

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

I, the Lord, am your God . . .

You shall not have other gods besides me.

— Exodus 20:2a, 3



March 7, 2021

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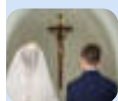
May you find Christ here . . . May you bring Christ to the World.

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.



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 2nd grade. Please contact Ann Marie Quan at 636-240-1020.

Welcome



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VIRTUES & VICES - We are getting into the middle of Lent already, and I hope it is going well for all of you. I just talked to our 4th grade classes who are studying virtues and we recognized how one of the things we try to do during Lent is build up our virtues and overcome some of our vices. I also learned that many of the words we use to talk about virtues and vices are not exactly 4th grade friendly. The Cardinal Virtues of Prudence, Justice, Fortitude, Temperance, even the words virtue, vice, and morality became new words for their vocabulary. They can understand the idea of good habits and bad habits, and if they take the time they can recognize what vices they need to try to overcome and the virtues to build up.

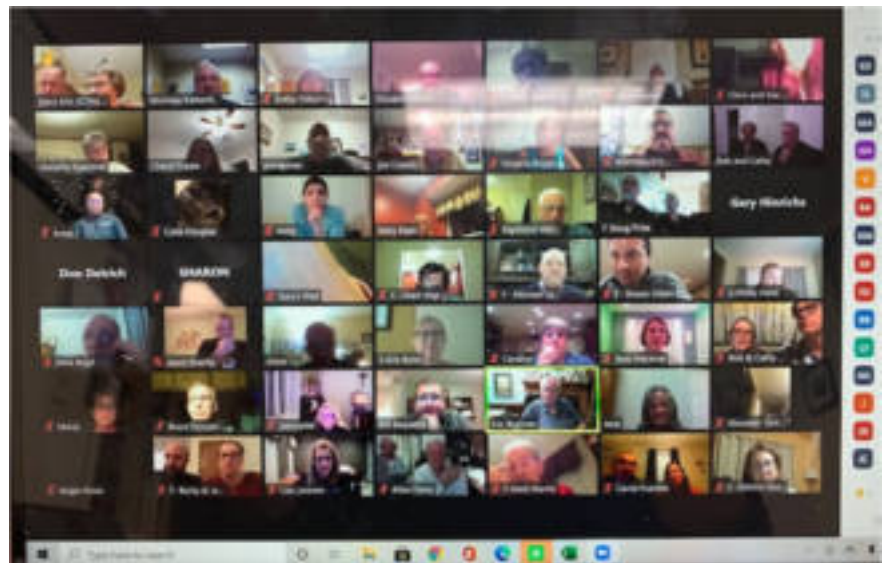
I don't think the 4th graders are that different than us adults. We also need to take the time not only to overcome vices and build up virtues, but also to recognize them in our lives. Over the last few years the vice of discrimination has received a lot of attention, and a growth in understanding by most of us of different ways we may be participating in this and hadn't even recognized. Maybe a part of this Lent can be spent just in being more open to see and understand some of our own vices that we might not have even been aware of before. Until we know they exist it can be really hard to overcome them.

COVID-19 VACCINE - On a different moral topic, there are numerous questions and concerns that arise when considering vaccines, and specifically right now regarding the COVID-19 vaccines, in particular the recently approved vaccine by Johnson & Johnson. The two conflicting concerns are both life issues, the evil of abortion versus the good of protecting your life and that of others. Archbishop Joseph Naumann's statement as the USCCB Pro-Life Committee Chairman describes the good – **“Being vaccinated safely against COVID-19 should be considered an act of love and part of our moral responsibility for the common good.”** The concern is that a cell line derived from an aborted child seems to have been used in the development and production of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, making it morally compromised. Considering these concerns Archbishop Rozanski encourages Catholics to examine the moral and ethical concerns surrounding the decision to receive this vaccination. **Catholics who appropriately question the morality of accepting the Johnson & Johnson vaccine may receive the inoculation in good conscience if no other alternative is available.** The USCCB says regarding the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, this “vaccine should be avoided if there are alternatives (like Pfizer or Moderna) available.”

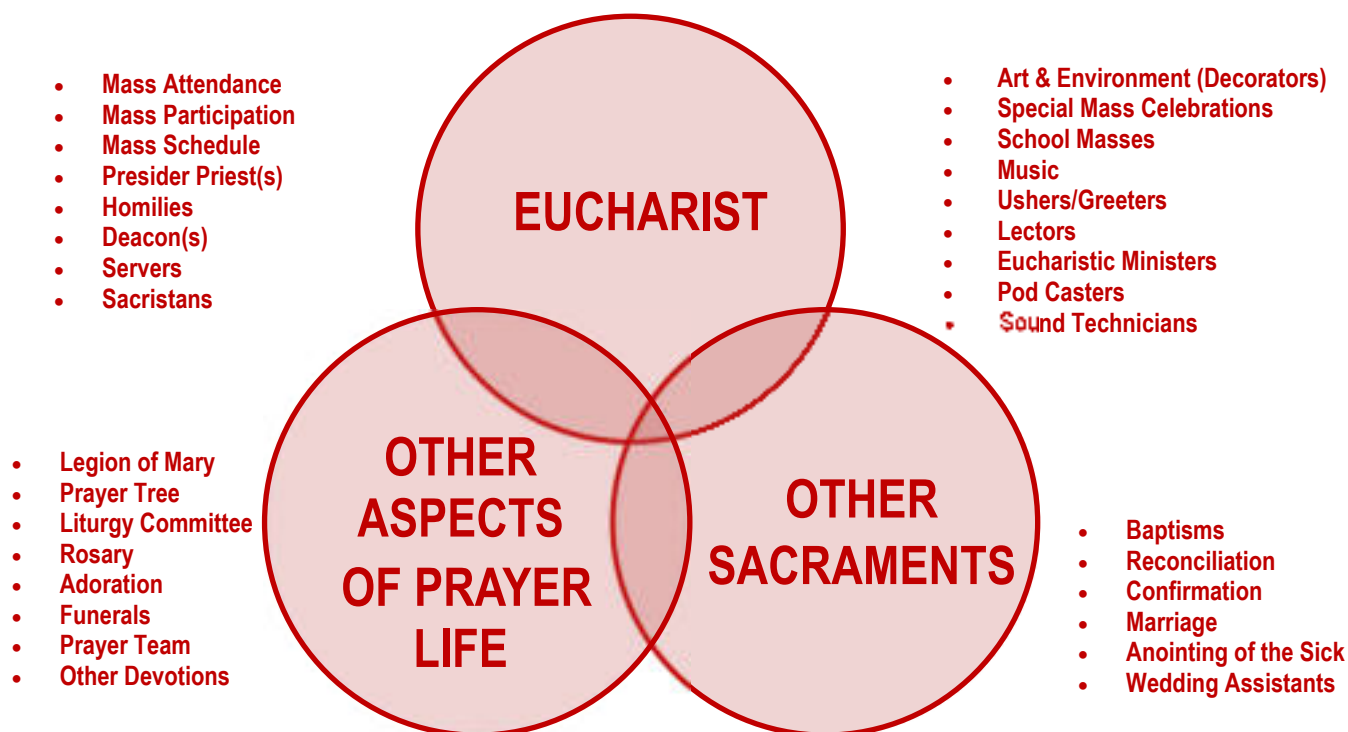
Peace, and stay well, *Fr. Nick*

P.S.

Still time to participate in our last two Vision Night Meetings. Our first one was great and this is just a picture of some (about half) of those participating last Tuesday.



VISION DAY SCOPE & TOPICS TO STIMULATE REFLECTION AND SHARING: **WORSHIP & PRAYER**



1. The Eucharist

- The Sunday mass is understood as “*the source and summit*” of our week (Vatican II):
 - * *Source*: the mass gives us the strength to do good things the rest of the week
 - * *Summit*: we return at the end of the week to give thanks and recharge our batteries
- Full, conscious and active participation in the Sunday liturgy
- Mass attendance as a % of parishioners increasing
- Resources committed for the celebration of the liturgy
- Teaching and understanding of the liturgy, especially when there are changes
- Proper training of lay liturgical ministers (Eucharistic, Lectors, Hospitality, Musicians, Servers)
- Opportunities to participate in lay liturgical ministries open to all qualified parishioners
- The church art and environment is conducive to a good celebration and representative of the season
- Adequacy of frequency and time of weekend masses
- Scripture-based homilies are well prepared, delivered and relevant to our daily life
- We understand that the priest is the ‘presider’, but we all are ‘the celebrating community’
- Music is a form of, and conducive to, our prayer – not a performance
- Music selection is based on the scripture readings for the day
- Music encourages full participation of congregation in singing
- Good celebration of all special liturgies other than the Sunday ones
- Is there a Worship or Liturgy Commission involved in the planning?
- Are all liturgical ministries represented in the Worship Commission?

2. Other Sacraments:

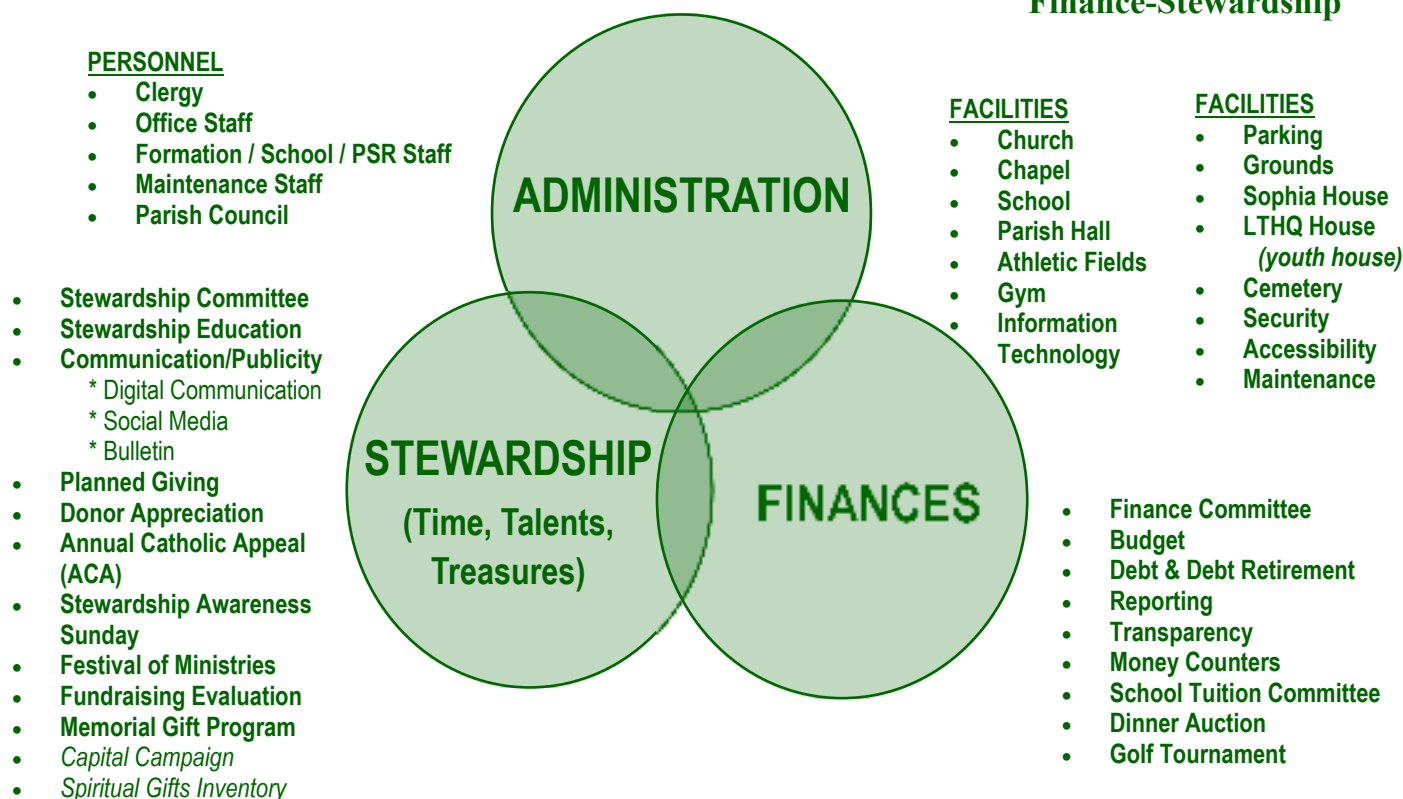
- Opportunities for the sacrament of *Reconciliation*
- Communal celebration of the *Reconciliation* during appropriate liturgical seasons
- Individual and communal celebration of the *Anointing of the Sick*
- Preparation for and celebration of the sacrament of Baptism
- Reception of those in RCIA into church at Easter Vigil
- Preparation for and celebration of the sacrament of Marriage
- Funerals in the parish encouraged and well prepared and celebrated

3. Other Aspects of Prayer Life

- Ample opportunities for participation

VISION DAY SCOPE & TOPICS TO STIMULATE REFLECTION AND SHARING:

Administration- Finance-Stewardship



Leadership & Staff

- Parish staff adequate for the needs of the parish and is helpful and courteous
- The parish staff meets regularly
- A spirit of collaborative leadership prevails
- Parish Council accountable to the pastor and to the parishioners
- Broad representation in Council
- Council meets regularly
- Parish structured around four Commissions represented in Council:
 - * Worship & Prayer
 - * Formation
 - * Service & Hospitality
 - * Administration-Finance-Stewardship

Facilities

- Adequate for parish needs
- Well maintained
- Available for parish activities
- Accessible for special need people
- Safe and secure
- Effective Multimedia Communications
- Pastoral (Strategic) Plan structured around 4 essential pillars
 - * Reviewed annually and updated as needed per review

Finances

- Are Parish collections meeting operational needs
 - * Tithing
- Ability to repay debts
- Finance Committee meets regularly
- Parish well informed of finances
- Parish budget aligned with the Mission

Stewardship

(Recognizing and sharing God's gifts)

- Regular promotion of Stewardship message
- Planned events for Stewardship
 - * Stewardship Awareness Sunday
 - * Festival of Ministries
- Evaluate fund raising-mission alignment
- Plan and carry out funding programs:
 - * Planned Gifts
 - * Endowment Fund
 - * Memorial Gift
- Annual Stewardship Report
 - * Time
 - * Talents
 - * Treasures
- Administer Talent Surveys, such as:
 - * Spiritual Gifts Inventory
 - * Strength Finder (Catholic Edition)

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 the last two 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 Prize
- Russ Schaller
- Fr. Nick

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

| | | |
|----------|----------|---|
| 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/3aq1grN) (<https://bit.ly/3aq1grN>)

OR CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 636-240-3721



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- Ephesians 4:15-16

Adult Formation

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEXT FISH FRY ~~~ MARCH 12TH!

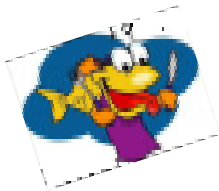
All Fridays in Lent...March 12, 19, 26, April 2

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



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.



"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

RCIA

This weekend at the 8:00 am Mass we will celebrate the "First of three Scrutinies". For the next two weeks we will use the Lectionary's "scrutiny readings" from Year A at the 8:00am Mass. The Cycle A readings for the Scrutinies are rich in baptismal imagery, therefore only for the Elect. Today was water, next week is light, and the following week is life.

Prayer cards for the elect are available in the bulletin. *Each one of you, including children, should cut out and adopt your person to pray for during the next several weeks. Write a note, a picture and place in an envelope and return in the box in the Narthex or mail them to Elaine Schmersahl 2932 Eagle Pointe Dr. Wentzville, MO. 63385.*

All are Welcome, Every TUESDAY! Please come and pray for peace and special intentions. The Rosary and Perpetual Help Devotions: Tuesdays at 5:15pm in the Chapel.

IN LOVING
MEMORY

Please pray for the repose
of the soul of:

Carolyn Pace
Mother of Gary Pace

Fr. (Eddie) Edmund Igboanusi

Interested in Becoming a Deacon? March 9th

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.



St. Paul Church in St. Paul MO is seeking a Maintenance Supervisor

A preferred applicant will have the ability to perform electrical, plumbing, carpentry, painting and mechanical repairs as needed and possess considerable knowledge of custodial and janitorial supplies, equipment and materials as well as methods used in janitorial work. **The applicant must be able to:**

* Lift 50 – 75 lbs., climb ladders, and stand for long periods of time. * Work with machinery and equipment requiring considerable caution. * Work off ladders and stepladders. * Handle exposure to climate changes and uncomfortable temperatures. * Work under sinks and around appliances by bending down or lying on your back. * Read and be able to comprehend repair instructions and programming of systems. *Use the internet and possess basic computer skills. Interested applicants, please forward resume or request more information via email employment@st-paulchurch.org.

Week at a Glance

| | MONDAY 3.8.21 | TUESDAY 3.9.21 | WEDNESDAY 3.10.21 |
|-----------------------|--|---|---|
| Mass Times/Intentions | 6:30am Elfrida D'Souza 8:00am Deceased members of the Huhman family | 6:30am Souls in Purgatory 8:00am Danielle Anderson | 6:30am Kristi Nickles & Family 8:00am Helen Marie Copeland |
| Readings | 1st Reading: 2 Kgs 5:1-15 Gospel: Lk 4: 24-30 | 1st Reading: Dn 3:25, 34-43 Gospel: Mt 18: 21-35 | 1st Reading: Dt 4: 1, 5-9 Gospel: Mt 5: 17-19 |
| 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 |



PRAYER:

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

Prayer

MUSIC REFLECTION ART PRAYER

STATIONS OF HOPE

THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST AND THE SUFFERINGS OF TODAY

Based on meditations from the soon to be released book
"CHOOSING HEAVEN" written by an Assumption Parishoner

Narrated by RAY GERARD & BOB HENNEKES

Music with Assumption's Lifeteen Collective
Parker Bishop, Cathy Pescarino, Becky & James Whitaker

MARCH 25 | 7 PM
ASSUMPTION CHURCH, O'FALLON

JOIN US IN PERSON OR VIA LIVESTREAM

www.assumptionbvm.org - HOME page click on the LIVESTREAM button.

THURSDAY 3.11.21

6:30am Living & Deceased CPPS
relatives and parents
8:00am Ken Wilmas

1st Reading: Jer 7: 23-28
Gospel: Lk 11: 14-23
7:30 - 7:50am Church
Or by appointment

FRIDAY 3.12.21

6:30am Penny Quast
8:00am Bernard & Virginia Luet-
kenhaus

1st Reading Hos 14:2-10
Gospel: Mk 12: 28-34
7:30-7:50 am Church
Or by appointment

SATURDAY 3.13.21

9:00am Needs Of Immigrants and
Refugees
5:00pm People of the Parish

1st Reading: Hos 6:1-6
Gospel: Lk 18: 9-14
4:00 - 4:45pm Church
Or by appointment

SUNDAY 3.14.21

8:00am Abused & Abducted Children
10:00 Audrey Lang
12:00pm Jack Begley
5:30pm Christopher Maassen

1st Reading: 2 Chr36:1-6, 19-23
2nd Reading: Eph 2: 4-10
Gospel: Jn 3: 14-21

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.



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



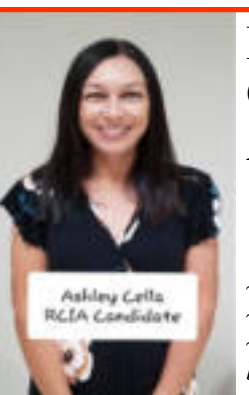
RCIA
Candidate
CAROLEE
Patek

~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.



FORMATION

Continuous conversion of mind and heart

"Following Jesus is the work of a lifetime"

Youth Formation



From the Principal's Pen

Black History Month – 3rd Grade

Recognizing the contributions of African Americans was the focus of study during the month of February for our 3rd graders. Students were given an individual's name and were asked to research that person and find quotes of the person. In addition, each student was given a faded picture of their assigned person, which they were asked to outline.

The pictures and quotes are wonderful:

Rosa Parks, Civil Rights Activist



Harriet Tubman, Abolitionist



Holes for 5th Graders

Holes is a book written by Louis Sachar, which has also been made into a movie. This year, our 5th graders journeyed through the story of some boys who are sent to Camp Greenlake for the summer. In educational circles, it isn't easy to find books that grab the interest of boys, but Holes accomplishes that! Of course, the girls enjoy the story of this strange summer camp, as well. As the class finishes each chapter, discussion ensues regarding plot, setting, characters, and theme. Through discussion, students realize that attitudes and actions of characters can be viewed in light of appropriate Christian behaviors. As a follow-up to the book, students were asked to develop a diorama which depicts the book.

Here are a few of the projects:

Personally, I loved the book and the movie (although the book was better!). I would certainly recommend this as a good read.



Jackie Robinson, Professional Baseball Player



The American Revolutionary War Project

Studying the Revolutionary War is within the Social Studies curriculum for 4th graders. For grading purposes, each student had to develop a visual project regarding a topic of that war. Students had to choose between making a CAKE PROJECT- meaning they design a cake of Styrofoam or cardboard that has 5 "slices". Each side of a slice has a graphic and two sentences regarding their chosen topic. A Pizza Box Report – where students created a pizza of paper with 8 slices. Of course, they got to choose the toppings they wanted (Yum!). Under each slice of pizza, they needed to include a fact about their topic along with a graphic. Some chose to complete a Diorama – a 3D design for their topic. There were several other options as well.

Here are some of the projects created:

Thanks for reading about our school!

Pat Hensley



LUKE 18

MARCH 19-21, 2021
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@assumption_life_teen



Assumption Life Teen



@assumption_LT

Sunday, March 7th: Life Night-
Nine Square & NEON

All teens are invited All teens are invited to join us for a joyful, dynamic night of neon and 9-Square! Don't forget your mask and we will see you after Mass in Hall C. This night is a "bring your own dinner" night – remember to pack yourself some good snacks!



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

636-240-3721 ext. 243 OR ...

becky.assumptionlt@gmail.com - Connect with us on Instagram: @assumption_life_teen



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Youth Formation

THE WAY OF THE CROSS



THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Divine Mercy - Way of the Cross – Friday, March 12 7:00pm in Church and Livestream

The most important reason for reviving the practice of making 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.

St. Faustina

This format is dedicated to the Way of the Cross and highlights the profound spiritual wisdom St. Faustina had of the truths of the Faith. Each Station has a relevant quote from

her Diary for meditation upon while praying the Stations. Immediately following the Stations, we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. This evening will also be live-streamed, please go to www.assumptionbvms.org and click on the Livestream button.

***During the Season of Lent, please join us either at 2:30pm in the Church (this is also live-streamed) or 7:00pm in Chapel for the Stations of the Cross (except where noted in the bulletin).*



TOUR Assumption School!

Pre-K — 8th grade tours will be available on March 14th, 9:00 -11:30am.

Please go to www.assumptionbvmschool.org

(click at the top of the webpage under the picture) or call 636-240-4474 to sign-up.

**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

Diaper Drive

Weekends of March 13-14 through
Sunday, March 21

Drop off during the weekend Masses
in the Diaper Corral in Parish Hall

Sponsored by the Permanent Deacons of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, in conjunction with the Respect Life Office.

Diapers collected will be delivered to those in need in the local area. Please be generous.



During the weekends of March 13-14 through Sunday, March 21, the Permanent Deacons in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, in conjunction with the Respect Life office, will be collecting diapers for infants, toddlers and adults as part of our Fourth Annual diocesan-wide Pro-Life service project to assist families in need. Last year we collected over 325,000 dia-

pers for those in need and we would love to exceed that total this year. We would ask that you please consider placing Infant, Toddler or Adult diapers and/or Baby Wipes on your shopping list and bring them to the Assumption Parish Center (downstairs) and place in the Diaper Corral. For more information, please contact Deacon Richard Tadlock at 314-397-2433. We would like to stress the need for the larger size diapers, 3's, 4's and 5's AND wipes. We ask you to pray for the success of this project and to please be as generous as possible.

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.

Knights Collection Drive - March 21st from 9:00am - 1:00pm. We are in need of non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies, and diapers.

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



SVdP

In December, the Assumption SVDP Food Pantry asked for your help in bringing our inventory levels back to normal after the cancellation of November Boy Scout Food

Drive, which we rely on heavily. We have been overwhelmed by your response. With your contributions and the O'Fallon Fire Department Food drive, we are back up to our usual stock inventory!!

At this time, the pantry is running low on the following items: canned pears, canned oranges, canned mixed fruit, canned whole potatoes, small cans of vegetable soup, boxed cereal, Tuna Helper, Chicken Helper, Hamburger Helper, shampoo, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, and liquid dish detergent.

Thank you for your continued generous support!

FREE REGISTRATION



VIRTUAL CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

SATURDAY MARCH 13

OUR 2021 CONFERENCE IS GOING VIRTUAL

FEATURING:



SR. BRIAN JAMES HESLAND



FR. JACQUES PHILIPPE



LISA BRENNAN

LEARN MORE AT:

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 13th**, 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 live-streaming 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.

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

Don't make my Father's house a marketplace!



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.

March 7, 2021 — Third Sunday of Lent

EX 20:1-17; PS 19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1 COR 1:22-25; JN 2:13-25

Our readings call us to roll up our sleeves and persevere through the remainder of Lent by committing to a more faithful life with Christ.

In today's Gospel, Jesus purifies the temple area because it is being misused as a marketplace. He becomes angry at their lack of reverence for God. He spills the coins of the money changers and overturns tables, saying, *"Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace."*

Jesus witnessed the way people mistreated the temple — the place to worship God and God alone. He drives out evil and works to purify all that is sinful in that place. This is what Jesus wants to do for us this Lenten season. He wants to remove all impurity and evil in our lives and hearts so that we may have a proper dwelling place for the Holy Spirit. Let us ask ourselves, what areas of our life need cleansing? Let us name those areas and invite Jesus to purify us. He became man to carry our burdens and wipe away our sins. He has given us boundless mercy, but we must do our part to seek it and commit to living a more faithful life as a disciple of Christ. With this knowledge, let us seek to be purified from our sins so that our hearts might be a true temple of the Holy Spirit.

This season of Lent is only halfway done — there is still time to work through our shortcomings and purify our hearts for Easter morning. But let us not waste another moment. Let us name our shortcomings, seek God's mercy and invite Him to transform our hearts.

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"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1Peter 4:10

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