noted otherwise in the bulletin.
- ◆ Tuesday Night Masses in the Chapel: 6:00pm
- ◆ Sign up to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament: 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
- ◆ Participate in Perpetual Help Devotions, Tuesdays at 5:15pm in the Chapel



## IN LOVING MEMORY

Please pray for the repose  
of the soul of:

*Penny Quest*

Aunt of Jeannine Bedel

*Lou Bedel*

Father-In-Law of Jeannine Bedel

*Marijo Rosegrant*

Sister of Aggie Steyer

*Christopher Maassen*

Cousin of Mark Maassen

## 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.

## Perpetual Help Devotions

Join us each Tuesday evening at 5:15pm for the recitation of the Rosary and perpetual help prayers in the Chapel.

**That Man is You!** (TMIY) sessions continue on Saturday mornings from 7:30-8:30am via Zoom. To register or for questions, please call Deacon Richard: 314-397-2433.

**Calling all Knights of Columbus, the K of C State Bowling Tournament** is March 13-14, 2021 here in O'Fallon. Singles, doubles, and team events are available. Tournament is open to Knights and their immediate families. Contact Kevin Hudnut at 636-856-3296 for more information.

**K of C Queen of Hearts.** KC Hall, every Tuesday. Doors open at 5:00pm and drawings begin at 7:00pm

## Week at a Glance

	MONDAY 3.1.21	TUESDAY 3.2.21	WEDNESDAY 3.3.21
Mass Times/Intentions	6:30am Carmela Bamert 8:00am Eleanor Tidd	6:30am Lorraine Salfen 8:00am Ann Makarsky	6:30am Deceased CPPS 8:00am Glennon Hibbeler
Readings	1st Reading: Dn 9:4-10 Gospel: Lk 6:36-38	1st Reading: Is 1:10, 16-20 Gospel: Mt 23:1-12	1st Reading: Jer 18: 18-20 Gospel: Mt 20:17-28
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

# STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Come Pray with us...

## Every Friday during Lent

Friday, March 5

- 230pm in Church & Live-Stream - with School Children
- 7:00pm in Chapel

Friday, March 12

- 7:00 pm - in Church & Live-Stream - Divine Mercy Way of the Cross

Friday, March 19

- 230pm in Church & Live-Stream - with School Children
- 7:00pm in Chapel

Friday, March 26

- 230pm in Church & Live-Stream - with School Children
- 7:00pm in Chapel

Good Friday, April 2

- 3:00pm in Church - Led by our Assumption Life Teens - Walk the Way of the Cross



### PRAYER:

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

Prayer

### THURSDAY 3.4.21

6:30am Community Benefactors and Prayer Enrollments  
8:00am Frank & Betty Ryan

1st Reading: Jer 17:5-10  
Gospel: Lk 16:19-31  
7:30 - 7:50am Church  
Or by appointment

### FRIDAY 3.5.21

6:30am Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life  
8:00am Gerald Schoenherr

1st Reading Gn 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28  
Gospel: Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
7:30-7:50 am Church  
Or by appointment

### SATURDAY 3.6.21

9:00am Sr. Dorothy Ann Katke  
5:00pm Bud & Bette Warta

1st Reading: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20  
Gospel: Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
4:00 - 4:45pm Church  
Or by appointment

### SUNDAY 3.7.21

8:00am James Schweigert  
10:00 Richard Townsend  
12:00pm People of the Parish  
5:30pm Bob Crangle

1st Reading: Ex 20:1-17  
2nd Reading: 1 Cor 1:22-25  
Gospel: Jn 2:13-25

By appointment





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Adult Formation

RCIA

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.



Taylor Wiss  
RCIA Catechumen

RCIA  
Catechumen  
TAYLOR Wiss

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



Lisa Sha  
RCIA Catechumen

RCIA  
Catechumen  
LISA Sha

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



Carolee Patek  
RCIA Candidate

RCIA  
Candidate  
CAROLEE  
Patek

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



Dominik Gothe  
RCIA Candidate

RCIA  
Candidate  
DOMINIK  
Gothé

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



Ashley Cella  
RCIA Candidate

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.



**FORMATION**

Continuous  
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"Following  
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Youth Formation



## From the Principal's Pen

### Assumption's Early Childhood Program – Education with Purpose, Value and Excellence!

When we prepare children for success in school and life, it's more important than ever to educate the whole child. Assumption's Early Childhood Program does just that.

The most important function of our Early Childhood curriculum is to guide each child to be a creative, confident thinker. This means offering him/her opportunities for hands on exploration and discovery that help build lifelong critical thinking skills and foster confidence. We value play as a vehicle to understanding the world by challenging your child to question, hypothesize, wonder, predict and investigate. It also means supporting each child to take initiative, accept responsibility, feel confident and have a sense of belonging.

We encourage active learning in which each child is immersed in his/her own interests and discoveries as he/she poses questions and figures out answers with the teacher as the "tour guide" in the classroom. Students then begin to see themselves as explorers, discoverers, problem solvers and inventors.

Our curriculum is based from the Creative Curriculum Philosophy of Education. We focus on 38 objectives for development and learning that are aligned with the **Missouri State Standards for Early Childhood Education**. The following are the areas of development that we focus on throughout the curriculum and in our daily Learning Centers:

- **Literacy Development**- literacy as a source of enjoyment, vocabulary and language, phonological awareness, knowledge of print, letters and words, comprehension, and books and other texts.
- **Mathematics Development**- number and operations, geometry and spatial sense, measurement, patterns (algebra), grouping and data analysis.
- **Physical Development** - independent self-help skills, self-control of body, spatial awareness, fine motor development and safety awareness.
- **Science Development**- the physical properties of objects and materials, sensory exploration, characteristics of living things, and Earth's environment.
- **Social and Emotional Development** - the ability to adapt to different environments, accept transitions, follows routine, exhibit self-awareness skills, work cooperatively with others, build relationships with others, and develop self-control.
- **Social Studies**- people and how they live, change related to people and places, and simple geography.

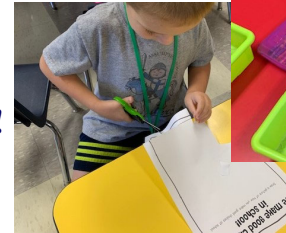
Religion- Alleluia! (OSV Pub) is Christ-centered, nurturing young children's natural tendency to seek a relationship with God, reinforcing a strong sense of community and love. It is a developmentally appropriate curriculum that utilizes hands-on, experiential learning techniques such as art, dramatic play, music, crafts, and discussion to fully engage and energize the children at home and in the classroom.

- **Technology**- Students use classroom iPads that encourage fine motor development, literacy skills, mathematics skills and critical thinking skills. The use of iPads in the classroom is an additional tool for learning and success.
- **Teacher's Role** -The curriculum is designed to help teachers plan and implement developmentally appropriate, content-rich program for children at all skill levels. Recent research indicates that the way adults interact with children is the primary mechanism for child development and learning. The teacher's role is to help guide students to become well rounded learners. The curriculum also offers daily opportunities to individualize instruction by helping teachers meet the needs of every learner, with a particular focus on literacy and language development.

**We are currently enrolling children ages 3 and 4 for our Early Childhood Program.** If you or someone else is interested, please contact the school office (636-240-4474 or [phensley@abvmtech.org](mailto:phensley@abvmtech.org)) to set up a tour. We would love to have you visit during the day to see our students in action!

Thanks for reading about our school!

*Pat Hensley*





Sunday, February 28th:  
Life Night–The Cross



@assumption\_life\_teen



Assumption Life Teen



@assumption\_LT



**All teens are invited** to join us the final night of our “The Promise” Series – focusing in on God’s faithfulness to us throughout all of salvation history. Don’t forget your mask and we will see you after Mass in Hall C for dinner, dynamic games, impactful sharing and powerful prayer.

### 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

Have a question? Contact **Becky Whitaker,**

**Director of Youth Ministry**

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Connect with us on Instagram:

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Youth Formation

### February 28, 2021 — Second Sunday of Lent

GN 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; PS 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19; ROM 8:31b-34; MK 9:2-10

Today's readings prepare us for the penitential season of Lent.

Today's readings are a powerful testimony to God's profound love for each one of us. It is a reminder for us, as Christian stewards, to surrender all that we have to the Gracious Giver.

The First Reading from Genesis is the infamous story of God putting Abraham to the test. God commands Abraham to offer his son, Isaac, to the Lord as a sacrifice. Abraham obeys the Lord. Yet, a messenger of the Lord cries out at the last moment to stop him. Because of Abraham's faithfulness and surrender to the Lord, he is blessed abundantly.

We can only imagine how Abraham felt, offering the life of his son, not understanding why, but blindly obeying. Yet, Abraham's response of total surrender to God's plan is a testament to trust in God's deep love for us. As Christian stewards, we are called to surrender all to the Lord — our time, our talents and even our material possessions. We should willingly give God our entire lives with the confidence that He will take care of us.

St. Paul echoes this message so beautifully in our Second Reading. He says, "He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?" God loves us so much that He gave us His only Son who suffered, died and rose for us. He has given us His very best. Can we not entrust our entire lives to Him knowing He will continue to pour out His love on us?

As we continue our journey through Lent, let us reflect on God's profound love for us.





**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



**\* 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-Streamed**

## FREE REGISTRATION



VIRTUAL  
CATHOLIC  
CONFERENCE

SATURDAY MARCH 13

OUR 2021 CONFERENCE IS GOING VIRTUAL

#### FEATURING:



SR. MIRIAM JAMES HEIDLAND



FR. JACQUES PHILIPPE



LISA BRENNIKMEYER

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**WWW.CATHOLICWOMENFORCHRIST.ORG**

## Catholic Women for Christ is going virtual for 2021!

Assumption Parish will offer an in-person viewing party with social distancing standards required in our main church on **Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**, and we will live stream the event via Zoom for those not able to attend in person. The event will run from **1:00 to 4:00pm**. If attending in person, we hope that you stay for our 5pm Mass. We are also livestreaming our 5pm Mass this weekend for anyone attending virtually so that we can all continue to be together.

This conference is available 100% free of charge! Join us on Saturday March 13th to watch from home or share the experience with others in our main Church. Contact your parish captain(s) Mary Keen (in-person session) 636-699-0407 or Michelle Enriquez (virtual session) 314-706-8255 for any questions/details.

You can also attend on your own via Zoom by registering at:

**[www.catholicwomenforchrist.org](http://www.catholicwomenforchrist.org)**

## Deacon Fred Volansky of our parish is coordinating a ...



"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

### BLANKET DRIVE

Would you like to help the homeless by keeping them warm during this Lenten Season? We are asking for donations of blankets, gently

used or new!! There will be a box in the back of church as well as one in the pre-function area downstairs as you enter, for you to bring your blankets! Deacon Fred will bring the donated blankets to the St. Patrick's Center in St. Louis. For more information, please contact the parish office at 636.240.3721.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEXT FISH FRY ~~~ MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>!

All Fridays in Lent...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:

[knights-of-columbus-council-2269.square.site](http://knights-of-columbus-council-2269.square.site)



**Menu:** 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.

	February 7, 2021	7/1/2020 - 2/7/2021
Envelopes (205) & Checks	\$ 16,022	\$ 685,371
Loose	\$ 177	\$ 4,031
Electronic	\$ 13,137	\$ 363,837
Total	\$ 29,336	\$ 1,053,239

**Needed to sustain our mission 1,189,500**

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

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**STEWARDSHIP**  
*a way of life*

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

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