Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

September 12, 2021

Please Join Us



Anniversary Mass and Grand Reception Saturday, September 18th

Event begins at 5 pm Mass with Auxiliary Bishop Mark Rivituso Presiding •
Followed by 6 pm Reception with Food & Drinks, Birthday Cake, Beer & Wine •
Commemorative Video at 7 pm • Memorabilia Displays and Photos •
Everyone gets a Commemorative Program • Heritage Books Available for \$35 •

Commemorating 150 years of Faith, Community, Service, and Fellowship

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

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Hello,

This week was the 20th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks that we have come to just refer to as 9/11. Most of us can remember where we were and what we were doing when we first heard about the airplane hitting the World Trade Center. We also need to realize since it has been twenty years already, all of those in grade school, high school, and most even in college were not even alive yet when it occurred. A generation has passed. That generation has grown up in the world that was changed by the responses that have come about since that day. Such as, you don't meet people at the gate at the airport, or you may know someone who served, or someone that was injured, or killed in Iraq or Afghanistan. As they see and hear the realities of our withdrawal from Afghanistan they, and many who have served there, may

When I was young the Vietnam War was occurring. I saw images on the news at times, and adults and even older siblings were arguing about it. But I wasn't really aware that it was changing our society and world. As I grew up I experienced how it has affected our thoughts and attitudes towards war, to other countries, and to one another. Along with knowing American veterans of the Vietnam War and those who protested against the war, I've also had friends who escaped Vietnam in the mid 70's and in the early 80's. I have heard their view of the war, their experience of the affects, and their perspective of America.

have heard how we began this war, but they do not remember it.

My parents are from the generation that fought in WWII. They remember when they first heard of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. So many went off to war. I've personally known countless American veterans, British veterans, a few German veterans, and a few survivors of concentration camps. Growing up my generation was told and taught of the horrors and the heroics, the atrocities and the sacrifices, the sinners and the saints of that war.

Today we continue to face challenges in the world, as we have in the past, and we will in the future. We pray that we learn from our actions and those of others in the past. We pray that we care for and treasure all life, our own and that of others. We pray that we have the strength to accept sacrifice to assist others. We pray for all people and especially our leaders that they have the courage and faith to choose to do not what is popular, or what is easy, but to be open to God's guidance to do what is right. We know that it is elusive, but may we continue to strive for peace for ourselves, our children, and the world.

Peace.

Fr. Nick

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"...living the truth in love. we should grow in every way into Him...from whom the whole body, held and ioined together by every supporting ligament brings about the body's growth and builds itself in love."

- Ephesians

4:15-16

NOMINATIONS 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.



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. We meet 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.

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.)
- Dollar Store gift cards or local food gift cards
- Flashlights or Lanterns
- Battery operated fans
- Walmart Gift Cards Allows clients to purchase non-skid shoes and clothing needed for jobs and phone cards

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 will PICK UP any large items for donation from your home, 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

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.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Laurie Donovan Mother of Tom Donovan



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.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

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

Children's Litural 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 at (636)240-1020 or aguan@abvmtech.org



Week at a Glance

Mass Times/Intentions

Readings

Reconciliation

MONDAY 9.13.21

6:30am Jim Ballmann 8:00am Bob Kaufman

1st Reading: 1Tm 2:1-8 Gospel: Lk 7:1-10 7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment

TUESDAY 9.14.21

6:30am Lawrence & Lila D'Souza 8:00am Alfred & Jean Rozanski

1st Reading: Nm 21:4-9 2nd Reading: Phil 2:6-11 Gospel: Jn 3:13-17 7:30 - 7:50am Church

Or by appointment

WEDNESDAY 9.15.21

6:30am Community Benefactors & Prayer Enrollments 8:00am John Rothermich

1st Reading: 1 Tm 3:14-16 Gospel: Jn 19:25-27 7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment



NOTE: New Change! Beginning Saturday, September 11th, Saturday morning Mass will begin at 8:00am. Mass will no longer begin at 9:00am.



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 or *victoria.j.briggs@charter.net* for any questions.



Mission Statement: Led by the Holy Spirit, Lectors use their voices to joyfully proclaim God's living Word to the community, helping to feed the assembly during the holy sacrifice of the Mass. Does this sound like you? If so, we would live to use your gifts to share with our community who attend the Saturday morning 8:00am Mass. For more information, please contact Barb Stettner at: 636-978-5930 or creativebarb@charter.net.

Our Parish Prayer

Lord Jesus, You call us to follow You as disciples. Help us to respond wholeheartedly without counting the cost. We commit ourselves to being good stewards. Help us to be grateful, accountable, generous, and willing to give back with humble hearts and make stewardship a way of life. Though the intercession of Your mother Mary, grant us the grace to understand, and the courage to accept the challenges and opportunities we have been given to: "Find Christ here and... bring Christ to the world."



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

Eucharist"

THURSDAY 9.16.21

6:30am Marilyn & Gene Meyers 8:00am Mary Jane Hibbeler

1st Reading: 1 Tm 4:12-16 Gospel: Lk 7:36-50

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

FRIDAY 9.17.21

6:30am Deceased members of the Chan & Mildred Sobczak family 8:00am Deceased members of the Prinster family

1st Reading: 1 Tm 6:2-12 Gospel: Lk 8:1-3

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

SATURDAY 9.18.21

8:00am Mr. & Mrs. Matt Heller 5:00pm People of the Parish

1st Reading: 1 Tm 6: 13-16 Gospel: Lk 8:4-15

4:00 - 4:45pm Church Or by appointment

SUNDAY 9.19.21

8:00am James Goodwin 10:00am Tom Groark 12:00pm Anna Rose Ballmann 5:30pm Elfrida D'Souza

1st Reading: Wis 2:12, 17-20 2nd Reading: Jas 3:16-4:3 Gospel: Mk 9:30-37

By appointment

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From the Principal's Pen

Where in O'Fallon is Jesus?

Our first graders have been talking about where Jesus is, and one project that they are working on is sending Jesus home each week. Each student will have Jesus and can take him to practice, shopping, church, or anywhere they travel that week. When Jesus returns with the student, that child completes a journal page of what the family did while Jesus was with them. By the end of the year, the class will have an entire book to read on where Jesus traveled in O'Fallon (and beyond!).



Our Journey Begins in Middle School Science

Our 6th Grade Science class provides the beginnings of significant investigations with equipment and processes. Mrs. Schenk, Middle School Science teacher, begins with her 6th graders learning SAFE-TY first, with students creating Safety Posters. In addition, students must be able to name scientific equipment and be quizzed on how to use equipment properly and safely.

This summer, we purchased 15 new Biological Light Microscopes and our 7th grade students are learning parts of the microscopes as well as how to focus the lenses on objects presented.

Our 8th graders are learning how to operate Bunsen Burners, and will be using these for upcoming experiments. The students are excited about their new journey into science and are eagerly awaiting their first experiment!



First ART Project for 3rd Graders

There is nothing better for 3rd graders than being able to splatter paint during Mr. Jon Gonzalez's

Art class! The "DRIP" technique is what these students recently studied. Jackson Pollock, an American painter and a major figure in the abstract expressionist movement, and his "splats" and "mushed" paint drips created this method of art.

As students learn about Jackson Pollock, they view his art works on the projection smart board, and then try to replicate the technique with paint and paper.



Hope you enjoyed reading about Assumption and our students!

God Bless

Pat Hensley





Happy Fall Semester! We hope that the beginning of this school year has been blessed and going well so far. We are fully back in action this week and SO ready for an incredible semester of fun, faith and community with Life Teen and especially with our new EDGE Middle School Youth Ministry!



Life Teen International chooses a theme annually to guide our ministry efforts for the year, both for EDGE and Life Teen. This year's theme is "New Fire" — all about the transformative presence of the Holy Spirit. When our lives are filled with meaning, when we care for others, and when we depend on the Lord, we give the Holy Spirit permission to do what only the Holy Spirit can do.

The New Fire of the Holy Spirit that fell at Pentecost on the Apostles falls fresh on us today, as we discover how to answer God's call in our own unique time in history. Come, Holy Spirit!



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and heart "Following Jesus is the work of a lifetime"

Here's what's going on this week

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. Heart of a Hero 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!

Coming Soon...

September 21 – LT Alpha Youth Launch Party

Fun, food, faith, and open discussion on the big questions of life begins Tuesday, September 21 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at LT HQ. Whether you're solid in our Catholic beliefs and want to explore it more OR aren't sure where you're at with the Faith and have questions, Alpha is for YOU! We can't wait to see what Alpha means for you.



October 29-31 – Life Teen Fall Retreat at Marianist Retreat Center in Eureka!!

Connect with us on Social Media: Instagram: @assumption life teen // @assumption edge Facebook: Assumption Life Teen // Assumption EDGE



Have a question? Contact Becky Whitaker, Director of Youth Ministry 636-240-3721 ext. 243 or becky.assumptionlt@gmail.com - Instagram: @assumption life teen

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Hospitality



Athletic Association

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

*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.



THANK YOU

The Family of Donald Niehaus would like to express our sincere appreciation for helping us through the loss of husband, dad and grandpa, Don. We are truly blessed with your prayers, cards, kind words and donations in his name to St. Vincent DePaul Society. A special thank you for the luncheon for the family and friends after the funeral at the K of C hall, it was greatly and deeply appreciated. Additionally, thank you to the Assumption Knights of Columbus for the Rosary at the visitation and use of the facilities for the luncheon. Thank you to Father Nick for your guidance and support. Your love was shown to us during this trying time in numerous ways. Don loved this Church and Church family and he will be missed by us.

Thank you, Kathy, Lisa, Jason and Nathan



**K of C Oueen 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.



We will be having our K of C Fall Fish Fry's this year!

Dates are October 1st, November 5th, and December 3rd. We will be going back to our normal menu: green beans, coleslaw, potato salad, cod and/or catfish, dessert. More information to come!





50th Anniversary Spirit Wear and Heritage Books

Help us celebrate our 150th Anniversary by wearing some of our spirit wear created just for this monumental celebration and purchase one of the amazing Heritage Books with glorious pictures and an abundance of historical information!! What a special time in our history for our community! Check out the information and order forms by visiting our webpage at: www.assumptionbym.org. There are also forms in the back of church and in the parish office. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Sullivan at: mnsullivan74@yahoo.com or (636)240-3393.

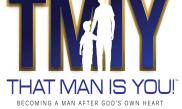
Men of Assumption Parish

Men, are you looking to deepen your relationship with God? Be a better husband? Become a more loving father? Build friendships with other like-minded men? And seek to be the best man you can be? Then Come Join us for...That Man is You! Saturday Mornings – Starting on September 18th. We will meet in the lower hall of the Knights of Columbus building across from the school on 3rd St. We meet at 7:15 - 8:30am with breakfast and after a short video and table discussion. Contact Deacon Richard at *DeaconRichard@charter.net* or by cell at 314-397-2433 for more information.

Week 1 - As For You, Man of God

- Speaker: Mark Hartfiel
- Battles in the Old Testament
- Understanding Divine Pedagogy
- The Old is Revealed in the New
- The Origin of Cosmic Battle
- Embracing the Leadership Roles of Men
- The Spiritual Battleground of the Family





- 1 Peter 4:10

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"As each one

has received

a gift, use it to

serve one

another as

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ards of God's

varied grace."



sharpens another." – Proverbs 27:17

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 — TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IS 50:5-9A; PS 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; JAS 2:14-18; MK 8:27-35

Jesus addresses His disciples saying, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." We are Jesus' disciples, and He is speaking those same words to us here and now.

Living a life of discipleship is not always easy. It requires us to be imitators of Christ — who suffered, died, and rose from the dead out of total love for each one of us. This means we are called to share in Christ's sufferings by taking up our cross and following Him daily.

God is calling you to become a better man after His own Heart. "As iron sharpens iron, so one man

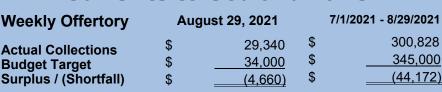
But what does this look like in our day-to-day lives?

We can start by making a firm resolution to follow Christ today, here and now, and renewing that resolution each day when we rise. This requires time with Him each day — speaking and listening.

We should also strive to pick up our crosses each day with Christ by our side. Our cross might be suffering from an illness, fighting an addiction, a day of screaming kids, or a period where things just don't seem to go our way. Instead of avoiding these sufferings or complaining about them, we are called to carry them with Christ, allowing Him to transform us through them.

If we live life constantly focused on us, we will ultimately lose ourselves, but if we surrender our lives for Christ and His mission, we will gain eternal life and become more alive than we could have ever imagined, "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." This takes daily commitment and requires endurance in our faith, which can only be done through active discipleship

Our Gifts to God and Parish





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 Original Loan \$ 3.306.127 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.



Assumption Sunday Preschool

Sundays during 10:00am Mass
~In the Parish Center
Information/Registration Form
2021-2022



- Lessons and activities center on the Gospel message for the week.
 - o Begin with prayer. Listen to Gospel story for that week
 - Rotate through learning/activity centers
 - Close with group prayer
- Children ages 3-5/6 (Preschool through Kindergarten). Children must be potty trained. Please provide a change of clothes if you feel it is necessary.
- Child may be registered in the middle of the school year (after 3rd birthday) tuition will be pro-rated.
- Classes are from October 3, 2021 through Sunday, May 1, 2022.
- No class on: 10/17/21 (Fall Festival) 11/28/21, 12/26/21, 1/2/22 and 4/17/22 (Easter)
- Class begins at 10:00 a.m. Drop-off may begin at 9:45 with pick-up at the conclusion of Mass.
- Parents must sign their child in/out each Sunday. During drop-off each week you will help your child find his/her nametag. Children will not be dismissed to siblings or friends – parent only.
- Tuition is \$40 for the first child and free for each additional child. *Please make checks* payable to Assumption Church.
- Late Registration will be accepted.
- Contact Denise Hoehne at 314-954-3192 for additional information.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW, DETACH AND PLACE IT WITH PAYMENT IN THE SUNDAY COLLECTION BASKET (in an envelope marked "Sunday Preschool") OR BRING IT TO THE PARISH OFFICE. REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETE PRIOR TO CHILDREN ATTENDING THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS.

Sunday PreSchool Registration Form – 2021/2022			
CHILD'S NAME		DOB	
AGE		IN KINDERGARTEN? Yes or No	
PARENTS' NAME(S)_			
ADDRESS			_
PHONE	CELL	EMAIL	_
EMERGENCY CONTA	CT (OTHER THAN PARENT):		
NAME		PHONE	_
RELATIONSHIP TO CI	HILD		_
Please list any HEALT	ГН CONCERNS, ALLERGIES, S	SPECIAL NEEDS, ETC	

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