Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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.



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.



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.



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.



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





FIRST COMMUNION

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



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Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721



FUNERALS Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721

Welcome

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Hello,



When we think about the 4th of July and the Declaration of Independence one of the words that we think of is Freedom. We celebrate the freedom from being ruled by a king (the British Crown) and another nation (the State of Great Britain) and declared that we are to be Free and Independent States. Freedom is something we identify very strongly with as a nation and can react strongly when we are aware that it is threatened, and that is why I think it is important to recognize how we use and understand the word Freedom.

Looking up definitions of freedom, the primary concerns that are normally mentioned are the ability to act or choose and for this to be done without any constraint or coercion. It is common for us to think that anything that would bias our decision from choosing one thing over another would make that choice less free. But the Catholic Church considers this word a little differently. I remember when I had my first class on morals in the seminary and telling my professor that he was using the word 'free' wrong, or at least differently then is standard for our culture and the English language. The difference was that he, and the Church, were defining a decision to be 'more free' if it was towards our good. It took me a little while to accept this use of the word, but I now not only have accepted it, but also will clarify that I am using it in that context at times when talking to others.

I think this is an important distinction to make not only to be able to more clearly communicate, but also because at its root there is a fundamental difference that is becoming more pronounced between our faith and the general culture. In our faith we believe there are absolutes such as God, sin, and truth. Whereas society is recognizing less and less absolutes as a larger percentage of people are atheists, or even more so agnostics and consider that we can't know if there is or isn't a God. We hear the phrases 'my truth' or 'your truth' used, and if there is no God, and no truths, there definitely can't be any sin. If we don't believe in any absolutes then it is hard to say that anything is good or bad for someone, and so we get back to the more common definition of freedom when any bias in a choice must make it less free, since there can't be something that is absolutely more or less good for someone.

But this isn't what our Declaration of Independence says: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

I guess we do have some absolutes we believe in as a country: truths, a Creator, and even some unalienable Rights, things that sound worth celebrating. Maybe once we can agree on our definitions for Freedom and Life, we might even start to consider Happiness.

Peace, Fr. Nick



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



Assumption Fall Festival, October 16th-17th!

We are looking for a few more amazing people to join our planning team. Meetings for the Fall Festival will begin mid-July and the following Captain positions are available: Dining Room/Dining Room Tickets, Volunteer Coordinator, Country Store and Cleanup.

If interested, please contact co-chairs, Aaron Bruns, 913-620-8830 or Joe Huff, 314-265-8137.

We look forward to seeing everyone this Fall!

Coronavirus Dispensation Lifted

Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski Invites the Faithful Back to Mass.

As the world moves forward on the path of healing, we invite everybody in the Archdiocese of St. Louis to gather together again to experience the Eucharist—the true presence of the Body of Christ—in its fullest form. On July 1, 2021, Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski lifted the dispensation of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for all of the faithful in the Archdiocese of St. Louis—meaning that we are all called to return to Holy Mass in person each Sunday. (Archbishop Rozanski has made a video inviting us all back to Mass in the following link: https://youtu.be/dCYuyopNEVM)

To accommodate the needs and concerns of all our parishioners Assumption is updating our safety protocols and other liturgical directives as follows:

- Those fully vaccinated are no longer required to wear masks in the church.
- Those not fully vaccinated are asked to please wear masks except for when they are receiving the Eucharist.
- Part of the church has every other pew blocked for those who desire to continue the full 6 ft. social distancing.
- Baptismal Font and Holy Water dishes have been filled
- Prayers, scripture readings, and music lyrics are still being projected, but Breaking Bread Missals are also available as you enter the church.
- We will begin passing the Offertory baskets again on July 4th
- The Sign of Peace is reinstated, but with no physical contact
- Distribution of the Precious Blood remains suspended until further notice
- Parishioners who are sick, homebound, immunocompromised and gravely concerned for their health retain
 the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass, which has always been the case in normal times.
 Though we should take the obligation to attend Mass seriously, no one is ever morally obligated to do
 something that would jeopardize their health or the health of other people.
- For More Information and Resources please visit: <u>Archstl.org</u>



"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

For when I am weak,
then I am strong.
2 Corinthians 12:9-10

<u>July 4, 2021 — Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> EZ 2:2-5; PS 123:1-2, 2, 3-4; 2 COR 12:7-10; MK 6:1-6

Our readings today remind us that, even in our weakest and toughest moments, God has a plan.

In our Second Reading, St. Paul describes a "thorn" that had been given to him. He believed this thorn to be the thing that kept him grounded as he said,

"to beat me, to keep me from being too elated."

At first, he asked the Lord to remove this cross, but the Lord replied, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." Through this explanation, St. Paul resolved to believe, "I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong."

We all bear crosses in this life, whether they seem to be little thorns or sharp daggers. The easiest thing to do, as St. Paul did, is to pray for the cross to be taken. It would be great if all of our struggles just magically faded away! But listen to the Lord's words, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."

Stop and reflect on your cross. Instead of wishing it to go away, look at it as an opportunity to grow and to allow God to work in your life. God permitted this cross in your life for a reason. Do not let the opportunity for Christ to work on your heart pass you by.

Today, recall that God loves us more than we could ever imagine. There is not a moment that goes by that He does not have us in mind. He has a specific plan for our lives. Therefore, may we encounter life's challenges with confidence in Christ.

2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

It's not too late to turn in your pledge card. You can give by dropping your pledge card in the mail, dropping it off at the parish office or in the collection basket, or directly online at aca.archstl.org. Please visit aca.archstl.org to learn more about how the Appeal uplifts the lives of those we serve. Assumption Parish's goal for 2021 is \$176,400. Our pledges we have received as of June 28th are: \$153,479. Thank you all, for your support!

All are Welcome, Every TUESDAY!

Please come and pray for peace and special intentions.

The Rosary and Perpetual Help Devotions: Tuesdays at 6:15pm beginning with the rosary in the Chapel.

Week at a Glance

	MONDAY 7.5.21	TUESDAY 7.6.21	WEDNESDAY 7.7.21	
Mass Times/Intentions	6:30am No Mass 8:00am Elfrida D'Souza	6:30am Lorraine Salfen 8:00am Tom Swoboda	6:30am Sr Dorothy Ann Katke CPPS 8:00am Frank Keeven	
Readings	1st Reading: Gn 28:10-22	1st Reading: Gn 32:23-33	1st Reading: Gn 41;55-57	
	Gospel: Mt 9:18-26	Gospel: Mt 9:32-39	Gospel: Mt 10:1-7	
Reconciliation	7:30 - 7:50am Church	7:30 - 7:50am Church	7:30 - 7:50am Church	
	Or by appointment	Or by appointment	Or by appointment	

Service Members on Our Prayer List:

Christopher Schneider Anthony Horvath Scott Boatright Steve Boatright Thomas Townsend Shaun Brown D.O. Aaron Davis Jason Jones Dustin Hesscamp Austen Thomas Alexander Boden Christopher Weber Gabriel Gage

Michael Nachtmann Allen Mann Alex Struckoff Connor Smit Sydney Smith Miranda Gerringer Marissa Johnson Michael Pabst Garrett Einggeli Robert Rodamaker Brian Cole Calvin Pieper Brenden Seibert Ellie Prinster Caroline Victor Travis Schalk Anthony Northway Jeffrey Northway Virginia Brawley Joseph Gibbons Graham Mullin Jason Nickell Tanner Swafford Caleb McDowell Alex Murphy Drew Huskey Logan McCummisky Cody Wade

Anna Bello

Son of Shelly and Jim Schneider Nephew of Judy Horvath Son of Mary and Don Boatright Son of Mary and Don Boatright Grandson of Lorraine Cully Son of Rick and Andrea Wild Son of Tammy and Tim Davis Grandson of Joyce Hunn Grandson of Joyce Hunn Son of Jeanine Thomas Grandson of Bob and Jan Weber Grandson of Bob and Jan Weber Nephew of Madeline and Larry Gage and Grandson of Julitta Gage Grandson of Carol Nachtmann Grandson of Carol Nachtmann Nephew of Keith and Jean Boal Nephew of Keith and Jean Boal Niece of Keith and Jean Boal Granddaughter of Keith and Jean Boal Great Granddaughter of Ruth Ell Son of Cathy and Chuck Pabst Grandson of John and Sherry Busken Great Grandson of Clarence Schneider Grandson of Henrietta Cole Grandson of Howard and Carol Pieper Grandson of Larry and Shirley Boyer Granddaughter of Henry & Norma Prinster Granddaughter of Henry & Norma Prinster Grandson of Karl Schalk Grandson of Mary Lou Becker Grandson of Mary Lou Becker Granddaughter of Walter and Pat Curtis Grandson of John and Sharon Gibbons Grandson of Norbert and Mary Stoverink Nephew of Larry & Sue Buehler Grandson of Marilyn Shaffer Great Grandson of Larry & Dolores Lantiegne Grandson of Larry & Dolores Lanteigne Son of Karla & Bret Falkner Great Grandson of Arnold & Dottie Becker Son of Mike & Beth Wade

Niece of Tina Cay





A Soldier's Prayer

Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen

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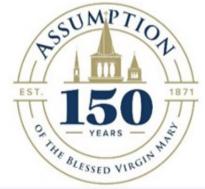
THURSDAY 7.8.21	FRIDAY 7.9.21	SATURDAY 7.10.21	SUNDAY 7.11.21
6:30am Community Benefactors & Prayer Enrollments 8:00am Henrietta Cole	6:30am Agnes Benne 8:00am Jim Ballmann	9:00am Sr Timothy Cullen CPPS 5:00pm Robert Hanko	8:00am People of the Parish 10:00am Audrey Lange 12:00pm Jamie Roth-Lehman 5:30pm Mary Jane Hibbeler
1st Reading: Gn 44;18-21 Gospel: Mt 10:7-15	1st Reading: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30 Gospel: Mt 10:16-23 7:30-7:50 am Church	1st Reading: Gn 49:29-32, 50:15- 26 Gospel: Mt 10:24-33	1st Reading: Am 7:12-15 2nd Reading: Eph 1:3-10 Gospel: Mk 6:7-13
7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	Or by appointment	4:00 - 4:45pm Church Or by appointment	By appointment

150th Anniversary Spirit Wear



HOSPITALITY:

Christian Kindness "We are ALL hospitality ministers"



Help us celebrate our 150th Anniversary by wearing some of our spirit wear created just for this monumental celebration!! What a special time in our history for our community! Let's share it with one another!! Check out the Information and Pre-Order Forms by visiting our webpage at: www.assumptionbvm.org. There are also forms in the back of church (and below). Happy ordering!!

Any questions, please contact Nancy Sullivan at:

mnsullivan74@yahoo.com or (636)240-3393.

Are you excited to wear a T-Shirt, short sleeve or long sleeve, Hoodie or sweatshirt that represents Assumption Parish and this monumental celebration that you are a part of?!?! If yes, please check out a couple of samples of these fabulous items that we believe you will be proud to wear!! Please see Order Form below to pre-order your 150 Anniversary of Assumption Parish and Assumption School items!

One side has Youth sizes, the other side has Adult sizes.

Please mark your order and put the total amount due on the Grand Total Line.

Currently, we are accepting checks and cash. Please make checks payable to *Assumption Parish* and mail your form and check to the parish office: 403 N. Main Street, O'Fallon, MO 63366. OR you may drop your order form and payment in the collection basket OR drop it off at the parish office.

You may also place your order by contacting Nancy Sullivan at: mnsullivan74@yahoo.com or (636)240-3393!

Pre - Ordered shirts will be available for pick up by Sunday, August 15th during our Back-to-School / Parish Picnic beginning at 12:00pm!

Thank you for helping celebrate such an important time in the history of our amazing parish and school!

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

Adult Sweatshirt/T-shirt orders

	Price Sm	Med Lg	XL 2XL
T-Shirt	\$20		
Long Sleeve T-Shirt	\$25		
Crew Sweatshirt	\$30		
Zip Front Sweatshirt	S30		
Hoodie	S35		

Name	
Phone Number	
E- Mail	

Youth Sweatshirt/T-shirt orders

	Price	XSm	Sm	Med	Lg	XL
T-Shirt	\$20					
Long Sleeve T-Shirt	\$25					
Hoodic	\$35					

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Life Teen Summer!

We have an incredible summer of fun and faith planned for our teens and can't wait to see how God moves.



<u>Tuesday, July 6 – Breakfast Club & Open HQ</u>

Tuesday is THE day as far as Life Teen Summer goes, with Breakfast Club: 8 a.m. Mass in the Chapel, followed by breakfast out! The fun continues with Open HQ from 3:00 – 6:00 pm, featuring food, games, community, and opportunities for prayer.

Wednesday, July 7 - Steubenville Teen & Parent Meeting

7:00 – 8:00pm in Hall C

All teens attending Steubenville need to attend this meeting with at least one parent attending. We will review all relevant information regarding our time at this incredible conference.

Thursday, July 8 - Field Trip: Party at the Park!

12:00 Noon – 7:00 pm Broemmelsiek Park 1795 Highway DD Defiance, MO 63341

Join us for a day in nature! Bring a book, frisbee, hammock - it's up to you! We will meet at the park. Includes dinner & smores over a campfire.

<mark>Sunday, July 11 – Life Night: Water Wars</mark>

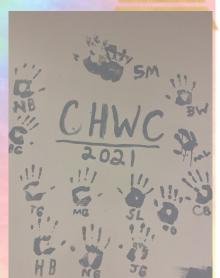
Join us for a night of fun, food, faith, and wild competition! Wear clothes you don't mind getting messy (no white shirts please).



What's Coming Next?!
Will be Here Before
We Know It:
Steubenville (July 16-18)



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





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

Update Membership Information for our 2021/22 Member & Ministry Directory



Does our Parish database have YOUR family membership record correct?

Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual **Membership & Ministry Directory** (if you haven't already done so).

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.

- Have you eliminated your land line, and now have a cell number to replace it?
- Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon?
- Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record?
- Do you want your record published?

If you have not already informed the Parish Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the **Membership & Ministry Directory** is correct. The Parish Office number is 636.240.3721.



Save the date for the 21st annual Assumption Golf Tournament benefiting Assumption Catholic education programs! The tournament will be at The Falls Golf Club on Saturday, August 28th. It will be a 1:00pm shotgun start. Registration will only be available on-line. Watch the bulletin for more information in the coming weeks.

THANK YOU from the Respect Life Apostolate Ministry

We want to extend a sincere THANK YOU to all of the wonderful parishioners who continue to support this ministry in helping those who respect life! The generosity of our parish goes beyond measure and we are so grateful for your dona-

tion of the many diapers, the beautiful crochet blankets, baby clothes, and for all the ways you pray and help for those who choose life. Thank you for helping us live our parish Mission.

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Seeping Protect

PREVENT AND PROTECT UPDATE:

ALL VOLUNTEERS at Assumption Parish that work

with CHILDREN, the VULERABLE or the ELDERLY, must be registered in the Prevent and Protect site, have an updated background check and Code of Conduct to show Compliance with the Archdiocese. This is *MANDATORY*. You can go to our website; www.assumptionbvm.org, click on Resources, it will take you to the Protecting God's Children. Follow directions to begin registration.

If you have started this registration but have NOT received your CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION, that means you are not in Compliance with the Archdiocese, so please go back into your P&P account and double check your requirement checklist to see what needs to be completed and submitted.

After you have completed your registration into the P&P site, but have not taken a PGC workshop, scroll down where you can pick a session and click to register. If you have any questions or concerns about your Compliance status, please contact Lynn Crews at 314-578-0741 or lynn.assumption@gmail.com.

1st Annual SVDP Backpack Drive!



'Christmas In July'



and school supplies to start the 2021-2022 school year!

We need your help!

There will be Christmas Trees set up in the Narthex and Parish Center Lobby (Church basement) **THIS WEEKEND and the weekend of July 11**th.

During the backpack drive we are asking parishioners to take a tag with 'school' items of need. The tags are broken into categories: Grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Tags will have a list of the supplies needed for each specific age group.

We ask you to purchase and fill a backpack with the needed supplies and then *attach the tag* TO THE BACK PACK and then return it to church the weekends of August 1st & August 8th.

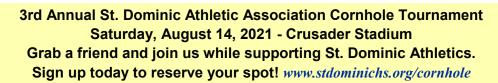
- The idea is similar to that of the Giving Tree at Christmas time but in July with School Supplies!
- If you have questions, please contact Gina Ostermeyer at (314) 913-9601.
- WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESS!!





"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





Our Gifts to God and Parish

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

7/1/2020 - 6/6/2021 June 6, 2021 Envelopes (276) & Checks 1,068,218 23,989 Loose \$ 8,351 \$ 317 Electronic 558,913 \$ 14,330 Total 1,635,482

STEWARDSHIP

Needed to sustain our mission 1,784,000

Loan Balance as of 5/31/2021: \$1,360,295

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

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

TITHING

Assumption Cafeteria Workers Needed

Would you like to earn some extra money, part—time or as a substitute worker when needed? This is ideal for school parents while your child is in school (or anyone interested). If interested, please call Ann Orr for hours and salary, 314-623-5980.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of: John Gibbons Husband of Sharon Gibbons

> Rosemary Sansone Of Our Parish Family

Robert Rubbelke Brother of Fr. Ron Rubbelke

Tamara Duggan Wife of Gerard Duggan and Mother of Jessica Cook

> Madonna Mrzlack Of Our Parish Family

> Cindy McCurren
> Of Our Parish Family

Pray the Rosary Before Weekend Masses:

Join us in Church 30 minutes before each weekend Mass, for the Rosary. We will gather and pray before the Holy Family Statue.



MONTLY OUTDOOR MASS

Wednesday, July 14th at 7:00pm, at Our Lady Queen of Peace Shrine in O'Fallon.

Fr. Peter Fonseca 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. Questions? Please call Ruth at 636-233-1082.



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- Ephesians 4:15-16

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

K of C Will Host a live band playing Peter, Paul, and Mary tribute music on Saturday night, July 17th. This concert will benefit our Faith in Action Collection Drive which provides much needed food, personal care items, and household supplies to various charitable agencies in our area. Admission is \$1 plus a donation to our Drive. More details to come.



OFFICE INFORMATION

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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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