

# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

APRIL  
**24**  
2022

"Have you come to believe  
because you have seen me?  
Blessed are those who have  
not seen and have believed."

John 20:29

SECOND SUNDAY  
OF *Easter*  
(OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

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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.



### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721



### RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION of ADULTS

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



### RITE of CONFESSION

Weekdays 7:30 - 7:50am Church  
Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45pm Church  
Or by appointment



### FUNERALS

Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721



### CONFIRMATION

Preparation begins in September for all students who are entering 8th grade. Please contact Ann Marie Quan at 636-240-1020 for more information.



### FIRST COMMUNION

Preparation begins in September for all students who are entering 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Please contact Ann Marie Quan at 636-240-1020.

# Welcome

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## Hello,

I just came back from the church and our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders were practicing for their First Communion this Sunday. They were practicing how they pause and bow before going forward to receive Communion, having their hands right, and responding “Amen” when they are offered the Body of Christ. We hope this practice will help them participate in the celebration. But if it doesn’t go perfect it will still be great, if we stay focused on the reason we are there; for them to receive the Eucharist.

The practice of the Church is that children who have reached “the use of reason” should be prepared to receive the Eucharist, and the general practice for that has been in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. That is why this year they have been learning to understand the difference between what they will receive and other food. They are learning about the many ways Christ showed his love for us, about this special means by which Christ shows his love for us, and as they receive Christ himself and are fed and nourished in a spiritual way that nothing else can provide for us.

Watching the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders can be a great inspiration for us. We realize how excited they are to be able to receive Christ in the Eucharist for the first time, and hopefully it makes us a bit more appreciative of what we have been able to receive repeatedly through the years. When something becomes common in our lives we can take it for granted at times, but it doesn’t decrease its value. It should show us how important it is that it has become something we have placed in our lives where it would become common. But like other things that we get used to just being there, like the love of a spouse or a family member, they can be taken for granted and we can lose our appreciation of how important they are. As we see our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and maybe your grandchildren or nieces or nephews receive their First Communion, encourage their excitement, and be encouraged by it, to realize this great gift that we are given over and over again.

We can also take for granted the many other things in our Church, both in our parish and throughout the diocese. Some examples might be, our church building, the availability of the sacraments, of education in the faith for children through adults, and many parish and diocesan programs that help us prepare for the sacraments from baptism through marriage. The diocese offers assistance to our school and our PSR and for all Catholic education throughout the diocese from grade school age, high school age, to those in college, and adults. They assist those who are poor and in need. They promote and help us live out our Catholic values in our society today. They support the training and education of our priests and deacons for tomorrow.

The parish promotion of the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) begins this week and we will have people in the Narthex with cards for each parish family to make a donation. Also, you will find in the pews cards with QR codes that can be scanned to help make a donation using your phone. Please consider a donation to support all the work the diocese does all around us that we can take for granted. Your donations to the parish are also needed and a means to recognize the value we place on our parish, the sacraments, and our faith.

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



a program called, Prevent and Protect to verify compliance. All those who work, volunteer or coach, in any way with our children, the vulnerable or elderly at Assumption Parish must be in compliance with the Archdiocese with this new program. This is **MANDATORY!** Please register into the Prevent and Protect system where you will submit an updated background check, and complete and submit all the Code of Conduct sections. Attending a Protecting God's Children Workshop is also needed to complete Compliance. Go to our website; [www.assumptionbvm.org](http://www.assumptionbvm.org), and go to Resources. Scroll down to the Protecting God's Children link where you will find instructions on how to register into the Prevent and Protect system. If you have any questions or concerns about your status, please contact Lynn Crews at: 314-578-0741 or [lynn.assumption@gmail.com](mailto:lynn.assumption@gmail.com).



## Country Fellowship Night

**Monday April 25th, 6:30 Hall C**

Come Join us for some country line entertainment. Our own Pat Smith and her team will show us the latest boot kicking moves and teach us a few steps too!! Non-members are always welcome! Any questions, call Bob or Liz Allmeyer at 636 240-8638 or [lizallmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:lizallmeyer@gmail.com).

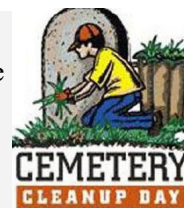
**DON'T BE ALARMED!** First responders and volunteers will be searching through our woods on Saturday night, April 30.

We have given permission to the O'Fallon Police Department for a training exercise. There will be 20-30 first responders and civilian volunteers with flashlights, radios, etc., conducting a simulated search and rescue. The team will be using parking lot A and the wooded area to the north of our cemetery.

We appreciate our first responders who keep our community safe.

As of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 the original system that we used to use (Virtus) to show parish compliance has been eliminated. The Archdiocese Safe Environment program is now using

On Saturday, May 7th, at 9 am, please join the cemetery committee as they clean up the cemetery and remove weathered objects or other items that interfere with lawn mowing. If there are items on your loved ones' graves that you would like to keep, please remove them prior to May 6 and return them after May 7. Please contact Angie Bauman 636-578-2185 (call or text) if you would like to help or have any questions.



## Assumption BIBLE STUDY JESUS MAN OF PRAYER

As Christians, we regard Jesus as Lord, Savior, teacher, healer, and bread of life. In our next 7-week bible study we will explore and observe Jesus praying through various situations. He is our guide to prayer. To insure we have enough books please contact Bob or Liz Allmeyer or Marlaire Wood with day and time. We can't wait to gather together once more!

**We offer three times for this Bible Study:**

- **Mondays, 7-8:30pm, Rooms D/E** (Now thru June) Liz and Bob Allmeyer 636 240-8638 or [lizallmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:lizallmeyer@gmail.com)
- **Tuesdays, 9-10:30am, Meyer Room** (Now thru June) Marlaire Wood 636 359-4699 or [marsamsarwin@aol.com](mailto:marsamsarwin@aol.com)
- **Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm, Meyer Room** (Now thru June) Marlaire Wood 636 359-4699 or [marsamsarwin@aol.com](mailto:marsamsarwin@aol.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 6:15pm, followed by Perpetual Help Devotions. Please sign up at [assumptionbvm.weadorehim.com](http://assumptionbvm.weadorehim.com).

## 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](mailto:dianedon63@gmail.com) or Kathy Boyd at (314) 308-7332 or [mikebsr8518@gmail.com](mailto:mikebsr8518@gmail.com).





"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



Palm Sunday we attended Mass and then held our spiritual retreat day. We gave individual wooden cross necklaces to wear for the day. A reflection was done on the cross in our lives.

We talked about the Triduum and how important it was for all to attend Holy Week. Sponsors bought a cup for their person as a surprise and the sponsors were given cups by the Team. A moving reflection on filling your "cup" was received with joy. The highlight of our day was the quiet time that was spent in reading all of the notes from our parish community, Sisters of the Precious blood, school, team and oh so many who were praying for them! The day ended with Stations of the cross held at St Joseph Chapel.



*Spiritual Retreat Day*  
*RCIA April 10, 2022*



Mass Times/Intentions

Reconciliation

**MONDAY 04.25.22**

6:30am Jennifer & Jim Klatt & Family (Spec. Int.)  
8:00am Henry Prinster

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

**TUESDAY 04.26.22**

6:30am Priest Intention  
8:00am Ed Schoenherr

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

**WEDNESDAY 04.27.22**

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

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



# Becoming Catholic RCIA

Last Weekend we baptized 7 adults and Welcomed 2 Candidates at the Easter Vigil! The neophytes and Candidates, along with those present were invited outside for the lighting of the Easter fire. After the Homily, our neophytes moved to the back to be baptized. Did you notice they were wearing brown gowns?

As they enter into the water with brown gowns they are dying to their old life and coming out as a new creature. A white robe was given to the newly baptized as they went forward for confirmation and Eucharist. Praise God and give thanks for our new members!



Prayer

## PRAYER:

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

### THURSDAY 04.28.22

6:30am Priest Intention  
8:00am Walter Molitor

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

### FRIDAY 04.29.22

6:30am Priest Intention  
8:00am Jenny Harris

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

### SATURDAY 04.30.22

8:00am Dennis Vogt  
5:00pm People of the Parish

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

### SUNDAY 05.01.22

8:00am Gilbert & Mae Rose Prize  
10:00am Ronald Hanebrink  
12:00pm David Schwane  
5:30pm Ean Wimber

By appointment

**FORMATION**

Continuous  
conversion  
of mind and  
heart

"Following  
Jesus is the  
work of a  
lifetime"

Youth Formation



From the Principal's Pen

**Fine Arts, Robotics, Science Night  
AND Ice Cream Social at Assumption!**  
**You are invited!**

Here's the opportunity to visit Assumption and see what happens throughout our year. On Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 until 8pm, we are offering parents, students and friends of Assumption to visit our school. The focus will be K-8 Fine Arts (Music, Art), Robotics, and Science, where displays and activities will be ongoing during the event. Of course, the Ice Cream/Snow-Cone Social should be delightful, as well. **Each Assumption Student will receive one free snow-cone; adults pay for their ice cream or snow cone.**



**Respect Life Essay Contest!**

**Benji Boss and Gwen Briz...**

**Finalists in the Respect Life Essay Contest.**



Since 1979, this contest has provided an opportunity for eighth grade students in the Archdiocese of St. Louis to reflect, pray, research and write about the Gospel of Life and the virtue of Chastity. Contest participants have the chance to earn financial awards for Catholic high school, the Steubenville Catholic Youth Conference in July, Respect Life Convention in October and Generation Life Pilgrimage in January.



The 2022 topic choice was:

1. Chastity is a virtue that teaches us to respect our bodies and God's gifts of sexuality and life. How do you promote chastity as a young adult in the 21st century?
2. Explain how you can take an active role in building a Culture of Life in your community and encourage other young adults to do the same. Choose one or more areas to focus on: spirituality, education, public witness/law, and direct assistance.

The Boss and the Briz families have been invited to a dinner at the Diocese and a ceremony to honor both Benji and Gwen on April 24<sup>th</sup>. ***Congratulations, Benji and Gwen!***

**IN LOVING  
MEMORY**

PLEASE PRAY  
FOR THE  
REPOSE OF  
THE SOUL OF:

Melvin Reitzner  
Father of Andre Reitzner

# Athletic Association!

Assumption Athletic Association is celebrating a **Blessing of the Athletes Mass** at 10:00am Mass on Sunday, May 1st. We will be celebrating our athletes and the positive effects of teamwork, community and sportsmanship. Any Assumption athlete and coach is invited to wear their jerseys and we will have this year's city county banners on display.

Baseball and Softball Season as well as Golf are starting up! (at least when the rain stays at bay!) Esports games are beginning! Volleyball and Soccer signups will start in May. For more information go to:

<https://www.teamsideline.com/sites/cyosaintcharlesmo/home>

General Information can also be found on our website: <https://sites.google.com/view/assumptioncyc/home>







## Divine Mercy Sunday - April 24



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** will be celebrated at St. Gianna Church in Wentzville, MO. Confessions will begin at 2:00pm with Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. We will begin the Glorious Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary about 2:15pm followed by praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00pm. We will end our day by celebrating Mass at 4:00pm.



We all receive the special graces of Divine Mercy Sunday promised directly by our Lord through St. Faustina in the 1930s! Even though you may not be able to go to Confession and receive Holy Communion, you can receive these special graces this Sunday, April 24, on Divine Mercy Sunday.

By reading what is arguably the most important passage in St. Faustina's *Diary*, when Jesus tells St. Faustina: *"I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet"* (699).

Jesus promises that the soul that has been to Confession and receives Holy Communion will be completely wiped away of the two stains that are on our soul. Those stains are sin and the punishment due to sin. The special grace promised by our Lord for Divine Mercy Sunday is nothing less than the equivalent of a complete renewal of baptismal grace in the soul.

But how can you receive this complete forgiveness of sins and remission of all punishment? After all, some of may be in quarantine, haven't had our vaccine and are too comprised to come to church or go out in public, so making it to Confession and Communion are impossible.

There is, however, still a way to receive this grace. Do these three things on Divine Mercy Sunday with the intention to turn away from sin in your life: **Make an Act of Contrition**

Since you are unable to get to Confession, make an Act of Contrition, instead. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states, "Among the penitent's acts contrition occupies first place. Contrition is 'sorrow of the soul and detestation for the sin committed, together with the resolution not to sin again'" (1451).

You will be completely forgiven of all sins, even "mortal sins if it includes the firm resolution to have recourse to sacramental confession as soon as possible" (*Catechism*, 1452).

### Make a Spiritual Communion

Since you may not be able to receive Holy Communion, make a Spiritual Communion instead, asking God to come into your heart as if you received Him sacramentally — Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. For instance, you can say this:

#### Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire You in my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You were already there, I embrace You and unite myself to You; permit not that I should ever be separated from You. Amen.

Again, do this act of trust with the intent to return to the sacrament of Holy Communion as soon as possible.

#### Say a prayer like this:

*"Lord Jesus Christ, You promised St. Faustina that the soul that has been to Confession [I'm unable, but I made an Act of Contrition] and the soul that receives Holy Communion [I'm unable, but I made a Spiritual Communion] will receive the complete forgiveness of all sins and punishment. Please, Lord Jesus Christ, give me this grace."*

Finally, please remember that this extraordinary promise of Divine Mercy Sunday is for everyone. Tell your non-Catholic friends about it. Everyone can ask Jesus to forgive their sins. Everyone can make a Spiritual Communion. And everyone can ask for this grace to completely wipe their slate clean of not only all sin, but all punishment due to sin. Normally, the punishment is not remitted unless one has absolute perfect contrition. And unlike a plenary indulgence, there is no requirement of having perfect detachment from sin. In other words, as long as we have a desire for this grace and intention to amend our lives, we can be completely cleansed with grace similar to our original Baptism. It is a way to really start over in our spiritual life! Jesus told St. Faustina, *"Divine Mercy is mankind's last hope of salvation"* [see *Diary*, 998].



**HOSPITALITY:**

Christian  
Kindness  
"We are ALL  
hospitality  
ministers"

Hospitality



## Annual Dinner Auction

**Benefiting  
Assumption School and PSR  
May 7, 2022, 6:00 - 10:00pm**

[www.facebook.com/AssumptionDinnerAuction/](https://www.facebook.com/AssumptionDinnerAuction/)

**Sign up to Volunteer for the Auction!**  
(days leading up to the auction, day  
and/or night of the auction, clean up)



**Questions? Contact:**

Sign up to help here or by contacting, Amy Rinearson (call or text) 314-412-5364 or email [auction@abvmtech.org](mailto:auction@abvmtech.org)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FA9AD2EA1FCC61-auction>

**We especially need Help the night of the auction!**

Bartenders- 5:30-10:30pm  
VIP Table servers 6:00-10:30pm  
Check in Table 5:30-7:00pm  
Check out table 9-10:30pm

Clean up Crew the day after as well 10:00 am  
Great opportunity for service hours!

**Any amount of time is appreciated!**

Amy Rinearson (call or text) 314-412-5364

Email: [auction@abvmtech.org](mailto:auction@abvmtech.org)

**Disney**  
**DESCENDANTS**  
**THE MUSICAL**

**Tickets on Sale:**  
**GraceBeyondGravity.com**

**Click on Buy Tickets & pick your show!**  
**\$12 Ages 12 and up - \$7 Ages 4-11**

**Friday May 13 @ 7:30pm**  
**Saturday May 14 @ 7:30pm**

Assumption School Gym  
O'Fallon, MO

*Grace Beyond Gravity*



### Thank you

#### For The Diapers!

The Diaper "Corral" in the Parish Center was overflowing with for our annual Diaconate Diaper Drive. You generously gave 4327 Diapers (baby and adult) and many baby wipes. Thank you, thank you, for making our Diaper Drive a success!

**MINIVAN NEEDED** for an Afghan family of seven settling in STL. If you or someone you know has a minivan to donate/sell, please contact Jane at 314-580-0505 or Chris at 314-303-8573.



### Full time Maintenance Person Needed at Assumption



Our parish is now hiring a full time Maintenance Technician for the church/school campus, 7am-3:30pm, Monday - Friday, with additional hours for snow removal or special events.

The Maintenance Technician will perform general preventative maintenance and corrective repair of buildings, equipment and grounds. Three years of experience in building maintenance are required. Trade skills such as carpentry, plumbing, electrical, painting, heating and cooling, mechanical, etc., are a plus. Must be able to lift/move/carry up to 50 lbs. and work from ladders, scaffolds and platform lifts.

Benefits include health/dental/vision plan, 403b retirement plan, vacation and sick leave. If interested, please send your resume to Mark Vogt, Business Manager, at [mvogt.abvm@gmail.com](mailto:mvogt.abvm@gmail.com).

### Assumption School is Hiring!

(Next school year, August - May, 2022)

**2 Teacher Aides Needed.** Full-time (7:20am to 3:30pm), \$15/hour, benefits. Those with Early Childhood coursework preferred. For more information and job description call/email Dr. Pat Hensley at 636-340-4474 or [phensley@abvmtech.org](mailto:phensley@abvmtech.org).

**Middle School Reading/Writing Instructor.** Full time. Google Suite/Classroom certified preferred. MA preferred. Contact Dr. Pat Hensley for more information. 636-240-4474 or [phensley@abvmtech.org](mailto:phensley@abvmtech.org).



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

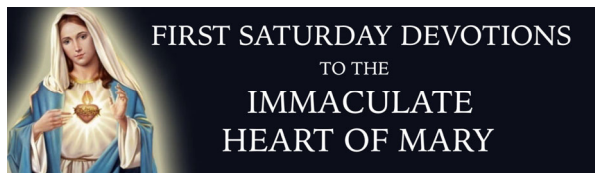
- 1 Peter  
4:10

Service

### St. Vincent De Paul Needs YOUR Help!

Everyone is feeling the strain of rising costs of food, gas, and everything else. Inflation is keenly felt especially by those struggling to make ends meet. St. Vincent De Paul has seen an increase in calls for assistance, including food. Currently needed items include: ketchup, mustard, mayo, BBQ sauce, juice, fruit drink mixes, cornbread mix, sugar, vegetable oil, SPAM, canned ham. Liquid dish soap and laundry detergent are frequently needed. Cookies or candy would be appreciated for families with children but we realize that is a luxury item. Donations can be dropped off in the Narthex. We humbly thank you for your gracious and generous support!

Important



### FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Beginning the first Saturday in May (May 7<sup>th</sup>) we will have the [First Saturday Devotions to Our Blessed Mother](#). After the 8:00am Mass, we will pray the Rosary and then recite the prayers for First Saturday. Please join us if you can!

## Our Gifts to God and Parish

STEWARDSHIP  
*a way of life*

### Weekly Offertory

April 10, 2022

7/1/2021 - 4/10/22

The Bible Teaches It (Mal 3:10-12)

Actual Collections	\$	43,732	\$	1,460,852
Budget Target	\$	43,000	\$	1,587,500
Surplus / (Shortfall)	\$	732	\$	(126,648)

We Believe It (Acts 4:32-36)

God Honors It (Gen 14:18-20)

### TITHING

#### Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school

Original Loan	\$ 3,306,127
Current balance owed	\$ 1,198,954
Monthly payment	\$ 20,923

Last expected payment, August 2026

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

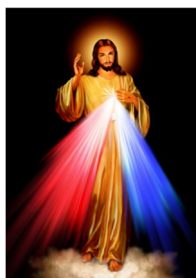


### Adult Confirmation

Are you an adult Catholic who has received all of your Sacraments except the Sacrament of Confirmation and would like to, please call the parish office at 636-240-3721. We will meet with you and walk you through the process of Adult Confirmation.



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



### JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU April 24, 2022 — Divine Mercy Sunday

ACTS 5:12-16; PS 118: 2-4,13-15, 22; REV 1:9-11A, 12-13, 17-19; JN 20: 19-31

Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, is Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Gospel reading from St. John is often called the story of "Doubting Thomas" but the passage involves so much more than the encounter with the skeptical apostle. It is rich with lessons of Christ's mercy to all, including an encouraging word from our Lord especially for us, His modern-day disciples.

While Thomas traditionally takes all the bad rap for his doubts, we see that none of the Apostles were at their best when Christ first appeared to them after His resurrection. They were actually in hiding, cowering behind a locked door, paralyzed by fear and doubt.

But Jesus appeared right in their midst in spite of the lock on the door. Was it to rebuke them for their lack of faith? Quite the contrary.

He comes on a mission of mercy. He comes to offer them peace and the restoration of their relationship with Him. And even more, He commissions them to become ministers of His mercy, by giving them authority to forgive sins. At that moment Christ gives to all of us the supreme gift of mercy — the sacrament of Reconciliation. What a precious and powerful gift!

This Sunday is a perfect time to reflect on how well we make use of this gift. Do we really appreciate its healing power? Could we become better stewards of this gift by going to Confession more often? We must also reflect on how well we extend mercy to others as Jesus did to Thomas that day.

Let's commit ourselves to becoming faithful disciples and stewards of Christ's mercy. We will be those very ones to whom Jesus gave a "shout out" during His encounter with Thomas: **"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed"** — **in His merciful love.**

### PRAY, PRAY, PRAY - Every Tuesday in the Chapel!

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 6:15pm, 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."

## QUILTS

### VALOR

### Quilters Wanted!!

Quilts of Valor Eastern Missouri is a non-profit group that makes and presents quilts to military veterans. We meet 2 or 3 times a month to hand quilt, and we are looking for additional quilters. If you would like to join us, here is a partial list of dates and locations. For more info, call Mary Jo Edson 636-577-3663.

**May 10th at**  
Wentzville Community center  
**May 25th at**  
Charette Baptist Church, Marthasville  
**June 8th at**  
St. Ignatius in Concord Hill  
**June 28th at**  
Assumption Church, O'Fallon



"...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

Adult Formation

#### OFFICE INFORMATION

403 N Main Street, O'Fallon MO 63366  
636.240.3721 Parish Office  
Hours - Mon-Thu 8:00am-4:00pm  
Fri 8:00am-3:00pm

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**  
636.272.4758 (Helpline)

**ASSUMPTION SCHOOL:** 636.240.4474

#### BULLETIN NOTICES

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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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