# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary





"I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.' "

Luke 15:18-19

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.

#### 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.



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**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 Ouan at 636-240-1020.



# Welcome

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# Hello,

While most of us are aware that on the third Sunday of Advent we light the rose colored candle and so we might also remember



that the priest may wear a rose colored vestment at Mass. What we don't realize is that the one other day the priest may wear a rose colored vestment is for the fourth Sunday of Lent which is referred to as *Laetare* Sunday. *Laetare* is the Latin word for rejoice and this is called *Laetare* Sunday because that is the first word of the opening antiphon for Mass, 'Rejoice Jerusalem....''.

The main reason for rejoicing is because while we are still in a penitential period of Lent, we are over half way to Easter. Recognizing that, we can use a little break and encouragement in this period and also a reminder of what we are preparing and looking forward to as Easter nears. I know some people continue their Lenten practice for all days between Ash Wednesday and Easter, and others choose not to follow it on Sundays. If you were going to just choose one Sunday to excuse yourself this might be an appropriate one.

Another connection that has been made to the wearing of the rose colored vestments on this Sunday was the tradition of the Pope carrying a rose in their hand when returning from Mass on this day. The tradition went from him carrying an actual rose, to carrying a rose made of gold, and then to his blessing a branch of roses made of gold that would then be given to a Catholic king or to a shrine or a church in a particular city to be kept there.

A final tradition that is sometimes connected to *Laetare* Sunday is that it has also been known as "Mothering Sunday". I have to admit that I never knew this, but apparently this was connected to a practice of visiting the 'mother church' of the diocese, or the cathedral, on this day. Another way this was celebrated was to go to your 'mother church', or the church in which you were baptized. For many families, this could mean a trip back home to where you grew up and where you would see other family members. In England the tradition translated into a practice comparable to what we celebrate as "Mother's Day" on this Sunday. Doing a little Google search I found out that the British do celebrate Mother's Day today, so if you have a mother in Great Britain you are late sending that Mother's Day card.

I guess after talking about this I better wear the rose vestment this Sunday and rejoice, we are over half way to Easter.

Peace,

Fr. Nick

P.S. One other type of celebrating you should have done this last week was for the Feast of the Annunciation, which was this last Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Since this is such a high feast that we call a Solemnity, we even pray the Gloria at Mass and the

# Holy Family...Pillar of Formation



"...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."

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- Ephesians 4:15-16





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.

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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 449 parishioners who have filled them out online and 80 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.

# Cin loving memory

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

Mary Harkness Sister of William Berens



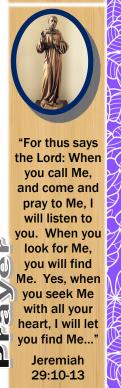
# Irish Fellowship Night

#### 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*  Reconciliation Weekend Friday & Saturday, April 1 & 2 in the Chapel Confessions being heard Friday, 6:00pm-9:00pm & Saturday, 8:30am-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

## St. Francis . . . Pillar of Prayer



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	* Holy Thursday * Good Friday * Holy Saturday *         Holy Triduum Schedule
/s en id l o ou	<ul> <li>Holy Thursday – April 14, 2022</li> <li>8:00am Gather in Chapel for the Office of Morning Prayer.</li> <li>7:00pm The Holy Triduum begins.</li> <li>Gather in church for the celebration of the Eucharist of the Lord's Supper.</li> <li>After Mass: Eucharistic Adoration will take place in the chapel until Midnight!</li> <li>Containers will be in the Narthex for Rice Bowl collection and your gifts to the poor.</li> <li>Good Friday – April 15, 2022</li> <li>8:00am Gather in Chapel for the Office of Morning Prayer</li> <li>3:00pm Gather in church for the "Walk the Way of the Cross" – lead by our Life Teen</li> <li>7:00pm Gather in church for the Celebration of the Lord's Passion</li> </ul>
l en e r et	<ul> <li>Containers will be in the Narthex for Rice Bowl collection and your gifts to the poor.</li> <li>Holy Saturday – April 16, 2022</li> <li>8:00am Gather in Chapel for the Office of Morning Prayer</li> <li>8:00pm (Sat) Easter Vigil - Gather in church for our main Easter Mass which includes Baptisms and the lighting of the Easter fire.</li> <li>Note: there will not be a 5pm Mass or Reconciliation</li> <li>Easter Sunday Mass Schedule – April 17, 2022</li> <li>8:00am Mass in Church; 8:15am Mass in Chapel; 10:00am Mass in Church</li> <li>10:15am Mass in Chapel; 12:00pm Mass in Church</li> <li>Note: there will not be a 5:30pm Mass on Easter Sunday!</li> </ul>
	All of our Holy Week Services will be Live-Streamed
	<b>Assumption Adoration Chapel</b> 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 Devo- tions and Mass at 6:00pm during Lent. Please sign up

at assumptionbym.weadorehim.com.

# SACRED HEART CHURCH (TROY) HOST... THE CONVERSATION:

A Catholic Perspective on End-of-Life Issues presented by the roman catholic foundation

# SATURDAY | APRIL 2, 2022

10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. (lunch provided) Sacred Heart Church • Parish School Gym 110 Thompson Drive • Troy, MO 63379

#### **TOPICS INCLUDE:**

• Principles of Catholic Bioethics,

- Fr. Peter Fonseca, M.A., MDiv., M.S.,
  - Ordinary & Extraordinary Means of Preserving Life
  - Quality of Life & the Dignity of the Human Person

 Advance Directives & Estate Planning, Jesse and Taylor Granneman Law Office of Jesse A. Granneman, LLC

• Charitable Legacy Planning,

Michael Weisbrod, Roman Catholic Foundation

#### • Funeral and Cemetery Planning,

Fr. Michael Lydon, Pastor, Sacred Heart Church - Pastoral Care of the Sick & Dying - Anatomical Donation & Cremation

"The program is well organized and easy to follow. It has created an awareness for me on these complicated subjects. I will recommend this program to my family and friends." -Bill Doyle, St. Peter (Kirkwood) parishioner

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

#### 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."

Mass Times/Intentions

Reconciliation

### MONDAY 03.28.22

6:30am Stan Gish 8:00am Hugh Boyd

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

#### TUESDAY 03.29.22

6:30am Ruth Dyer 8:00am Pat and Don Eynard 6:00pm Priest Intention

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

#### WEDNESDAY 03.30.22

6:30am Priest Intention 8:00am Oz and Wink Maher

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

### St. Francis ... Pillar of Prayer

#### March 27, 2022



In the Scrutinies for RCIA we always use the A Cycle readings and during the Second Scrutiny we listen to the story of the man born blind. The man who is healed of his blindness regains his sight immediately, but gradually grows to see as Christ sees.

that comes from God.

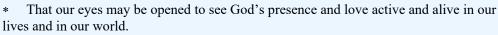
The Chaplet of

Divine Mercy will

follow the Stations

our world.

In the fall during the Rite of Acceptance and Welcome, the eyes of those entering RCIA were signed by their sponsors as we prayed, "Receive the sign of the cross on your eyes, that they may see the glory of God." Through the past year of formation and growth and through their experiences with this community of faith, those in RCIA have also grown in understanding of what they see—who the man Jesus was, the prophetic words he spoke, his unique relationship with the Father, and his identity as Lord. Join us in prayer and reflection with the readings for the Second Scrutiny. What have you been blind to? How have your eyes been opened to see Christ's Truth? And so, together, let us pray:



- \* We pray for the clarity of vision, to see who we are called to be and what we are called to do;
- \* For the courage and faith to ask God to open our eyes to the poor, suffering, lonely, alienated and forgotten.



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

#### **THURSDAY 03.31.22**

FRIDAY 04.01.22

6:30am MaryJane Schalk 8:00am Patricia Francis Mueller

7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment 6:30am Vocations to the

Priesthood and Religious Life 8:00am Jenny Harris

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

# SATURDAY 04.02.22

That the Lord may remove the blindness from

That we may become in Christ, the light to

our hearts that we may love others with the love

8:00am John and Mary Vogel 5:00pm People of the Parish

4:00-4:50pm Church Or by appointment



JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU

WAY OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2022 7:00PM - IN CHURCH & LIVESTREAM JOIN US FOR DIVINE MERCY

> For the sake of his sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world!

#### SUNDAY 04.03.22

8:00am Henry Prinster 10:00am Ronald Hanebrink 12:00pm Ruth Dyer 5:30pm Priest Intention

By appointment

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



SERVICE: Love in action "Truly I tell vou. whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Servic Matthew 25:40

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# Financial Help to Attend Catholic Schools

In 2021, the Missouri General Assembly passed HB349 and SB86 which established the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program, MOScholars.

The law can provide scholarships of \$6,375 per child, which can be used to attend a Catholic school. The money would come from personal donations, but those making the donations can receive a STATE TAX CREDIT of 100% of their donation. The donations and scholarships are required to be serviced through a non -profit Educational Assistance Organization (EAO), for the Archdiocese of St. Louis the Today and Tomorrow Fund is our registered EAO.

#### For students to be eligible:

A qualified student must be an elementary or secondary school student who is a Missouri resident and resides in a county with a charter form of government or a city with at least 30,000 residents (**this includes St. Charles County**).

#### Qualified students must also meet one of the following criteria:

A) Have an approved "individualized education plan" (IEP) at the time of enrollment (Individual Service Plan" (ISP- Catholic version) does not meet the statutory requirement for eligibility.);

-OR-

- B) Is a member of a household whose total annual income does not exceed an amount equal to 100% of the income standard used to qualify for free and reduced lunches, and meets at least one of the following:
- Attended a public school as a full-time student for at least one semester during the previous twelve months; or
- ♦ Is a child who is eligible to begin kindergarten or first grade.

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INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

If funding remains available after all students who meet

these qualifications have been served, then the next category of qualified student is any student who:

Is a member of a household whose total annual income **does not exceed 200% of the standard used to qualify for free and reduced lunches and meets at least one of the following qualifications:** 

- Attended a public school as a full-time student for at least one (1) semester during the previous twelve (12) months; or
- ◊ Is a child who is eligible to begin kindergarten or first grade.

#### Scholarship Uses

Scholarships may be used for tuition and fees at qualified schools, textbooks, educational therapies or services

#### To Donate to this Fund:

A MOScholars tax credit is equal to 100% of an eligible donation, not to exceed 50% of the donor's state tax liability for the tax year the credit is claimed. MOScholars tax credits may be carried forward for four (4) subsequent tax years. The tax credit is not sellable, transferrable, or refundable. Eligible donations must be a minimum of \$500. For 2022, \$25 million in MOScholars tax credits are available.

#### Donations will be accepted beginning July 1, 2022.

Please see the following website for more details: *Missouri's K-12 Scholarship Program (mo.gov)* 

Thanks for reading about Assumption School Pat Hensley



# Holy Family...Pillar of Formation

#### March 27, 2022



# 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.



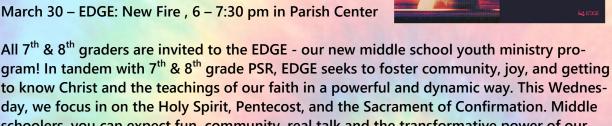


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Currently, we are gearing up for our Luke 18 Retreat which will be April 8-10. This is an allhands-on-deck kind of weekend and we need lots of help to make it happen! Between our teens who lead the retreat, volunteers to feed our 100+ hungry teens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

Praying for you! -Becky

Here's what's going on this week: March 25 – 26 – Luke 18 Preparation Lock-In March 27 – No Life Teen: Luke 18 Lock-In Weekend March 30 – EDGE: New Fire , 6 – 7:30 pm in Parish Center



MATION Continuous conversion of mind of mind and heart "Following at Jesus is the work of a 0 lifetime" 3



to know Christ and the teachings of our faith in a powerful and dynamic way. This Wednesday, we focus in on the Holy Spirit, Pentecost, and the Sacrament of Confirmation, Middle schoolers, you can expect fun, community, real talk and the transformative power of our Catholic faith.

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



Have a question? Contact Becky Whitaker, Director of Youth Ministry 636-240-3721 ext. 243 or becky.assumptionlt@gmail.com





**Connect with us on Social Media:** Instagram: @assumption life teen // @assumption edge Facebook: Assumption Life Teen // Assumption EDGE

March 27, 2022

# St. Vincent de Paul ... Pillar of Service



## St. Vincent de Paul ... Pillar of Service

Surplus / (Shortfall)

Current balance owed

Last expected payment, August 2026

Monthly payment

Original Loan

\$

Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school

#### March 27, 2022



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12,211

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

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## Holy Family...Pillar of Formation

#### March 27, 2022



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY ~ April 1<sup>st</sup>

And ALL Lenten Fridays!! April 8 and 15 The Knights of Columbus Hall is OPEN! 5:00-7:00pm~Dine In and Take Out!



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- Ephesians 4:15-16

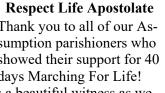
MENU: Fried Cod/Catfish Meal or Sandwich, Chicken Strips. Green Beans, Coleslaw, Mac N Cheese, Desserts. Tea and coffee free, Full Cash Bar available: beer, wine and mixed drinks. You can pay either with a credit card or cash.





Thank you to all of our Assumption parishioners who showed their support for 40 days Marching For Life! It was a beautiful witness as we

stand up for all life! For more information about Pro-Life, please contact Sylvia Kiphart at 636.978.8803



THAT MAN IS YOU!

Men, Our fruitfulness is born through our communion with God! Therefore, in our spiritual lives we must make our primary focus on communion with God and let the fruitfulness be a natural consequence of the communion. Even with good intentions, it's very easy to get our priorities flipped. This week's session is titled. "The Fruitfulness in Christ" Speaker: Steve Bollman

- Discovering the Fruits of Union with Christ
- The Dangers of Distorted Spiritual • Vision
- Exploring the Active Purgation • Process
- Avoiding Spiritual Blindness
- Navigating the Dark Night of the Soul
- A New Commandment: The Mission Field of the Family

See you there! Join us for ... "That Man is You!" This Saturday, April 2nd, in the lower hall of the Knights of Columbus building. Our start time is 7:15am with Breakfast and a short video and table discussion. We are also offering the sessions by Zoom, along with our inperson meetings.

Contact Deacon Richard at DeaconRichard@charter.net or by cell at 314-397-2433 for more information.

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**BULLETIN NOTICES** Submit to Parish Office (peggy.assumption@yahoo.com) by Tuesday 9:00am

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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 314-578.0741.

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