# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary





"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

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

## Sacraments and Parish 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.



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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  $2^{nd}$  grade. Please contact Ann Marie Quan at 636-240-1020.

# Welcome

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## Hello,

It is that time of years again, yes Lent, and also tax season. I'm bringing up taxes because I think it is on many of our minds now and there are a few parallels that might help us with Lent.

First of all, I don't think anyone would want me to be filling out their taxes for them. It's not that I don't know the basics of what I need to do, but my attitude on deductions isn't exactly what most people would want their tax person to have. Most people want to get every deduction they can, and might even get a little "creative" at times. Some would consider me lazy or dumb for not taking some deductions that I can. These are some business or other expenses that I could quantify and justify, which I know are deductible, but some may be too much work for the amount you actually get back. Other deductions can fall into a category that I realize may be legitimate deductions and would be legal. Some of these, I might have questioned whether I would have made it a deduction if I were writing the law, or others that I don't want to minimize a certain contribution in my mind by taking it as a tax deduction. As I said, you wouldn't want me to do your taxes.

But the big reason why I'm OK with paying more taxes than I absolutely have to is I value the goods and services that our government provides and the society it allows us to live in. Is it perfect? Of course not. Are there things that I strongly disagree with? Yes. I think there are means by which I can try to address those things. I do feel the government is a good and necessary part of our society, not something I need to do everything possible to be sure I don't give them any more support than I absolutely am required.

So what does that have to do with Lent? Throughout all of the year, but especially during Lent, Catholic's have certain practices that they are expected and even required by Church law to do. Fasting and abstinence on certain days, attending Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation, and so on. How we look at these can be how we look at taxes sometimes, I'm not going to do anything more than I absolutely have to do. Or, the only reason I'm doing this is to fulfill the law so I won't go to jail in the cases of taxes, or I won't go to hell in the other case. A question I have heard numerous times that can demonstrate when we are falling into that type of mindset is "How late can I come to Mass and still have it fulfill my obligation?" That is one thing to ask if you were late and are concerned if you have fulfilled your obligation or not, and another thing to ask when you are looking towards the future and planning on how late you can be.

Unlike taxes, I hope we all approach our faith and the Church a little differently. That we definitely see God's laws as good, and the laws that are manmade we recognize as trying to help us live as a society to grow closer to God. So the requirements it places on us are not just burdens to minimize, but a means for ourselves and others to live as we should as individuals and a community.

I'm hoping you don't owe too much in taxes, and praying you are having a fruitful Lent.

Peace.

Fr. Nick



## Holy Family...Pillar of Formation

# LAST CHANCE



"...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



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

Dennis Vogt Husband of Linda Vogt

*Dorothy Becker* Wife of Arnold Becker

*Rosy Williams* Of Our Parish Family



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.



## OPEN UNTIL APRIL 4TH. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESS,

DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY



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.

SO PLEASE, PARTICIPATE!!

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 Surwe have 580

parishioners who have filled them out online and 103 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.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2022 7:00PM - IN CHURCH & LIVESTREAM JOIN US FOR DIVINE MERCY WAY OF THE CROSS

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will follow the Stations



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

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU

April 3, 2022

## St. Francis . . . Pillar of Prayer

#### April 3, 2022

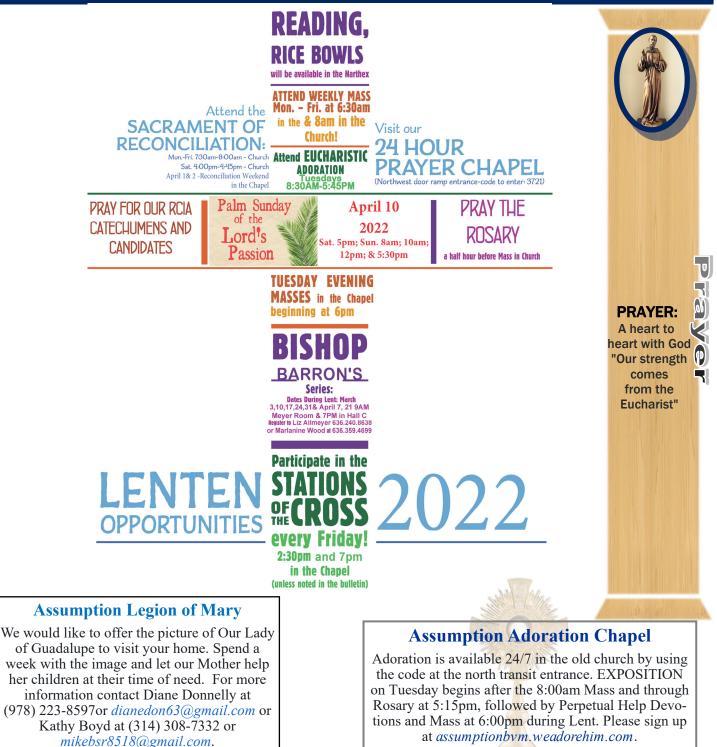


### PRAY, PRAY, PRAY

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."

	MONDAY 04.04.22	TUESDAY 04.05.22	WEDNESDAY 04.06.22
Mass Times/Intentions	6:30am Ed & Bea Falkner 8:00am Sharon Salas	6:30am Priest Intention 8:00am Ronald Wisniewski 6:00pm Norbert & John Rothermich	6:30am Roy Lucia 8:00am Betty Meyer
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

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## **THURSDAY 04.07.22**

## FRIDAY 04.08.22

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

7:30 - 7:50am Church

Or by appointment

6:30am Priest Intention 8:00am Leroy Jurgens

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

## SATURDAY 04.09.22

8:00am John and Mary Vogel 5:00pm Rose (Angie) Powers

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

## SUNDAY 04.10.22

8:00am Oz & Wink Maher 10:00am Paul Heppermann 12:00pm Priest Intention 5:30pm People of the Parish

By appointment

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



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

## From the Principal's Pen

### **Assumption Begins Accreditation Process**

Every seven (7) years, Assumption goes through a formal process known as a Non-Public School Accreditation. This requires the school to develop three (3) committees to review our current policies and practices, then each committee to develop a goal to be addressed within the next seven (7) year cycle. The committees include members of the Board of Education, faculty, staff, maintenance, parents and parishioners and are referred to as: the Catholic Identity Committee, the Educational Issues Committee, and the Institutional Issues Committee.

Between now (spring 2022) and January 2023, these committees will collect data through surveys and potential focus groups, review handbooks and policies, analyze data and policies, then create a final report with their identified goal for the next cycle. In spring, 2023, a group of educators from the St. Louis Metro region will visit the school, review our records and data and make a recommendation to the state for accreditation or non-accreditation.



The Missouri Nonpublic School Accrediting Association is affiliated with the National Federation of Nonpublic School State Accrediting Associations, which is recognized by the United States Office of Education and CASE (Council for the Advancement and Support of Education).

Our last visiting team came in April, 2016 and recommended full accreditation for Assumption. The goals that were then identified by our committees were:

1.Students will increase their knowledge of the six domains expressed in the 5th-8th grade ACRE Exam, which has been accomplished.

2. Students will increase their knowledge of the Church's Social Justice Teachings. Teachers will develop a resource and programs to further student reflection about themselves as a witness for Christ. We have achieved this goal through resources on Social Justice and increasing, across all grade levels, understanding of Social Justice Issues. In addition, several opportunities are offered for our students to help with social justice projects throughout the school year.

3. Assumption School Faculty will improve teaching and learning through the emphasis and implementation of "Differentiated Instruction" such that the needs of all students are more fully met. If you come into any of the class-rooms, you will see many styles of learning – large group, small group, 1-1 teaching, teaching with technology and other resources.

As we progress through this and next year, we will be working to identify our needs for the future. To identify needs, we will be asking parents, faculty and staff to complete surveys or be part of focus groups in August at Open House/ Book Day.

Once we have identified our needs, we set goals, then begin developing our plan of action for the next 5 years. This plan outlines our timeline of tasks which, ultimately, guide us to achieving the goals set.

Thanks for reading about Assumption School Pat Hensley



Youth Formation

## Holy Family...Pillar of Formation

#### April 3, 2022



Hello from Assumption Youth Ministry! It has been 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 LIFE **TEEN** wait to see how the Lord puts the teens at His service.



We are SO CLOSE to our Luke 18 Retreat, which is next weekend April 8-10. This is an all-handson-deck kind of weekend and we are so grateful for our village at Assumption that makes it possible! Between our teens who lead the retreat, parent volunteers to feed our 100+ hungry teens and middle schoolers, our core members who have helped form our teen leaders, we are truly blessed. Please pray for us in this final week of lead up! We are praying for you! -Becky

#### Here's what's going on this week:

#### April 3 – Life Teen: Look Ma, No Hands! 6:30 – 8:30pm in Hall C

All high school teens are invited to join us for Look Ma, No Hands!, the final 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!

#### April 6 – EDGE: 180 - Conversion, 6:00 – 7:30pm in Parish Center

All 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to the EDGE - our new middle school youth ministry program! In tandem with 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade PSR, EDGE seeks to foster community, joy, and getting to know Christ and the teachings of our faith in a powerful and dynamic way. This Wednesday, we focus in on our need for conversion and forgiveness, as well as preparing our 8<sup>th</sup> graders for their Luke 18 Retreat Weekend. Middle schoolers, you can expect fun, community, real talk and the transformative power of our Catholic faith.

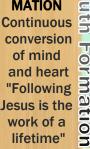
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Save the Date: April 8 – 10: Luke 18 Retreat July 15-17: Steubenville Conference August 1-5: Life Teen Camp



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







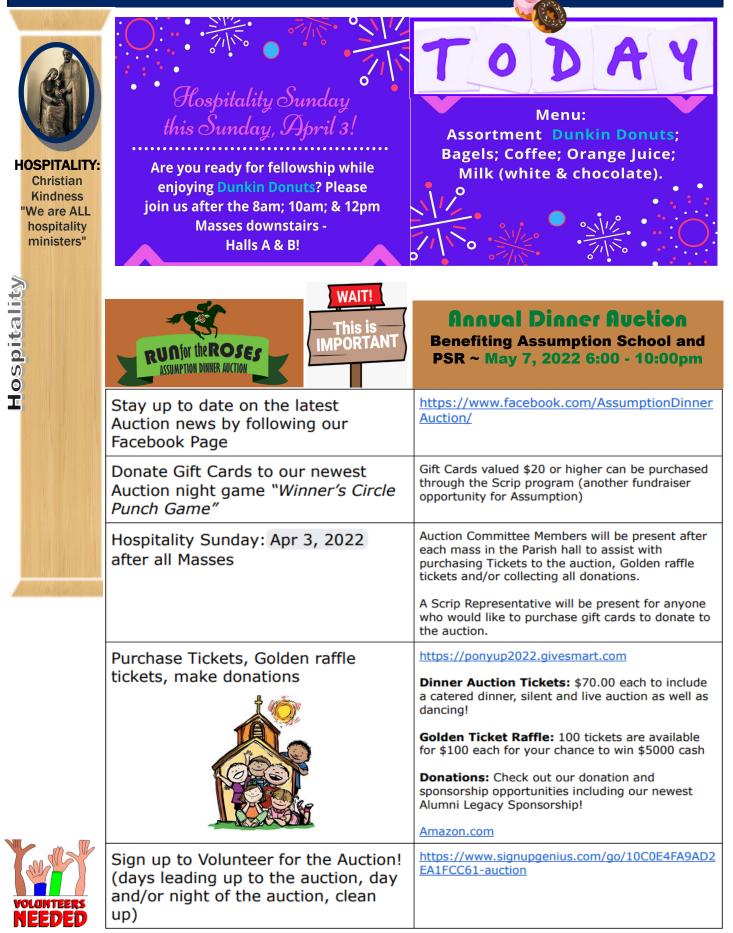
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Have a question? Contact Becky Whiteker. Director of Youth Ministry 636-240-3721 ext. 243 or becky.assumptionlt@gmail.com

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



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

## Board of Education Nominations Now Open



## Are You Ready to Help Make a Difference in Our School and Parish?

## NOMINATE YOURSELF OR SOMEONE ELSE

\*Commitment Includes a 3-year Seat on the Board and Monthly Meetings

Send Nominations By April 17th to: abvm.board@abvmtech.org

\*\* We have 6 Board Seats available. Nominations forms
can be found on the School Web Site: assumptionbvmschool.org (click ABOUT US, and then SCHOOL BOARD to find nomination sheet.) Please submit forms to:
abvm.board@abvmtech.org. Questions? Please contact
Phillip Heiss at 636-542-8309.

> Weekly Queen of Hearts. Every Tuesday at 5:00pm.

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

Weekly Offertory		March 20, 2022		
Actual Collections Budget Target Surplus / (Shortfall)		\$ \$ \$	31,943 <u>37,000</u> <u>(5,057)</u>	\$ \$ \$
	Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school Original Loan \$3,306,127			
	Current balance owed Monthly payment		\$ 1,236,010 \$ 20,923	
	Last expected payment, Augu	ust 2026		

## 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Video is now available on DVD!

Did you purchase a 150<sup>th</sup> Heritage Book? If so, please come by the parish office and pick up your free 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary DVD – parishioner interviews included! We still have Heritage Books available for purchase for \$35! If you did not purchase a Heritage Book, you can purchase the DVD for just \$10.



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







7/1/2021 - 3/20/22

1,390,571

1,464,000

(73, 429)

### 370 LAKESIDE PARK ST. PETERS, MO

REGISTRATION INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT www.haileyshopesws.com

STEWARDSHIP

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

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

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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY ~ April 8<sup>th</sup>

And last Lenten Friday!! April 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.

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We have had a SMALL response for prayer cards for our RCIA group. Please remember to take several home with you and have the family pray over them. You will find the prayer cards in the Narthex and a basket to return them by next weekend.. It is so important that our en praying for them during their journey.

group know that you have been praying for them during their journey.

Each week that we celebrate the Rite of Scrutiny, as we have for the past two Sundays during Lent, we are invited deeper and deeper into a great mystery that affects all people. Our world is thirsting, we are thirsting, and Jesus brings us living water. Our world is blind, we are blind, and Jesus opens our eyes. This weekend at the 8:00 am Mass we hear the story of the raising of Lazarus. We will name what keeps us, our communities, and our society from life and the true freedom of the children of God. Our Lenten preparation calls us to name what keeps us enmeshed in death and to bring it to prayer. Each reflection and celebration of the Scrutinies is designed to draw forth a progressively deeper awareness of the mystery of sin and grace, week by week. They not only open up what is sinful in our lives but also what is good in our lives. As we celebrate the last of the Scrutinies and Cycle A readings we look forward to our Spiritual Retreat Day scheduled for next Sunday.

Here at Assumption parish we celebrate a "combined Rite" with our elect (those unbaptized) and our Candidates (those already baptized). This is an intensive period of preparation for initiation of both. We pray for our Candidates who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation this past week. They prepare for full initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.



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- Ephesians 4:15-16



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WEBSITE: www.assumptionbvm.org

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 314-578.0741.

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