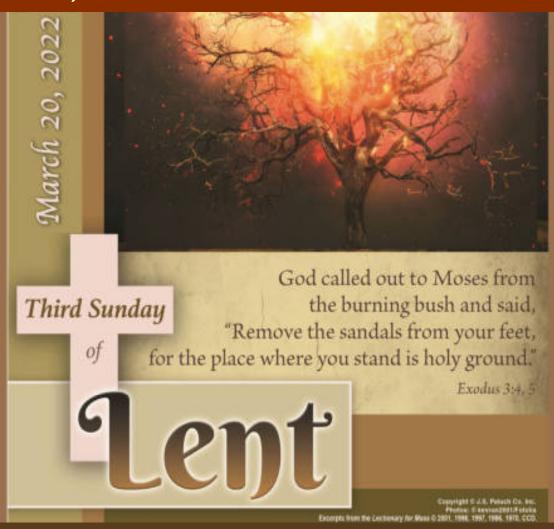
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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

Sacraments and Parish Information



BAPTISM

Scheduled every Sunday at :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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Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721



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Hello,

About a month ago there were a lot of people talking about a priest who had been baptizing people for over 20 years using the wrong words. Instead of saying "I baptize..." he was saying "We baptize...". When the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith in Rome was asked about these specific words for baptisms they responded on June 24, 2020 that the baptisms were invalid and that those who had been baptized in this manner should be baptized now using the proper words and form. I chose not to write about this at the time, thinking that it might just give this more attention than it deserves, but people still bring up the topic and I also ran across something Pope Francis did about 4 years ago that I think addresses the real concerns.

Pope Francis was visiting a small parish on the outskirts of Rome on April 15, 2018 and a young boy asked the pope if his deceased father was in heaven. The boy was concerned because his father was an atheist, but he stated that he was a good father and he had his four children baptized. The Pope responded by recognizing how much harder it must have been for someone who doesn't believe to have their children baptized than it is for someone who does, and yet his father did this for them. And just as his father loved him, so does God love all of us and would want his father to be close to him. But most important for us today was the core of the Pope's answer, "God is the one who says who goes to heaven."

So many comments people made about the baptisms being declared invalid talked about the Church saying that these people now wouldn't be able to go to heaven, and no one ever said that. No matter who we are, baptized or not, we rely upon the grace of God to go to heaven. To say that we could not go to heaven if we were not baptized would be to limit God, who has no limits. This doesn't mean that we shouldn't desire to be baptized, and that those who were not validly baptized shouldn't be baptized as soon as possible. Being baptized, receiving any of the sacraments, is not a magic formula to win God's graces. Receiving the sacraments is a way in which we are open to God's graces as Jesus Christ instructed us to be. We are trying to cooperate with what Christ has told us, to be open to let Him work through the minister of the sacrament. The wording is important because it states that "I", Christ, not "I" the priest, or deacon, or whoever the minister of the sacrament may be, baptize...therefor Christ is baptizing through this minister. The other comments in the letter from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith more explicitly states this as the reason, giving the example of baptisms that were done with even more expansive words about all of those present, baptizing the person together, as they welcome them into the community. The community is important, but it is Christ's action that is central to the sacrament.

God desires that we all eventually will join Him in heaven, that is why he created us. But he also gave us free will that allows us to say yes to Him, or no. May we always strive to say yes, especially in being open to the graces He offers us in the sacraments.

Peace,

Fr. Nick



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

- Ephesians

4:15-16

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in loving memory

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

Patricia David
Sister of Bud Alt

Bev Neuheisel
Aunt of Kim Hunt



Irish Fellowship Night Monday, March 28, 6:30pm- Hall C

This month we will continue the Irish theme with Irish Dancers! So, wear your green as we do for St. Patrick's Day, and maybe someone will win the Pot of Gold!

Non-members are always welcome!

Any questions contact: Bob or Liz Allmeyer, 636-240-8638 or lizallmeyer@gmail.com





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 5:15pm, followed by Perpetual Help Devotions and Mass at 6:00pm during Lent. Please sign up at assumptionbym.weadorehim.com.



March 20, 2021 — Third Sunday of Lent

EX: 3:1-8A, 13.15; PS 103: 1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 COR 10:1-6, 10-12, LK 13:1-9

Today's Gospel passage reminds us that life is precious and the gift of time on this earth is just that — a gift. None of us knows how much time will be granted to us, so we must use this gift intentionally to glorify God and serve our neighbor.

Jesus offers the parable of the fig tree to further illustrate this truth. The owner of the orchard came searching for fruit on a fig tree he had planted in his orchard. Finding no fruit on the tree after three years, he told the gardener to cut it down. But the gardener intercedes and asks for one more year to cultivate and fertilize the tree in hopes it would bear fruit in the future. The fig tree was not dying; it simply wasn't doing much of anything at all. Can this be said of us and our lives as well?

The season of Lent is a time to carefully reflect on the way we spend our time. Do we make God our first priority, tending to our spiritual growth and sacramental life with diligence? Do we give the next priority to our loved ones, focusing intentionally on them each day without distractions from phones, screens, or thoughts of work? If not, now is the moment to repent of our waste of time or of misplaced priorities on our use of time. God is merciful but just. Let's turn to Him and ask Him to make our lives fruitful while we still have time to do so.



"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







* Holy Thursday * Good Friday * Holy Saturday *

Holy Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday - April 14, 2022

- 8:00am 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 15, 2022

- . 8:00am Gather in Chapel for the Office of Morning Prayer
- 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 16, 2022

- . 8:00am Gather in Chapel for the Office of Morning Prayer
- 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 17, 2022

- . 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 Sunday!

All of our Holy Week Services will be Live-Streamed



Mass Times/Intentions

Reconciliation

MONDAY 03.21.22

6:30am Shirley Fogg 8:00am Roe & Victor Scholten

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

TUESDAY 03.22.22

6:30am Priest Intention 8:00am Larry Kiphart 6:00pm Priest Intention

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

WEDNESDAY 03.23.22

6:30am Priest Intention 8:00am Patricia Francis Mueller

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



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 5:15pm, Rosary and Perpetual Help Devotions, 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."



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





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.

The scrutinizes are among the most ancient prayers in the Christian liturgical tradition. As early as the second century, Christian communities would help those who had been chosen for Baptism to prepare for their initiation by laying on hands and by prayers for protection and deliverance from evil. Today we continue to celebrate these powerful rituals. We also understand today that our prayers for protection from evil are not limited to those engaged in the catechumenal process. Just as our entire community is called to journey with the elect throughout the Lenten season, we recognize the need we all share for freedom from evil and its effects. We urge you to prepare for the celebration of the scrutinies in a personal way by discerning what it is in your own life that needs to be freed from sin's bondage.

Because our rituals proclaim who we are, we must take care in how we use them with the baptized candidates (those baptized in other religions). We are called upon to keep clear the difference in the two groups. The rites for the elect make clear that they will become a new creation through the Sacrament of Baptism. When appropriate ritual distinctions are kept, we become more aware of how the baptized candidates are already one with the faithful because of their baptism. The Lenten journey of the baptized candidates, though still a focus of special pastoral care has much in common with the Lenten renewal of the faithful accomplished through prayer, works of charity, and celebration of the sacrament of Penance.

Prayer cards for the elect are available in the back of church. Each person should take a card. Please remember to take one home and keep them in your prayers throughout the season of Lent.

| THURSDAY 03.24.22 | FRIDAY 03.25.22 | SATURDAY 03.26.22 | SUNDAY 03.27.22 |
|---|--|---|--|
| 6:30am Joyce Albanese 8:00am Martha Moilitor | 6:30am Kriste Nickles & Family 8:00am Margaret Peters | 8:00am Carlos Becerra 5:00pm Betty Meyer | 8:00am People of the Parish 10:00am Ron Hanebrink 12:00pm Priest Intention 5:30pm Priest Intention By appointment |
| 7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment | 7:30-7:50am Church Or by appointment | 4:00-4:50pm Church Or by appointment | |



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



The Archdiocese of St. Louis "All Things New" Strategic Planning Initiative will examine all of our parishes, school, ministries and agencies, evaluating our effectiveness as a local Church in proclaiming the Gospel and identifying opportunities for improvement and renewal.



DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY OPEN UNTIL APRIL 4TH

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESS, SO PLEASE, PARTICIPATE!!



Please participate by completing the 10-15 minute survey as soon as possible. Additionally, married couples and families should take the survey separately and independently, rather than taking one survey together. Survey responses are kept confidential.

Survey Available....

- 1. Online: https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/y15y83
- 2. Paper copies available in church and the parish office
- 3. Scan the QR code

Thank you for all who have already filled out the Disciple Makers Index Survey, we have 324 parishioners who have filled them out online and 50 paper copies of the survey have been turned in.

To keep informed on the planning process, visit All Things New website, **allthingsnew.archstl.org**. You may also stay up to date on the process by submitting your email address. Just click on the 'Stay Connected' icon on the All Things New website.

Assumption Legion of Mary

We 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 at (978) 223-8597 or dianedon63@gmail.com or Kathy Boyd at (314) 308-7332 or mikebsr8518@gmail.com.





Hello from Assumption Youth Ministry! 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.



Currently, we are gearing up for our Luke 18 Retreat which will be April 8-10. This is an all-hands-on-deck kind of weekend and we need lots of help to make it happen! Between our teens who lead the retreat, volunteers to feed our 100+ hungry teens and middle schoolers, 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! -Becky

Here's what's going on this week:

March 20 – Life Teen: Painless! 6:30 – 8:30 pm in the Parish Center

All high school teens are invited to join us for Get Rich Quick!, the first night of But Wait...There's More! – a series focused on Lent. Starting with dinner, Life Night a place for teens to engage with the LT community, experience a deeper look at their Catholic faith, and participate in powerful prayer.

Teens, we can't wait to see you there!

March 23 – No EDGE: Spring Break!

Save the Date:

April 8 – 10: Luke 18 Retreat July 15-17: Steubenville Conference August 1-5: Life Teen Camp





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





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



Christian
Kindness
"We are ALL
hospitality
ministers"

READING, RICE BOWLS

will be available in the Narthex

ATTEND WEEKLY MASS Mon. - Fri. at 6:30am in the & 8am in the Church!

Attend the

SACRAMENT OF

Mon.-Frl. 73Oam-8-00am - Church
Sat. 40Opm-445pm - Church
April 18 2 -Reconciliation Weekend
in the Chapel

Attend EUCHARISTIC

ADDRATION
Tuesdays
8:30AM-5:45PM

Visit our
24 HOUR
PRAYER CHAPEL
(Northwest door ramp entrance-code to enter 3721)

PRAY FOR OUR RCIA CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES ATTEND THE CATHOLIC RENEWAL
CENTER RETREAT, MARCH 18-19
LED BY FR. JIM THEBY

PRAY THE ROSARY

a half hour before Mass in Church

TUESDAY EVENING MASSES in the Chapel beginning at 6pm

BISHOP

BARRON'S

Series:

Bates Buring Lent: March 3,10,17,24,31& April 7, 21 9AM Moyer Room & 7PM in Hall C Busine to Liz Allmeyer 636,240,8638 or Marlanine Wood at 636,359,4699

LENTENOPPORTUNITIES

Participate in the STATIONS OF CROSS

2:30pm and 7pm in the Chapel (unless noted in the bulletin)

2022



CALLING ALL ASSUMPTION ALUMNI!

In our 150th year at Assumption we celebrate the wonderful generosity of our Parish Family and take this time to focus on our alumni who helped grow and foster our wonderful community! This year marks 50 years for the Class of 1972, 25 years for the Class of 1997, 10 years for the Class of 2012 and our newest members of the Alumni Association, Class of 2021!

This year we are preparing to host our 9th annual Assumption Dinner Auction, benefiting Assumption and WE NEED YOUR HELP! Our annual dinner auction is the largest fundraiser for Assumption and vital to the ongoing success of Assumption School and Parish. We would like to formally introduce to you the Alumni Legacy Sponsorship 2022. This year we are challenging all Assumption Alumni and friends to consider joining forces and donating to a great cause. With your collective donation, you will receive personal recognition on the night of the Dinner Auction, (Scheduled for May 7, 2022) as well as your name listed in our program booklet and on our mobile bidding site. Furthermore, we will recognize your generosity all year round with a plaque placed in the school lobby listing each donor. If the goal of \$10,000 is reached, we will put all names into a drawing for two (2) free tickets to the Auction with 4 possible winners. The winners will be announced a couple weeks prior to the auction.

If you are unable to personally donate, please consider asking your employer to be a sponsor. We would be happy to provide further information around the levels of sponsorships still available.

Because of your continued generosity, Assumption is able to continue our mission and leave a strong legacy for generations to come. Donations may be payable by check to Assumption or you can visit our auction website at www.ponyup2022.givesmart.com, Please note 'Alumni Legacy Sponsorship' on your check or within the website.

| Name | Class of (Year of graduation) | Donation Amount |
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If you have any questions, please call Amy Rinearson at 314-412-5364



STEWARDSHIP Our Gifts to God and Parish Weekly Offertory 7/1/2021 - 1/30/22 February 27, 2022 The Bible Teaches It (Mal 3:10-12) We Believe It (Acts 4:32-36) 1,317,593 47,443 **Actual Collections God Honors It** (Gen 14:18-20) \$ 1,390,000 \$ 46,000 **Budget Target** \$ **TITHING** Surplus / (Shortfall) (72,407)1.443 Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school We are grateful to you for your presence, Original Loan \$ 3,306,127 Current balance owed \$1,236,010 your participation, and your financial Monthly payment 20,923 support of Assumption Parish. Last expected payment, August 2026



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY ~ March 25th

And ALL Lenten Fridays!! April 1, 8 and 15

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

MENU: Fried Cod/Catfish 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.

SHOULD I HAVE A LIVING WILL?

Learn about Advance Directives and Estate
Planning from local Catholic attorney Jesse and
Taylor Granneman at The Conversation: A
Catholic Perspective on End-of-Life Issues.
Additional topics include Principles of Catholic
Bioethics, Funeral and Cemetery Planning and
Charitable Legacy Planning.

SATURDAY | APRIL 2, 2022 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Sacred Heart Church • Parish School Gym 110 Thompson Drive • Troy, MO 63379

To register, visit https://rcfstl.org/conversation-2022 or call 314.918.2892







Men of Assumption Parish...

One of the greatest mysteries into the depths of God's love for us is the wounding of Christ's heart. In this one moment, Scripture is fulfilled, the Church is born, and mercy flows out to the world through the Pierced Heart of the Savior. That being said, Christ's heart had already begun the process of being wounded and crushed. One of his closest friends betrayed him, another denied him and nine others abandoned him. The sharpest pains come from those we love the most when they are not there for us in our hour of need. Knowing all of this, Christ washed their feet. This week's session is titled,

"The Wounding of the Heart"

Speaker: Steve Bollman Crushing of the Heart Denial, Betrayal and Abandonment

Love and Mercy in a Fallen World From Servants to Friends A Guarded Secret The Life-changing, Compassionate Gaze

See you there! Join us for... "That Man is You!"

This Saturday, March 26th, in the lower hall of the Knights of Columbus building. Our start time is 7:15am with Breakfast and after a short video and table discussion. For more information, call Deacon Richard at 314-397-2433.

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Religious instruction in the Catholic faith. Call 636.240.1020 for information or to register.

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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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