

# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



*Mother...*  
another word for *Love*

*Her children rise up  
and call her blessed...*

*Proverbs 31:28*

Mom, I will hold you in my heart,  
whether we live near or far,  
today, tomorrow & always.

**May 9, 2021**

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

## Sacraments/Other 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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## Happy Mother's Day,

As it is Mother's Day today I thought I would share some of Pope Francis's comments in his Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation "On Love in the Family". This document can help us see the ideal that God hopes for all families, and hopefully helps us challenge ourselves and one another to strive for all that God wants for us and for us to be. In the following paragraphs he talks about the special gift of mothers to their children and to all of society from the section on "The love of a mother and a father" (p 172-177).

We acknowledge as legitimate and indeed desirable that women wish to study, work, develop their skills and have personal goals. At the same time, we cannot ignore the need that children have for a mother's presence, especially in the first months of life. Indeed, "the woman stands before the man as a mother, the subject of the new human life that is conceived and develops in her, and from her is born into the world". The weakening of this maternal presence with its feminine qualities poses a grave risk to our world. I certainly value feminism, but one that does not demand uniformity or negate motherhood. For the grandeur of women includes all the rights derived from their inalienable human dignity but also from their feminine genius, which is essential to society. Their specifically feminine abilities – motherhood in particular – also grant duties, because womanhood also entails a specific mission in this world, a mission that society needs to protect and preserve for the good of all.

p174. "Mothers are the strongest antidote to the spread of self-centered individualism... It is they who testify to the beauty of life". Certainly, "a society without mothers would be dehumanized, for mothers are always, even in the worst of times, witnesses to tenderness, dedication and moral strength. Mothers often communicate the deepest meaning of religious practice in the first prayers and acts of devotion that their children learn... Without mothers, not only would there be no new faithful, but the faith itself would lose a good part of its simple and profound warmth... Dear mothers: thank you! Thank you for what you are in your family and for what you give to the Church and the world".

p175. A mother who watches over her child with tenderness and compassion helps him or her to grow in confidence and to experience that the world is a good and welcoming place. This helps the child to grow in self-esteem and, in turn, to develop a capacity for intimacy and empathy.

Thank you to all mother's on this Mother's Day, and every day.

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

## New HIRING

### ASSUMPTION DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES

Assumption Parish is seeking a Director of Music Ministries. This position is responsible for liturgical music at Assumption. Primary responsibilities include: planning music for the parish's ordinary Sunday Mass celebrations, Holy Days, and other sacramental events; playing at school Masses three mornings a week; playing at weddings and funerals (if possible); and recruiting and mentoring musicians to enhance every aspect of music for our worship. Please send cover letter, resume, and three references to: Fr. Nick Kastenholtz, Assumption Parish, 403 N. Main St., O'Fallon, MO 63366 or e-mail to [nicholaskastenholtz@archstl.org](mailto:nicholaskastenholtz@archstl.org).

For questions about the position, call (636) 240-3721 ext 242.

### Personal Care Assistants:

Collaborative Governance of the Franciscan Sisters of Mary and the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood are seeking two full-time Personal Assistants who address the full range of non-medical care needs of the Sisters. One will help the Sisters at The Sarah Community in Bridgeton. The other will assist the Sisters at Villa Theresa Apartments in O'Fallon, MO.

*Experience:* Coordinating a wide variety of tasks, time management and creative problem solving. Understanding the aging process and issues of diminishment are beneficial, prior experience working with elders is preferred.

Send resume to Allison Hewitt at 3221 McKelvey Road, Suite 107, Bridgeton, MO, 63044 or [Ahewitt@collaborativegovernance.org](mailto:Ahewitt@collaborativegovernance.org).

### Temporary CLEANING POSITION at St. Dominic High School

We are seeking to fill a temporary cleaning position during the summer. The position, which will span the months of June and July, will be Monday through Thursday from the hours of 6:30 am - 4:30 pm. Those interested should contact Facilities Manager Steve Wing at (314) 709-1439.

### All are Welcome, Every TUESDAY!

Please come and pray for peace and special intentions.  
The Rosary and Perpetual Help Devotions:  
Tuesdays at 6:15pm in the Chapel.

### Assumption Blood Drive – Coming Soon!

Assumption Parish will be hosting another blood drive and you are encouraged once again to consider making a donation of the *Gift of Life*. You may donate if you have had COVID-19, if you are at least 14 days symptom free. There is no deferral period after receipt of the COVID vaccine. Donations of all blood types will be gratefully accepted. If you are blood type O-, O+ or B-, your blood is critically needed at this time.

Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center will be in the parish hall on Sunday, May 16, 2021, 9:00am – 1:30pm, and we look forward to welcoming you there! If you have not donated blood since March 20, you are eligible to donate at this drive. Donations must be by appointment only to accommodate social distancing.

During this challenging time, many blood drives are being cancelled. YOUR donation is more important than ever so that the needs of patients in the area can be met. Strict protocols are in place to ensure your safety and the safety of the blood being collected.

You may go to [www.bloodcenterIMPACT.org](http://www.bloodcenterIMPACT.org) (use sponsor code 9007) to schedule an appointment; or call MVRBC at 800-747-5401 for assistance in scheduling. Please visit [www.bloodcenter.org](http://www.bloodcenter.org) for information about COVID-19 protocols relating to blood donations. Mississippi Valley representative, Terry Deters, is also available to answer any questions you may have about donating. He can be reached at 314-852-3842. Parish coordinator, Mary Anne Robinson, can also be reached at 636-541-2823 to assist with scheduling.





"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



## A Mother's Day Prayer

All-loving God... we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need;

*May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.*

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us;

*May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.*

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict;

*May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.*

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

**Amen**



## MONTHLY OUTDOOR MASS

At Our Lady Queen of Peace Shrine in O'Fallon, on Wednesday, May 12th at 7:00pm. Fr. Nick from Assumption Parish will be our celebrant. Rosary and chaplet of Divine Mercy will follow after Mass. Please bring a lawn chair. In case of rain it will be cancelled. Please call Ruth at 636-233-1082 with any questions.

## Week at a Glance

	MONDAY 5.10.21	TUESDAY 5.11.21	WEDNESDAY 5.12.21
Mass Times/Intentions	6:30am Helen Marie Copeland 8:00am Ann Makarsky	6:30am Lorraine Salfen 8:00am Elfrida D'Souza	6:30am Community Benefactors & Prayer Enrollments 8:00am MaryAnn Salas
Readings	1st Reading: Acts 16:11-15 Gospel: Jn 15:26-16:4	1st Reading: Acts 16:22-34 Gospel: Jn 16:5-11	1st Reading: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 Gospel: Jn 16:12-15
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

WHAT THEY WILL BE DONE



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

THANK YOU

The family of John Rutherford would like to thank Msgr. McCumber and all who participated in the funeral Mass.

By appointment





**FORMATION**  
Continuous  
conversion  
of mind and  
heart  
"Following  
Jesus is the



## From the Principal's Pen

Mission Day is an annual event sponsored by Mrs. Ryan and our 8<sup>th</sup> graders. This year, the mission's focus was **"Heifer International"**, an organization whose goal is to end poverty and hunger. "Heifer" works toward their goal by asking businesses, organizations, schools and individuals to schedule some activities or a drive to raise money. This money is sent to "Heifer" where pigs, cows, alpaca, chickens, etc. are purchased for families in 21 countries around the world. In addition, "Heifer" educates the families about taking the animal resources to feed themselves (eggs, milk, etc.) and also develop a small business where selling eggs, milk, wool, etc. will help them sustain their livelihood.

This entire week, our students were educated through prayer services organized and lead by our 8<sup>th</sup> graders, through movies from "Heifer" and lesson plans about the 21 countries and families from around the world, and through Activities on Mission Day: Pin the tail on the Heifer, Lasso the Heifer, and creating Heifer Masks to wear. Our students on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> had Jog-A-Thons and raffles to help raise monies for the program.

**Thanks to our students and their families, we raised \$3,164.**



## April is Poetry Month

National Poetry Month is the largest literary celebration in the world, with tens of millions of readers, students, K-12 teachers, librarians, booksellers, literary events curators, publishers, bloggers, and, of course, poets marking poetry's important place in our culture and our lives every April. Inspired by the successful celebrations of Black History Month (February) and Women's History Month (March), the Academy of American Poets established National Poetry Month in 1996. Along the way they enlisted a variety of government agencies and officials, educational leaders, publishers, sponsors, poets, and arts organizations to help. National Poetry Month is a registered trademark of the Academy of American Poets. The goals of National Poetry Month are to:

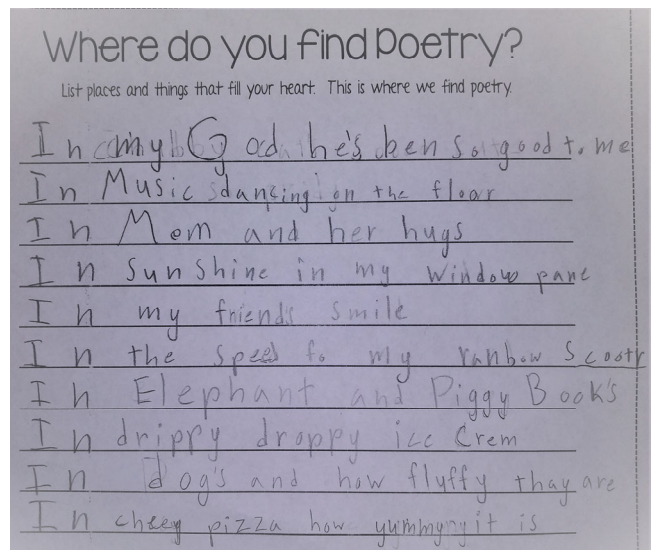
- highlight the extraordinary legacy and ongoing achievement of American poets
- encourage the reading of poems
- assist teachers in bringing poetry into their classrooms
- increase the attention paid to poetry by national and local media
- encourage increased publication and distribution of poetry books
- encourage support for poets and poetry. Assumption Faculty have been participating in the "Dear Poet" project with students. Teachers use free poetry lesson plans and curriculum units on Poets.org.

At Assumption, our 2nd grade students were asked to write about "Where they find poetry" with the beginning of each line beginning with the word, "In". Now, spelling and grammar aren't the important thing in this exercise, rather that they express their real feelings about where they find poetry. Here is a sample:

Pretty impressive, right? I was thrilled with all of the poetry from these students and others in our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. I am proud of each student as they work to become poets.




**Thanks for reading about our school!**

*Pat Hensley*







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 Assumption Life Teen  
 @assumption\_LT



Youth Formation

## Happy Easter!! From Assumption Life Teen!

We are so grateful for the ways that God has continued to move in the community of our teens through Lent and now into this Easter Season! Coming off of our Luke 18 Retreat, we continue to be blessed with new life and great evenings filled with community, good food, and powerful prayer. The young Church is alive and Well - Praise Him! We can't wait for what's coming next and are loving praying into this season of the Resurrection with you, our parish community.

## Sunday, May 9th - No Life Night ~ Mother's Day Weekend

### Summer Retreats!

Join us this summer for two incredible retreat opportunities! Retreats are vital experiences of fun, faith, and friendships that can make your summer the best yet! We have two retreat opportunities this summer:

**June 13-19: Catholic Heart Work Camp** is a week-long retreat focusing on growing in faith and service. We will be going to Memphis, TN to serve and grow in faith together with teens from all over the country. During the day, teens work in groups doing works of mercy at various sites. Each day, we celebrate the Mass and have an opportunity to grow in a particular aspect of our faith. Teens grow in community, in fun, and return from this retreat with a greater appreciation of the dignity of the human person. \$305 per teen

**July 16-18: Steubenville Mid-America Week 2** is a dynamic weekend youth conference held at Missouri State with thousands of teens from the Midwest.

This exuberant and powerful weekend features some of the best speakers around, powerful worship, and transformative experiences of the Sacraments. Teens attending this conference grow strong bonds with other youth from their parish that invigorates the Life Teen Community throughout the year. \$160 per teen

**Bundle Deal: Both Retreats for \$450!**



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



Have a question? Contact **Becky Whitaker, Director of Youth Ministry**  
636-240-3721 ext. 243 or [becky.assumptionlt@gmail.com](mailto:becky.assumptionlt@gmail.com) - Instagram: @assumption\_life\_teen

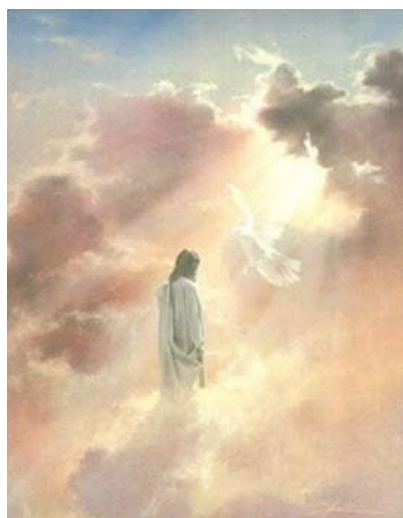
**SERVICE:**

Love in  
action  
"Truly I tell  
you,  
whatever  
you did for  
one of  
the least  
of these  
brothers and  
sisters of  
mine, you  
did for me."

Matthew  
25:40

Service

## The Ascension of the Lord – May 16



### A Reflection on Jesus' Ascension ~ by *The Word Among Us*

On the feast of the Ascension, we are called to rejoice both in Jesus' victory over sin and death and in the glorious life that he has secured for us. We pray that we would experience the new life that is ours in Christ.

Three aspects of that new life stand out in the Second Reading for the feast: "*May you know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe*" (Ephesians 1:18-19).

As Christians, our hope is secure because it rests in Jesus' death and resurrection. Because Jesus has overcome sin forever, we can live in freedom and peace, no matter what situations we may face. We have been reconciled to God. We are no longer strangers. Every day, we can live in confidence, knowing that our God is with us to strengthen and comfort us.

Our hope is also founded in the inheritance Jesus won for us—none other than being with our Father forever, knowing him intimately, in all his splendor and beauty. In his ascension, Jesus has opened the door for us. Though we are sinners, we have been forgiven and redeemed. We are now fully loved and accepted as God's children, and we will live with him forever.

As we live every day in the hope of our eternal inheritance, however, we can begin to taste these blessings here and now. This is part of the "immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe."

Before he returned to his Father, Jesus promised his disciples that anyone who believed in him would be able to cast out demons, heal the sick, and perform signs and wonders in his name (*Mark 16:17-18*). How? By the power of the Holy Spirit, who lives inside of us. The same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead is in our hearts, inviting us to yield to him and empowering us to live in the victory of the resurrection. No challenge is too great for a child of God!

#### Points for Meditation:

As the disciples watched Jesus being lifted up to heaven, do you think that they would have been tempted to feel abandoned and panicked about their risen Lord leaving the earth?

Think of a time in your life when you felt as if Jesus had abandoned you. How can Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit (*Acts 1:5,8*) bring you comfort at such a time?

Exercise your hope today by calling to mind Jesus' death and resurrection and the salvation he won for you on the cross. How can you more fully place your hope and confidence in these truths?

Have you "tasted" the blessings here and now of your eternal inheritance? Ask God for a powerful outpouring of his Spirit so that he can manifest his power in your life.

#### Prayer:

Lord Jesus, we rejoice in your ascension to the Father's right hand. Thank you, Lord, for offering us a share in your heavenly life. By your Spirit, help us to lay hold of our inheritance in you—the hope, the glory, and the power that are the right of every child of God.



# 1st Annual Corn-hole Tournament!!



Calling all weekend corn-hole warriors! Assumption is looking for its first ever corn-hole champion! The Assumption corn-hole tournament will be held **from 7:00 – 10:00pm on Saturday, May 22**, under the lights on the youth soccer fields. Each team may consist of 2 men, 2 women, or a man and a woman. The entry fee is \$60 per team, and each team is guaranteed a minimum of three games.

There will be hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, and beer for sale throughout the evening. You must be 21 to enter. We'll have a waiting list for those who sign up after the first 64 teams have signed up and paid. **Sign up TODAY!**

For more information, contact **Kelly Gessert at 636-728-8840 or by email at [kelly.gessert@gmail.com](mailto:kelly.gessert@gmail.com)**. All proceeds will go towards Assumption youth sports. We are also in need of corn-hole boards. If you have a set that you would like to donate for the evening, we will make sure it gets back to you in the same shape we received it.



"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



## Our Gifts to God and Parish

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

	April 25, 2021	7/1/2020 - 4/25/2021
Envelopes (244) & Checks	\$ 18,165	\$ 946,444
Loose	\$ 234	\$ 6,733
Electronic	\$ 10,048	\$ 489,721
Total	\$ 28,447	\$ 1,442,898

**Needed to sustain our mission 1,601,500**

**Loan Balance as of 3/31/2021: \$1,451,114**

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1Peter 4:10

**STEWARDSHIP**  
*a way of life*

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

**TITHING**

## MAY THE MONTH WE HONOR OUR BLESSED MOTHER MARY

All are welcome to join us **Saturday, May 15 at 9:00am** to gather around the Fatima grotto located in front of the Chapel to pray the rosary. May 13 marks the first day in 1917 on which the Blessed Mother appeared to the three shepherd children of Fatima in Portugal.

**ACTS 2:2-4** — “And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind. . . . And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.”



### ALL ARE INVITED TO WEAR RED — PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 23<sup>RD</sup>

On May 23<sup>rd</sup> the Church celebrates the great feast of Pentecost! We celebrate the gift of the **Holy Spirit** who empowers us to live and love as Jesus, utilizing His very power in this world. The color for Pentecost is **RED** and you will see the priests wear red vestments. We invite everyone to wear **RED** on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, if you can do that easily, as an outward sign of our inward openness to the Holy Spirit and belief in His power among us.

Whether you are able to wear **RED** or not, may people be able to see in our lives the very power of the Holy Spirit alive in our hearts!



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- *Ephesians*  
4:15-16

Adult Formation

**K of C Queen of Hearts.** KC Hall, every Tuesday. Doors open at 5:00pm and drawings begin at 7:00pm.

**K of C Collection Drive on May 16th.** 9am – 1pm. 202 W. 3rd Street.

**K of C 100th Anniversary is this summer!** Be on the look-out for exciting events this Summer!



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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 294.0821.



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