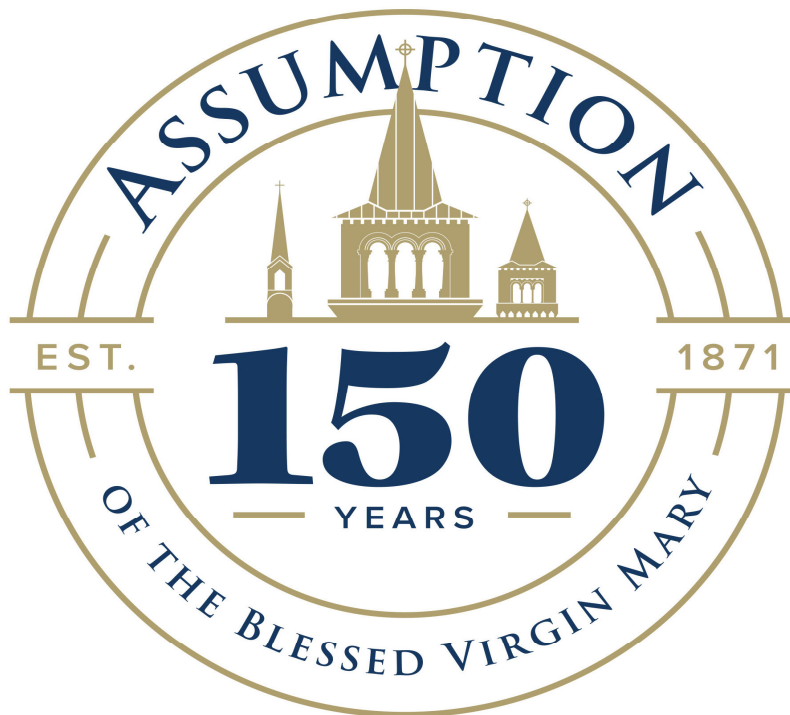


Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Please Join Us

September 5, 2021



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

Anniversary Mass and Grand Reception Saturday, September 18th

Event begins at 5 pm Mass with Auxiliary Bishop Mark Rivotuso Presiding •
Followed by 6 pm Reception with Food & Drinks, Birthday Cake, Beer & Wine •
Commemorative Video at 7 pm • Memorabilia Displays and Photos •
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Welcome

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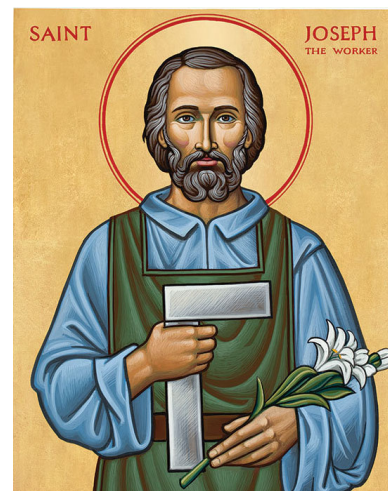
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Hello,

As we celebrate Labor Day weekend and it being the Year of St. Joseph, I can't help but think of his being the patron saint of workers. Let us just take a moment to reflect on the value of work, that when approached in the proper manner, allows us to participate in the creative work of God.



A Prayer to St. Joseph For Workers

Joseph, by the work of your hands
and the sweat of your brow,
you supported Jesus and Mary,
and had the Son of God as your fellow worker.

Teach me to work as you did,
with patience and perseverance, for God and
for those whom God has given me to support.

Teach me to see in my fellow workers
the Christ who desires to be in them,
that I may always be charitable and
forbearing towards all.

Grant me to look upon work
with the eyes of faith,
so that I shall recognize in it
my share in God's own creative activity
and in Christ's work of our redemption,
and so take pride in it.

When it is pleasant and productive,
remind me to give thanks to God for it.

And when it is burdensome,
teach me to offer it to God,
in reparation for my sins
and the sins of the world.

(Note: This prayer was taken from the booklet "Devotions to Saint Joseph" by Brian Moore, S.J., printed and published by the Society of St. Paul.)

May we have an enjoyable weekend and go back to our labors respecting the dignity of our work and the work of others.

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



NOMINATIONS NEEDED FOR PARISH COUNCIL!!

With some of our pastoral planning we are also restructuring our Parish Council. The Council will help the pastor to keep track of the progress of each commission, help them to work together as needed, and assist the pastor in making other decisions for the parish. The Parish Council is comprised of 12 people who will serve 3 year terms each, requiring 4 new people each year. I would ask that you consider if you or someone you know may be called to serve our parish in this manner.

To nominate yourself or someone else for the parish council please e-mail me at nicholaskastenholz@archstl.org. Once we have received our nominations we will have an evening where the nominees can find out more specifically what is involved as a parish council member to help them discern if this is appropriate for them. New council members will be drawn from those accepting their nomination at Mass.

Any questions... please contact Fr. Nick or any of our current Parish Council members.

Assumption St. Vincent De Paul Needs YOU!!

Many of you may know how our own Assumption chapter of St. Vincent de Paul works with many Neighbors in Need to help when they may encounter difficulties with utility bills, rent issues, car repairs, food needs, etc. We would like to also draw attention to how homelessness is affecting our community. At any given time in St. Charles County there are approximately 1390 homeless adults and children. Currently here in O'Fallon there are 273 homeless. There are 532 persons currently in area shelters (which includes 155 children). Unfortunately, there are no shelters in the St. Charles County area that currently allow housing for males. With the absence of public transportation in our area, it is very difficult to hold down employment especially if you do not have a vehicle or a place to stay. There are some homeless clients who do however continue to hold down jobs while living outside.

As calls for assistance continue to grow since the Covid pandemic, we would like to ask for any assistance with our homeless client needs.

A few of the items that we are in need of at this time to help fight homelessness in our area are:

- Used adult bikes (We give out many bikes during the year to help the homeless clients get to work while living outside or in local hotels)
- Tents - small size or 1-2 people (\$24-\$29 on Walmart.com or Amazon)
- Sleeping Bags or Blankets
- Single Air Mattresses
- Gas Cards for QT - (We have many clients who live in their cars and occasionally need gas cards to get to work or run their cars for A/C or heat.
- Walmart Gift Cards - Allows clients to purchase non-skid shoes & clothing needed for jobs and phone cards
- Dollar Store gift cards or local food gift cards
- Flashlights or Lanterns
- Battery operated fans

If you would like to donate any of the above items to help us work with homeless clients or you have any questions, please call Tammy at 314-603-2395. We are happy to stop by and pick up any items for donation as well. Small items and gift cards can be dropped off at the parish office, but large items we will pick up from your home. Thank you!



"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



Parish School of Religion

Our PSR Ministry NEEDS YOU!!

PSR is looking for catechists that can bring joy to our program. Sharing how Jesus works in your life and helping children recognize Him in their own life is amazing to witness. Some parents enjoy the experience of sharing PSR with their child and choose to teach while their child is involved in the program. If you have interest in serving as a catechist, please reach out to Ann Marie to talk about what is involved. A small stipend is offered, but the benefits of a full heart are FREE! Please call (636)240-1020 or email Ann Marie at abvm@yahoo.com.



MONTHLY OUTDOOR MASS

Our Lady Queen of Peace Shrine in O'Fallon, on Wednesday, Sept. 8th at 6:30pm. Fr. Gerber will be our celebrant. Rosary and chaplet of Divine Mercy will follow Mass. Please bring a lawn chair. In case of rain it will be cancelled. Questions? Please call Ruth, 636-233-1082.

All are Welcome, Every TUESDAY!

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

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.

Labor Day Mass, September 6th

Celebrate the fruits of your labor with us – Mass begins **in Church** at **8:00am!** (**NOTE:** There will NOT be a 6:30am Mass. Also, please note that the **Parish Office is closed on this day.**). On this Labor Day, we pray that all who are looking for employment might find just and meaningful work and may all our labor ultimately lead to building up God's kingdom here on earth.

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Lance Corporal Jared Schmitz
Grandson of Gerard & Maureen Avenevoli

William Murphy
Husband of Vicki Murphy

William Klinghammer
Son of Bill and Joan Klinghammer

Richard Boettcher
Brother of Ron Boettcher

Week at a Glance

	MONDAY 9.6.21	TUESDAY 9.7.21	WEDNESDAY 9.8.21
Mass Times/Intentions	6:30am NO MASS 8:00am Tommy Svoboda	6:30am Pam Huss 8:00am John Rothermich	6:30am Living and deceased CPPS parents and relatives 8:00am Virginia Frankosky
Readings	1st Reading: Col 1:24 - 2:3 Gospel: Lk 6:6-11 7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	1st Reading: Col 2:6-d15 Gospel: Lk 6:12-19 7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	1st Reading: Mi 5:1-4 Gospel: Mt 1:1-16,18-23 7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment
Reconciliation			

Weekday Masses will move back to church beginning Monday, September 6, 2021

Both the 6:30am & 8:00am weekday Masses will move back to being held in the Church beginning Sept. 6, 2021 - which is also Labor Day. Please note that there will not be a 6:30am Mass on that day due to the holiday.

Confessions will also be held in the church 30 minutes before the weekday 8:00am Mass and will end 10 minutes before Mass begins.

NOTE: New change - beginning Saturday, September 11 - Saturday morning Mass will begin at 8:00am, they will no longer begin at 9:00am!

DON'T FORGET!

Important



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

Prayer

Hospitality Sunday

Due to the Labor Day holiday weekend, we **will not** be holding Hospitality Sunday on September 5th. **Please DO mark your calendars for next month, October 3, 2021**, and plan on joining us after our Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, & 12:00pm Masses!! We will be excited to have donuts, bagels, coffee, milk, juice and lots of fellowship!

Sacristan Ministry Help Needed

Sacristans (Pillar of Prayer - St. Francis) Mission Statement: We are the host, the server, and the guest for the banquet of the Eucharistic celebration, prepared so that our parish community may experience Christ's love and bring Christ to the world.

Is God calling you to participate in the preparation of the Body and Blood of Christ to our parish community that we may become one as the Body of Christ for the entire World? There is a great opportunity to become a part of the Sacristan ministry. Help is most needed in support of the 8:00 am daily Liturgy. Support at all of our liturgies are greatly welcomed. Please contact: Vicki Briggs 314-518-4048 victoria.j.briggs@charter.net for any questions.

Help needed

THURSDAY 9.9.21	FRIDAY 9.10.21	SATURDAY 9.11.21	SUNDAY 9.12.21
6:30am Deceased CPPS 8:00am Henry Prinster	6:30am Agnes Benne 8:00am Ruth Ell	9:00am Sr. Mary Lou Roussin, CPPS 5:00pm Alicia Calizo	8:00am Eileen Maher 10:00am Ruth Ell 12:00pm People of the Parish 5:30pm Patricia DuBuque
1st Reading: Col 3:12-17 Gospel: Lk 6:27-38	1st Reading: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 Gospel: Lk 6:39-42	1st Reading: 1 Tm 1:15-17 Gospel: Lk 6:43-49	1st Reading: Is 50:4-9 2nd Reading: Jas 2:14-18 Gospel: Mk 8: 27-35
7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	7:30-7:50 am Church Or by appointment	4:00 - 4:45pm Church Or by appointment	By appointment



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Youth Formation



From the Principal's Pen

STEAM instruction in Early Childhood

When Assumption received the \$331,000 grant to improve learning, teachers reviewed our curriculum and State standards to better develop plans for teaching. Our Early Childhood teachers, PreK through 2nd grade, decided that a "STEAM" (STEAM refers to science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics) classroom would enhance inquiry learning for young children. Inquiry instruction encourages active (often hands-on) experiences that support building understanding and vocabulary, critical thinking, problem solving, communication, and reflection. Our Early Childhood teachers will facilitate inquiry experiences by creating opportunities for their students to learn about the world through STEAM lenses and by asking high-quality, open-ended questions. The location will be our previously used Toddler Montessori classroom.



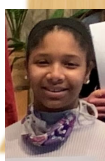
STEAM integration helps teachers focus on content (*what* to learn) and processes (*how* to learn). For example, a teacher could engage children in recording the weather each day on a chart and creating weekly summaries (three sunny days, two cloudy days) to support their learning of science and math content and also data gathering and analysis processes.

As students dive into integrated activities, they'll see that the STEAM fields are seen throughout the world. Students will also see that learning can come in many forms: asking questions, making connections with prior knowledge, gathering and analyzing data (including observations), and communicating findings and ideas.

We hope to have our STEAM classroom ready by September 15th.

Two 8th Grade Students Attend Truman State University

Two of our current 8th grade students were invited to attend the Joseph Baldwin Academy (JBA) at Truman State University during Summer, 2021. This three-week residential program has an academically challenging curriculum for grades 7-8.



Sydney Moore and Logan Szachniewski were chosen and their choice of programs were (respectively) "The Writer's Craft" and "Advocacy, Argument, and Persuasion". After completing the three week session, each student received a letter indicating their performance while in the class.

In Writer's Craft, Sydney's letter included the following, "Sydney's poem, 'I Have Always Hated the Word Stop', changed the way we practice the craft of writing." With all its cascading phrases celebrating and examining words and actions, pursuits and heroes, it had the faculty levitating." Logan's letter after taking Advocacy, Argument and Persuasion, stated, "Logan was one of the Prosecuting attorneys when they learned about forensic (legal) rhetoric in class. His case was, 'Illegal trafficking of Baked Goods', and his skills of argument, and persuasion were excellent."

JBA offers a selection of liberal arts and sciences courses taught by Truman Faculty that simulate the experience of a first-year college student. JBA was created in 1985 in order to provide the benefits of a liberal arts education to students beyond its own undergraduates. JBA is proud to provide an academic challenge to younger students that is truly one of the finest of such opportunities in the nation and significantly more affordable than many comparable programs around the country.

7th and 8th graders who are high achievers as indicated by GPA, IQ, enrollment in gifted courses, high standardized test scores, or equivalent measurement, qualify for nomination. Students are selected by the Principal and receive applications through the school.

Congratulations to each of these Assumption Students!

Thanks for reading about our school!

Pat Hensley





Happy Labor Day Weekend! We hope that the beginning of this school year has been blessed and going well so far. This weekend marks the end of our brief break from regular Life Nights to gear up for our upcoming fall semester. We will be back in action fully next week for our Life Teen & EDGE Kick Offs!



@assumption_life_teen



Assumption Life Teen



@assumption_LT



Youth Formation

What's Coming Next?!

September 12 – Life Teen Fall Kick Off: New Fire Festival
6:30 – 8:30 pm in Hall C

All high school teens are invited to kick off our incredible Fall Semester with the New Fire Festival! We will be celebrating our



theme for the year – New Fire – in a big way! Teens, expect dinner, treats, real fire (yes, seriously!), limited edition t-shirt, friends old and new and the beginning of an incredible year! We can't wait to see you there!

September 15 - EDGE Middle School Ministry Kick Off!
6:00 – 7:30 pm in Hall C

All 7th & 8th graders are invited to the kick off of EDGE - our new middle school youth ministry program! In tandem with 7th & 8th grade PSR, EDGE seeks to foster community, joy, and getting to know Christ and the teachings of our faith in a powerful and dynamic way. Middle schoolers, you can expect superheroes, candy, music, fun, games, and the transformative power of our Catholic faith. We can't wait to see what EDGE means for you!



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Have a question? Contact **Becky Whitaker, Director of Youth Ministry**

636-240-3721 ext. 243 or becky.assumptionlt@gmail.com - Instagram: @assumption_life_teen

Athletic Association!

*Monthly Meeting will be held 3rd Tuesday of the Month in the Parish Hall. All are welcome! (Next Meeting: Sept 21, 2021)

*We are looking to update our Website. If you would like to help, please contact Heather Wilkinson at haw322@yahoo.com

*Soccer & Volleyball seasons will be starting in the next couple of weeks!

*The Assumption Athletic Association is looking for referees to work the upcoming soccer season this fall. These are paid positions, or possibly for service hours if you are in high school. Contact Assumption's Soccer Coordinator, James Peters if interested at jampeters@stcharlessd.org.

*The Assumption Athletic Association is looking for a Basketball Coordinator. If interested, please contact Mike Bardgett at mrbardgett@gmail.com.

Help



"Let the little children come to me..."
Matthew 19:14, NIV

Children's Liturgy of the Word

**Are you called to share
the Word of God with children?**

Children's Liturgy of the Word is designed so young children can hear and experience the scripture readings in an age-appropriate way. We need volunteers to breathe life into our program. If you would like to share your time and talent, please to contact: Ann Marie Quan (636)240-1020
aquan@abvmtech.org



I ♥ Athletics





HOSPITALITY:

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hospitality
ministers"

Hospitality



Blue Mass

for

Emergency First Responders

September 12, 2021 | 10:00AM MASS

First Responders, please wear your uniform.

We want to HONOR YOU!



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150th Anniversary Spirit Wear

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! Check out the Information and Order Forms by visiting our webpage at: www.assumptionbvm.org. There are also forms in the back of church (and below). Any questions? Contact Nancy Sullivan at: mnsullivan74@yahoo.com or (636)240-3393.



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	\$30					
Hoodie	\$35					

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"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

A Military Mission for Mary!

If you are looking for a simple way to help spread your faith, please consider joining us on the last Wednesday of every month after the 8:00 am Mass, to make Military Rosaries. These rosaries are made and sent to our service men and women in combat zones, and those stateside preparing to be deployed. Since 2003, over 1 million combat rosaries have been sent to our armed forces around the world through their military chaplains. In the short time since we started this ministry, we have made over 900 rosaries, some of which we have made with and for children and young adults living in the local "combat zones" in the inner city of Saint Louis. Our new location for creating these rosaries, will be in the St. Vincent DePaul house just north of the church parking lot. We depend on donations and prayers to continue this effort, and would greatly appreciate your participation in our project. For more information, please contact Phyllis Rahe at 636-240-5285, 636-699-7167 or email phyllisrahe@hotmail.com.



Our Gifts to God and Parish

Weekly Offertory

August 22, 2021

7/1/2021 - 8/22/2021

Actual Collections	\$	27,029	\$	271,488
Budget Target	\$	35,000	\$	311,000
Surplus / (Shortfall)	\$	(7,971)	\$	(39,512)

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

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

Current balance owed \$1,344,802

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.

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It Is Hard To Imagine That There Could Be Any Life At The Other End Of Our Grief

The Grief Support Group of Assumption Parish cordially invites those of you, 18 years of age and older, who are grieving the death of a loved one, to our Spring Grief Support Series. Our first session will begin on Thursday, **SEPTEMBER 9th, 2021** in the Meyer Room at 7pm. Father Joe Kempf's video series, "No One Cries the Wrong Way," will be incorporated into each session along with prayer, personal sharing, and biblical reflection.

To register or for more information please contact: Lynn Crews @ 636-294-0821 or lynn.assumption@gmail.com. **Please register by Tuesday, September 7th!**

Men of Assumption Parish!!

Our Fall 2021 Season of "That Man is YOU" (TMIY) starts on September 18th

This season's content will be called "The Fight of Faith" (filmed Spring of 2019) to engage in the cosmic, spiritual battle raging in our day. Authentic masculine identities will emerge to inspire heroic lives of service to a calling greater than ourselves. The Fight of Faith is uniquely both contemplative and practical. The Fight of Faith is 26 sessions for the year, 13 in the Fall and 13 in the Spring.

The fall semester objectives: • Discover authentic Christian masculinity and enter into the cosmic battle that has been raging since the fall of the angels. • Rediscover and reclaim our identity as soldiers, saints, brothers, disciples, and apostles. • Encounter practical tools that aid in spiritual defense and development. • Enter into a deeper understanding of the Word of God.

God is calling you to become a better man after His own Heart.

We will meet in the lower hall of the Knights of Columbus building across from the school on 3rd St. Our start time is 7:15am with breakfast and after a short video and table discussion, we'll have you on your way by 8:30am.

For more information, please contact Deacon Richard at DeaconRichard@charter.net or by cell at 314-397-2433 for more information.



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Adult Formation

FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK Saturday, September 25, 2021

Quail Ridge Park in Wentzville

Great opportunity for fellowship and assisting our SVDP! Groups or individuals of all ages and sizes are welcome! Registration begins at 9:00 am. Walk begins at 10:00 am. Coffee & donuts provided / Lunch is served after. You can walk as far as you like.

Visit www.fopwalk.org to register or call Mary Luntz at 636-751-5286 All donations collected by our parishioners remain in our parish SVDP!

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

****The Knights Hall has 2 levels available for rent. For more information about hosting your next event, contact us at: 636-281-9223.**



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by Tuesday 9:00am

WEBSITE

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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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