

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Third Sunday of Easter

*Jesus said to
Simon Peter,
"Feed my sheep."*

John 21:17

May 1, 2022

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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.



ANOIDTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721



RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION of ADULTS

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



RITE of CONFESSION

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



FUNERALS

Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721



CONFIRMATION

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



FIRST COMMUNION

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

Welcome

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Hello,

This weekend (Saturday, April 30th) our 8th graders are celebrating their Confirmation. I remember when I was growing up that I was confirmed during the first year of high school. I have been told by some others that they were confirmed in 2nd grade just a week or two before they received their First Communion. So what is the right age to be confirmed?

The universal laws of the Church state that it should be around the age of discretion unless the conference of bishops determines another age. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has approved "that the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Latin rite shall be conferred between the age of discretion and about sixteen years of age, within the limits determined by the diocesan bishop." This range has been the practice for quite a while, so depending upon what diocese you were in and when it was, there might be a range of ages at which you were confirmed. So why would you choose 2nd grade vs. high school or whatever age in between? There are good reasons for either extreme, or meeting somewhere in between.

Confirmation, like Baptism, is one of the sacraments that you receive once and that is it. It makes a permanent change to you that we cannot nor do we need to repeat. So why not receive it as soon as possible? In the early Church (as is still practiced in the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church) a child was Baptized, Confirmed, and received their First Communion all in the same ceremony. These began to be separated when there was a conflict between wanting to baptize a child as soon as possible once they were born, and the desire that Confirmation was to be reserved to be celebrated by the bishop. The bishop only got around to some places every year or two and we didn't want to delay baptism that long. Once we separated the sacraments, and Confirmation didn't have to be as soon as possible, the question arose as to whether there are benefits to one age over another?

The age of 8th grade to sixteen recognizes that at this age we are becoming more independent, starting to go out in the world a bit more by ourselves. We are more challenged in living out our faith by the world around us and we are more responsible to be witnesses of and evangelists for our faith. The gifts of the Holy Spirit that we receive in this sacrament are appropriate for these concerns and at this age. We can better understand and thus be more open to receive these gifts, so it seems an appropriate age for the sacrament.

Alternatively, by 2nd grade we are already able to have some level of understanding, and we know the difference between right and wrong. By delaying the sacrament some consider that we are ignoring the fact that the gifts of the sacrament are freely given by God and we can start putting too much emphasis on our action in the sacrament instead of God's. Instead of arguing over which is the best age, I like to consider this a situation where there are very good reasons for each age (and as the USCCB has said, it is up to the bishop to decide).

So keep the 8th graders in your prayers that they be open to fully receive God's gifts in their Confirmation. Hopefully they might be getting more independent of their parents, but more dependent upon God.

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

Adult Formation

SPRING CHORAL CONCERT TODAY! Assumption Chapel

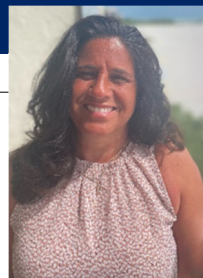
The Concert Arts Association invites you to join us for our 50th season of musical excitement on **Sunday, May 1st at 3:00pm**, as the Choral Arts Singers present their SPRING CONCERT here at Assumption Parish in the CHAPEL. We are so happy to be performing again and hope that you can join us for "When Our Voices Rise", featuring the joyous song "How Can I Keep From Singing" as well as the title song by a local composer. Admission is free, but donations are welcome to help the Concert Arts Association continue their efforts of bringing musical enjoyment to our community. Come one, come all, for an afternoon of delightful entertainment.

We look forward to singing for you again!

For additional information about the concert, the choir, or if interested in joining the Choral Arts Singers, contact Bonnie Lang at 636-887-2899, visit our website (www.concertarts.org) or Facebook (Choral Arts Singers).

TODAY! Hospitality Sunday

All are invited! After the 8am; 10am; & 12pm Masses to join us for Donuts, Bagels, coffee, juice and milk!! It's our favorite time of the month to gather and visit with one another! While you are there, you will have a chance to purchase our 150th Anniversary sweatshirts and t-shirts at a discounted price!! We also have 150th DVDs and our Heritage Books!! AND if you are new to our parish and haven't had a chance to register, or you have registered, we have our awesome Welcoming Committee there to answer any questions that you might have!! We also welcome the newest members of our faith to please join us to continue celebrating YOU!! There is SO much to celebrate at our wonderful parish during this Easter Season!



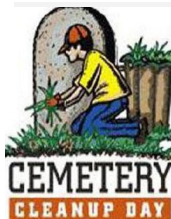
We are excited to welcome Nancy Gomer of O'Fallon as the new Director of Communications and Marketing for Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish and school. Nancy is a longtime parishioner and avid volunteer, and comes to us with more than 13 years of communications, marketing, and public relations knowledge, combined with 16 years of television and radio news and promotions experience.

"It's a blessing to be able to use my talents and skills to serve the Lord, and an honor to be a part of this elite team of loving professionals," says Nancy Gomer, Assumption Director of Communications and Marketing. "I thank God for leading me to where I need to be – right here at Assumption." In this new role, Nancy will be responsible for external communications of parish and school events, activities, volunteer opportunities and much more! She looks forward to keeping the community connected to all the great things we're doing by spreading the good news using various marketing tools.

When Nancy's not spending time with her family, she enjoys giving back to the community by volunteering. She currently serves as Festival Publicity Coordinator, Wedding Coordinator, and Eucharistic Minister for Assumption; and Secretary of the Deer Creek Estates Homeowners Association.

To contact Nancy, call the parish office at 636-240-3721 ext. 239 or email

Nancy.Assumption@yahoo.com.



On Saturday, May 7th, at 9:00 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.



"For thus says the Lord: When you call Me, and come and pray to Me, I will listen to you. When you look for Me, you will find Me. Yes, when you seek Me with all your heart, I will let you find Me..."

Jeremiah
29:10-13

Prayer



Please consider a gift to the
Annual Catholic Appeal.

Your generosity will immerse our communities in God's unconditional love, which fills all of our hearts and unites us as **one family, Brothers and Sisters All.**



When we consider the Lord as the Good Shepherd, we see how He unites us as His flock, bringing us together under His protection. We know that He cares for each one of us more deeply than we can understand.

Please give to the Appeal or visit aca.archstl.org to learn more about how the Appeal helps our brothers and sisters in need overcome the obstacles they face. You can also Text-to-Give by texting "ACA" to 243725. We continue to ask parishioners to support the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal. In today's Gospel, Jesus shows the apostles who they are to become: fishers of men. The Appeal helps us to continue seeking out all of our brothers and sisters so that we can bring the light of the Gospel into their lives. If you have not yet made a gift the Annual Catholic Appeal this year, please do so today. You can pick up your pledge card after Mass, make a gift online at aca.archstl.org or use Text-to-Give by texting "ACA" to 243725.

OUR 2022 CHALLENGE GOAL IS \$175,950

Unafraid, we make sacrifices for others, not because they are Catholic, but because *We Are Catholic.*

OUR TOTAL PLEDGED TO DATE IS \$35,324

2022 Annual Catholic Appeal pledge cards will be available for pick-up at church this weekend. In addition you can make your pledge online, stop by the parish office and fill out a pledge card.

- ♦ Give online at archstl.org/aca. Click the "Donate Today" button. NOTE: In order to calculate pledges made by Assumption parishioners, please add "Assumption - 344" to the comment box located in the Additional Information section. Thank you for your generosity!
- ♦ Scan the Barcode with your phone to Donate Today!



SCAN
TO GIVE



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS
TO THE
IMMACULATE
HEART OF MARY

Beginning the first Saturday in May (7th) 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!

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.

Mass Times/Intentions

Reconciliation

MONDAY 05.02.22

6:30am Ralph Elmendorf
8:00am John Rothermich

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

TUESDAY 05.03.22

6:30am Priest Intention
8:00am Elizabeth Ann Bytnar

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

WEDNESDAY 05.04.22

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

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

DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL

SENT *in his* LOVE

VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT RETREAT

MAY 13-15

ST. LOUIS, MO

for single women ages 18-30 • connect.pauline.org/retreat

Sent in His Love: Vocational Discernment Retreat with the Daughters of St. Paul

Spend a weekend apart with Jesus, and experience the life, mission, and spirituality of the Daughters of St. Paul. This weekend retreat includes daily Mass and Adoration, a silent retreat day, talks, one-on-one conversation with a sister, and recreation and fellowship with the Daughters of St. Paul community. Open to single Catholic women ages 18-30 seeking to learn more about the vocation to religious life. Learn more and register online at <https://connect.pauline.org/retreat>.



Prayer

PRAYER:

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



Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Holy Week and Easter Sunday liturgies beautiful and holy! A special thanks to our priests, musicians, lectors, live-streamers, videographer, sound techs, sacristans, ushers, our fabulous church decorators and cleaners, golf cart drivers, and those who participated in our liturgies. THANK YOU to everyone who CAME and PARTICIPTED whether in person or online. We are blessed to be surrounded by an amazing community! Happy Easter!!
May you find Christ here....May you bring Christ to the world!



Assumption 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) 223-859 or dianedon63@gmail.com or Kathy Boyd at (314) 308-7332 or mikebsr8518@gmail.com.



Weekday Masses will move to the Chapel beginning Tuesday, May 31, 2022

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Both the 6:30am & 8:00am weekday Masses will be held in the Chapel beginning Tuesday, May 31, 2022 - which is the Tuesday AFTER Memorial Day. NOTE that there will not be a 6:30am Mass on Memorial Day due to the holiday. Confessions will also be held in the chapel 30 minutes before the weekday 8:00am Mass and will end 10 minutes before Mass begins.

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Our Saturday morning Mass will also be held in the Chapel, beginning June 4, 2022 and also begins at 8:00am.

THURSDAY 05.05.22

6:30am Priest Intention
8:00am James Schweigert

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

FRIDAY 05.06.22

6:30am Vocations to PH and RL
8:00am Henry Prinster

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

SATURDAY 05.07.22

8:00am Priest Intention
5:00pm Ed Schoenherr

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

SUNDAY 05.08.22

8:00am Wehmeier Family
10:00am Rose (Angie) Powers
12:00pm People of the Parish
5:30pm Ruth Ell

By appointment

From the Principal's Pen

The Nation's Report Card



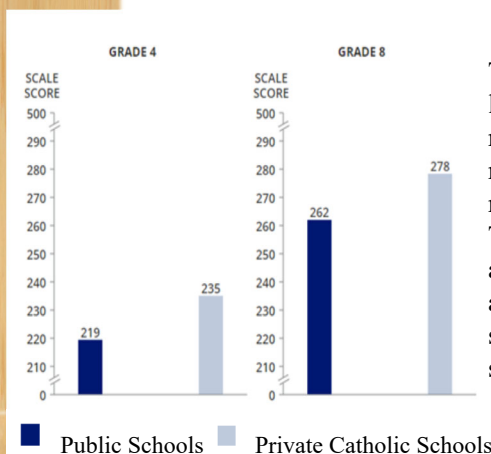
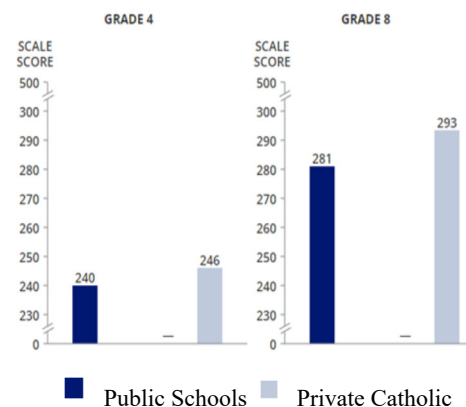
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Continuous
conversion
of mind and
heart
"Following
Jesus is the
work of a
lifetime"

Youth Formation

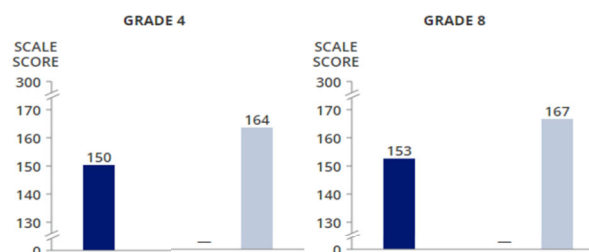
On May 25, 2019 the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), also known as the Nation's Report Card, released its findings from 2019 for math, reading and science for grades four and eight. NAEP is considered the most consistent measure of U.S. student achievement over time. National education experts are working to address a decrease in assessment scores for public schools, but Catholic school scores continue to remain high, outperforming public schools. The NAEP 2021 National Report Card will be available in 2023.

2019 Public vs. Private Catholic Mathematics

The NAEP mathematics assessment was designed to measure students' knowledge of basic facts, knowledge of basic measurement formulas as applied in geometric settings, ability to carry out computations using paper and pencil, and ability to apply mathematics to daily living skills such as those related to time and money. The assessment has a computational focus and contains a range of multiple-choice and constructed-response questions. It covers the following topics: numbers and numeration; measurement; shape, size, and position; probability and statistics; and variables and relationships.

**2019 Public vs. Private Catholic Reading**

The NAEP reading assessment was designed to measure students' ability to locate specific information, make inferences based on information in two or more parts of a passage, and identify the main idea in a passage. The assessment requires students to read and answer questions based on a variety of materials, including informational passages, literary texts, and documents. The selections include brief stories, passages from textbooks, and other age-appropriate reading material. Students' comprehension of these materials is assessed with both multiple-choice and constructed-response questions. The set of reading passages and questions included in the long-term trend assessments most closely reflect the objectives developed for that assessment.

**2019 Public vs. Private Catholic Science**

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) science assessment is designed to measure students' knowledge and abilities in the areas of Earth and space science, physical science, and life science.

Reminder: YOU are invited! Thursday, May 5th

Fine Arts, Robotics and Science Night and Ice Cream Social!!

Assumption School, 6:30-8:00pm

Don't miss it!

Here is *your* opportunity to visit Assumption School and see what happens throughout our year! Thursday, May 5th, 6:30 - 8pm, we are offering parents, students and ALL friends of Assumption parish 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 Social should be delightful, as well! (Each Assumption student will receive a free 1 scoop cone or 1 snow cone; adults pay for theirs.) Please stop by and see our wonderful school!

Thank you for reading about Assumption School! Pat Hensley





As of December 31st, 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 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, 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.

Disney DESCENDANTS THE MUSICAL

NEW SHOW ADDED!
Sunday May 15 @ 1:30pm

Tickets on Sale:
GraceBeyondGravity.com

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

SOLD OUT
Friday May 13 @ 7:30pm
Saturday May 14 @ 7:30pm
Assumption School Gym
O'Fallon, MO

Grace Beyond Gravity

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



DID YOU KNOW?...

We have an Assumption Chapel Endowment Fund!

Just like our houses, God's house also needs work to keep it maintained and looking nice. Here are a few things our beloved Chapel is in need of:

- carpet repairs
- walls patched and repainted from previous leaking
- new light fixtures will be needed soon

Please consider giving to this Fund to keep our historic landmark beautiful for generations to come!

An anonymous donor has created an endowment fund with the Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri to provide long-term support to our beloved Chapel. Distributions from the fund may be used only for expenses related to the Chapel, such as renovation, restoration, utilities, etc.

Should you wish to make a gift to the fund, please contact our Planned Giving Partner, Michael Weisbrod, at 314.918.2893 or michael.weisbrod@rcfstl.org. Gifts may be checks, stock transfer, IRA distributions (for those over the age of 70.5) or deferred gifts (bequests). Credit card gifts can be made online through the Foundation website <https://rcfstl.org/fund/> and clicking on this fund name: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church (O'Fallon) Chapel Endowment Fund.

Many thanks to our anonymous donor and others interested in ensuring the future of our beautiful and historic Chapel!



HOSPITALITY:

Christian
Kindness
"We are ALL
hospitality
ministers"

Hospitality



<https://ponyup2022.givesmart.com>



Annual Dinner Auction
Benefiting
Assumption School and PSR
May 7, 2022, 6:00 - 10:00pm

www.facebook.com/AssumptionDinnerAuction/

Have you purchased your GOLDEN RAFFLE ticket yet?
Don't miss your chance to win! <https://ponyup2022.givesmart.com>
Tickets are selling fast! \$100 each
Great odds! Only 100 tickets are sold!
Cash Prize \$5,000 (*if 100 tickets are not sold, prize will be 50%)

Join us for a...
Living Rosary - Sat., May 14
We will gather for 8:00am Mass in church, then head to the chapel for the Living Rosary by 9:00am.
Please bring a flower for to be placed by the statue of our Blessed Mother.
For more information, please contact Sylvia Kiphart @ 636.978.8803



SATURDAY, MAY 21
9AM START
FIRST ANNUAL 5K FUN RUN
370 LAKESIDE PARK
ST. PETERS, MO
REGISTRATION INFORMATION
CAN BE FOUND AT
WWW.HAILEYSHOPESWS.COM

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 Marlaine 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
- **Tuesdays, 9-10:30am, Meyer Room** (Now thru June) Marlaine Wood 636 359-4699 or marsamsarwin@aol.com
- **Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm, Meyer Room** (Now thru June) Marlaine Wood 636 359-4699 or marsamsarwin@aol.com

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.



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.

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.



"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

IN LOVING MEMORY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE
REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

Dolores Nallon
Of Our Parish Family

Ralph Severs
Husband of Jan Severs

Kathleen Zeushel
Sister of Missy Walsh

ICD Pro-Life Presents ROE v. Wade Movie

May 15th, 2:00pm, at Immaculate Conception Church of Dardenne Parish Hall (lower level of the Church) 7701 Town Square Ave.

Begins with opening comments by Jasha McQueen, a Missouri Right to Life board member and an amazing Pro-life lawyer. She has done legal work for the film's producer (Nick Loeb) and even has a small part in the film. Movie to follow. Cost is Free. Snacks and Drinks provided. RSVP appreciated but not required julie200400@msn.com



The Run for Life and Learning, benefiting Birthright STL, is June 4!

Join us at Creve Coeur Lake on June 4 for a chip-timed 6K Run/Walk, 1 Mile Fun Walk/Run, and ¼ Mile Kids Run with FRED BIRD®. Register or donate at runsignup.com/run4lifeandlearning. Contact us at run4lifeandlearning@gmail.com for sponsorship opportunities. Proceeds enable women who are financially stressed by an unplanned pregnancy to continue their education and secure better lives for themselves and their families.

Our Gifts to God and Parish

STEWARDSHIP
a way of life

Weekly Offertory

	April 17, 2022	7/1/2021 - 4/17/22
Actual Collections	\$ 38,408	\$ 1,542,992
Budget Target	\$ 41,000	\$ 1,628,500
Surplus / (Shortfall)	\$ (2,592)	\$ (85,508)

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

We Believe It (Acts 4:32-36)

God Honors It (Gen 14:18-20)

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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

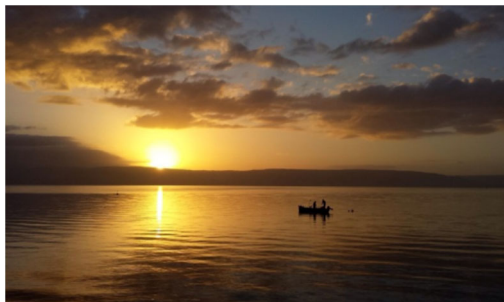
Last expected payment, August 2026

*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 and a priest will meet with you and walk you through the process of Adult Confirmation.



May 1, 2022

Third Sunday of Easter

ACTS 5: 27-32, 40B-41; PS 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; REV 5:11-14; JN 21:1-19

In today's Gospel, we find the Apostles dejected and discouraged following the death of our Lord. Poor Peter decides to throw in the towel on the whole disciple thing and go back to his old way of life, declaring, "I'm going fishing." Upon hearing this, the other disciples follow him.

How easy it is for all of us to backslide on changes we have made in our lives, especially when it comes to our spiritual lives. But look how Jesus treats the disciples during their "backslide." He is right there with them in the midst of it, already waiting for them on the shore when they come back from their unsuccessful return to the fishing business (after abandoning their mission as disciples). Our Lord greets them tenderly, gives them some fishing pointers, and then prepares their breakfast. How gracious He is to them!

He is just as gracious today. When we find ourselves "*out at sea*" — discouraged by our failures or for squandering the gifts God has given us, or simply by a lack of progress in our faith life, Jesus is with us! He is calling to us from the shore to come back to Him without shame or embarrassment, but with hope-filled trust in His steadfast love. ***He never tires of offering "do-overs" if we just keep returning to Him.***

This constant process of turning back to the Lord, of reevaluating our goals and priorities as we aim for Heaven, is the essence of a stewardship way of life. Let us take heart as we continue our journey today, secure in the knowledge that Jesus is beside us every step of the way.



"...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

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."

OFFICE INFORMATION

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