



**The Call**

Stewardship is a lifestyle which involves a deeper understanding of our relationship with God, ourselves and others. It is a joyful response to the gospel invitation to recognize our responsibility to live our lives as Christian caretakers of God's gifts.

The call to a stewardship is a way of life that leads us to become disciples of Christ. Embracing stewardship leads to sharing what we have to make our family, parish, diocese, community and the world a better place.

**Responding to the Call**

Jesus' call is urgent. He does not tell people to follow Him at some time in the future but here and now - at this moment, in these circumstances. There can be no delay.

*"Go and proclaim the kingdom of God....No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:60,62)*

*Source: U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship*

We respond to the call of Christian stewardship through the use of our time, talent and treasure. Each of us is blessed in a variety of ways. These blessings come from God, not from what we may see as our own efforts. Any talents we possess that will allow us to achieve success are blessings from the Lord. Any treasure we may reap as a result of those talents is also a blessing from God. We don't know how much time we will have on this earth, but whatever time we have, we are called to use it wisely.

Becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ leads to the practice of stewardship. Discipleship and stewardship make up the fabric of a Christian life in which each day is lived in an intimate, personal relationship with the Lord. Following Jesus is lifetime work involving an ongoing process of study, reflection, prayer and action.



Using Our Gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure

**Time**

**Giving of time...**

*We spend time with God in prayer and worship, share our love with family and friends, and volunteer our time in parish and community activities that help others and promote justice.*

Time cannot be stopped, reversed or altered in any way. It is completely beyond our control, to be accepted "as is." It is, however, a gift to be cherished, God has given each of us a certain amount of time. It is our responsibility to use that time wisely to build God's kingdom on earth. Good stewardship requires us to make the most of our time. In so doing, we make God the center of our lives. God is present whether we are spending our time at work, with family or just relaxing.

***Do I see stewardship as a way of life, recognizing that God is present at each moment of the day?***



## Talent

### *Sharing our talents...*

*We acknowledge that God gives each of us certain abilities and gifts and that we are called to develop those talents for the good of others. We commit a certain number of hours each week to prayer and charitable activities.*

Our loving Creator has given each of us special blessings: talents, skills and abilities. He has entrusted us to “steward” our gifts, calling us to use them to benefit others. Unlike time and treasure, which we may believe we have in short supply, our many, diverse talents are a major, untapped resource that we are called to share with others - for our own sake and for the good of all humanity.

*Have I taken the time to discover what my talents are and how I can use them as a faithful steward?*



## Treasure

### *Giving of TREASURE...*

*We share our treasure as we share our time and talent. God does not hold back in His giving, and we must respond in kind, especially in providing financial support to our parish, diocese and other charitable programs.*

*We often hold onto our treasure with a firm grasp or a tight fist. Though it can be difficult to let go, that is exactly what we are called to do (let go and give back to God the first portion of our treasure). By doing so, we acknowledge that all we have is a gift from God to be shared with others - for our own benefit and for the benefit of others. When we recognize that what we accumulate in this life does nothing to prepare us for the next life, it is easier to let go and use that treasure in ways that will pay dividends in heaven.*

***Do I use my treasure for my parish, community charities, and the environment with which God has blessed me?***



*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"  
Matt. 6:21*



### **Automated Giving**

Many of our parishioners choose to automatically direct their financial gift to the church. You may use your bank or credit union's bill pay service to automate your gifts. Simply set up Assumption Parish as you would any other payee to pay according to the schedule you establish. Often times this flexible service is free of charge to you and is always free of charge to the parish.

- **Using Your Bank or Credit Union**
- **Online Giving:**

**Thank you for your dedicated support of our Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish community!** If you have any questions about automated giving options, please contact: **Mary Knapp, Parish Bookkeeper** at 636.240.3721 Ext. 234



### **Returning Your Commitment Card**

All members of our parish are invited to complete a stewardship Commitment Card, which will be mailed to each parish household. If you're already praying, involved in parish ministries and tithing, we still invite you to participate in our Stewardship Renewal through filling out a Commitment Card. Make the choice today to be faithful to your word and to what God is calling you to **this** year.

*"Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously, according to your means. For he is a God who always repays and will give back to you sevenfold." — Sirach 35: 12-13* (For your convenience, you can now complete and submit your **Commitment Card** online at: [www.assumptionbvm.org](http://www.assumptionbvm.org))

## THE FOUR PILLARS OF PARISH STEWARDSHIP



**Our stewardship ministries are gathered under these four pillars:**

**HOSPITALITY:** We strive to extend a warm, hospitable and loving welcome to all who join us in worship, service, study, social, or in times of personal need. We assist our parish community in presenting a visible sign of Christ's loving kindness in all we do.

**PRAYER:** We grow as disciples who are committed to prayer—individual and communal prayer, public and private prayer. Through prayer we are invited to draw closer to Jesus and to imitate Him in our daily lives. While Eucharist is central to our spiritual life, other prayer opportunities are made available.

**FORMATION:** We strive to educate, form and sustain the stewardship way of life for all ages through faith formation opportunities in the parish and school. We strive to be disciple stewards and give good example as we participate in parish life in ministries and on parish leadership teams. We are open to the continuous conversion to a life of stewardship - to sharing what one has with a loving, generous and grateful heart.

**SERVICE:** We strive to be servant ministers to the need of our parish members, the wider community and Church. We strive to serve compassionately those who are hurting or in need, lost or alone, or suffering in any way. We give thanks to God for all the gifts we have received and we celebrate the special events in the lives of parishioners.

For more information on **The Four Pillars of Parish Stewardship**, please visit the Catholic Diocese of Wichita. <http://catholicdioceseofwichita.org/office-of-stewardship/documents/the-four-pillars-of-parish-stewardship-1/283-pillars-of-parish-stewardship-1/file>

*As each one has received a special gift,  
employ it in serving one another as  
good stewards of the  
manifold grace  
of God.*



1 Peter 4:10

## A Piece of History about the Saints in our Church Building...

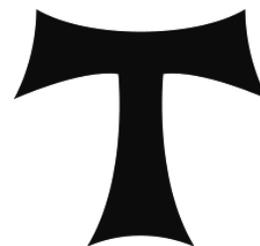


**St. Francis:** You are invited to follow in Saint Francis' footsteps; he has been represented as one of the four statues in our church and our reliquary holds a relic of Francis. He was chosen because of his simple living, gospel values and his care of the earth and all of creation.

You may have heard the stories about Saint Francis preaching to the birds in the forest, taming the wild wolf of Gubbio, or cautioning the rabbits and fish to be more careful but Saint Francis was much more than a lover of creation. He innately understood our communion (common-union) with all of creation, as well as the need to show mercy to all. God's mercy changes everything. Francis' life shows us that once you find God's mercy you will want to live it out each and every day.

He went from a rich young man to someone who had left his father's house, left his group of friends, and renounced every material possession he had to become a beggar for Christ. His chief characteristic was this complete trust in God, which was manifested in his embrace of "Lady Poverty" (Mary). Francis began moving in this "way of poverty" when following God's will was more important to him than material possessions. His way of living — surrendering his entire life over to God—has been emulated by Franciscans all over the world, which currently is the largest religious order in the Roman Catholic Church.

It has been said while Francis was gazing upon the San Damiano cross, Jesus loved him and said, "Francis, rebuild my church." "How" Francis asked. (At first he thought it was to rebuild the church stone by stone.) He soon discovered he was to rebuild God's Church by showing mercy and justice to all of creation; by spending time with Jesus and "Lady Poverty" (adoration and Mass) and definitely by studying scripture (bible study, readings for the week). After all, how else will you be able to bring the Gospel to life and life to the Gospel?





**St Vincent DePaul:** In August of 1617, as Fr Vincent de Paul was preparing for Sunday Mass, a parishioner brought news of the illness and destitution of an entire family in the parish. He preached on their need, and that afternoon the people responded in overwhelming numbers by carrying the family food and supplies. Vincent then called a meeting of interested women, and urged them to put order into their generosity by taking turns. With rules drawn up by Vincent, the women established a group which became the first Confraternity of Charity. (svdp-richboro.org) St. Vincent de Paul's path to becoming the patron saint of charities began when he recognized that the poor were not being evangelized or helped. This led him to first minister to the spiritual lives of his fellow priests, instilling in them a deeper pastoral call to nurture the poor just as Jesus did.



**The Holy Family:** Jesus, Mary and Joseph are the model of what family life is called to be. A family is a group consisting of parents and children living in a household, who have a common ancestor. Joseph, as husband and father provided and protected his family, teaching Jesus the ways of life. Mary as wife and mother, nurtured and helped shape who her Son was to become. Jesus, an obedient son, responded to the love his parents gave him and grew in wisdom and strength. We, at Assumption, are a family living in the household we call the Church. Our common ancestor is God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Each of us has a role to play in building up this "Holy Family." May we be inspired through the intercession of Jesus, Mary and Joseph to make our Assumption Family more vibrant and faith-filled through participation in the following organizations and ministries: Fr. Mitch's Weekly Reflection, Parish Events (Fall Festival, Crusader Run, etc.), Youth Ministry, Calendar, Sacraments, School/PSR, Server Schedule, Small Church Community.



**St. Monica:** As we journey through life each of us has and will experience times of joy and at other times we will face great struggles. It is said that the difficult times we will experience will make us "bitter or better." With all of the difficulties St. Monica faced she could have easily become a complaining wife, a miserable daughter-in-law and a despairing parent. But her perseverance as she prayed for her wayward son and difficult marriage/family are a witness to each of us. Her faithfulness through patience and prayer are an example for each of us to never give up. Her prayers were answered for her husband and mother-in-law to experience a conversion and after 17 long years her prayers were answered as her son not only converted, but became a bishop and is one of our greatest saints - St. Augustine.

Through the intercession of St. Monica we pray that the ministries of CRHP, RCIA, Evangelization and Ecumenical Ministries, and the events at our neighboring parishes will thrive as through Mary, we lead others closer to Christ.



## MINISTRY:

### Description and Categories

Every week, our parish is buzzing with activity. There are groups that pray together, groups that minister to other parishioners, and groups that reach out to the community. Christ Himself taught us that *“whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me”* (Matthew 25:40).

You will notice our ministries are broken into four categories which as mentioned early fall under the Four Pillars of a Parish Stewardship. They also align with the four Saints that are in our Church building. When we lay down our wants and desires to serve each other, God blesses our efforts! Will you consider where God is calling you to serve Him? Being an Active Servant: *“Jesus said to them, ‘Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.’ Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.”* — Mark 1:17-18



#### St. Monica: Pillar of Hospitality

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**Christian Kindness** - *“May our Christian communities really be places of hospitality, listening and communion! A place of mercy and hope where everyone is welcomed, loved and forgiven.”* (Pope Francis).

Jesus teaches that whenever we welcome the least of our brothers or sisters, we welcome Christ himself. That is why the first mark of a stewardship parish is hospitality. Simple kindness is one of the first ways we can be Christ-like toward others.

- Athletic Association
- Baptismal Preparation Host Homes
- Fall Festival Committee
- 50+ Club

- Golf Cart Drivers
- Hospitality Sunday Committee
- Knights of Columbus
- Moppets Caregivers
- MOPS
- Parish Office Volunteers
- RCIA Hospitality
- Socials Committee
- Stewardship Committee
- Welcoming Committee



#### St. Francis: Pillar of Prayer

*“He soon discovered he was to rebuild God’s Church by showing mercy and justice to all of creation; by spending time with Jesus; (adoration and Mass) and definitely by studying scripture (bible study, readings for the week).”*

**Lift Up Your Hearts** - Prayer prepares us spiritually to do things we didn’t think possible, to reach new heights, to do the will of God. Are you satisfied with your prayer life? Does your family pray together regularly? Is God calling you to spend more time with him? Listen to your heart and challenge yourself, and your family, to live a more Christ-centered existence. *“But what assures our fruitfulness is our being faithful to Jesus, who says insistently: ‘Abide in Me and I in you.’”* (Jn 15:4) ~ Pope Francis

- Altar Servers
- Church and Chapel Cleaners
- Church Decorators
- Church Launderers
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Lectors
- Legion of Mary
- Liturgy Committee
- Music Ministries: Mixed Choirs, Cantors, Instrumentalists
- Contemporary Liturgical Musical Groups; Funeral Choir
- Pod Casters/Video Technicians
- Prayer Tree
- Rosary Leaders
- Sacristans
- Sound Technicians
- Usher/Greeters
- Wedding Assistants



### The Holy Family: Pillar of Formation

*“We, at Assumption, are a family living in the household we call the Church. Our common ancestor is God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Each of us has a role to play in building up this “Holy Family.”*

**Continual Conversion** - Saint John Paul II always emphasized ongoing conversion. From childhood throughout adulthood, our whole life must be a process of drawing closer to God. He never stops calling us forward to learn more and to examine ourselves more deeply. At Assumption Parish we are very fortunate to have a number of opportunities for life-long formation and spiritual enrichment, which are listed on your Covenant Card.

*“To be magnanimous with interior liberty and a spirit of service, spiritual formation is necessary.” ~ Pope Francis*

- Advent by Candlelight
- Baptismal Preparation Catechists
- Bible Study
- Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP)
- Life Teen Youth Ministry - Core Team Member
- Marriage Sponsor Couples
- Men’s Ministry
- PSR Catechists (Teachers of Faith)
  - Volunteers
- RCIA - Catechist
- RCIA - Sponsor
- Small Church Communities
- Sunday Preschool Teacher
- Sunday Preschool Assistant
- Vacation Bible School Volunteers

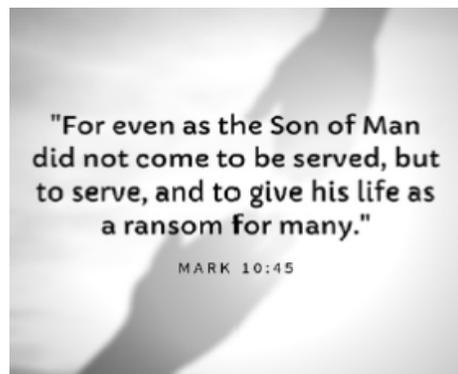


### St. Vincent DePaul: Pillar of Service

*“St. Vincent de Paul’s path to becoming the patron saint of charities began when he recognized that the poor were not being evangelized or helped. This led him to first minister to the spiritual lives of his fellow priests, instilling in them a deeper pastoral call to nurture the poor just as Jesus did.”*

**Love in Action** - *“As I have done, so you must also do.”* These were Christ’s words after he washed his apostles’ feet at the last supper. In this dramatic moment, Jesus called his followers to a life of humility and service. Helping others, especially the poor, is how our parish community follows Christ’s command “to others, especially the poor, is how our parish community follows Christ’s command “to love your neighbor as yourself.”

- Advent Giving Tree
- After Funeral Luncheon Captain and Volunteer
- Annulment Advocate
- Assumption Quilters
- Blood Drive Volunteers
- Cancer Information and Support Group
- Cemetery Committee
- Communion to the Homebound
- Fair Trade Market
- Grief Support Group
- Grounds and Garden Committee
- Growing Project
- Home Repairs
- Hospital Visitation
- Meals for the Homeless
- Meals in Need
- Meals for our Priests
- Money Counters
- Nursing Home Visitation
- Parish Council
- Parish Finance Committee
- Respect Life Apostolate
- St. Vincent DePaul Society
- School Board
- School Tuition Committee



# Ministry Opportunities At Assumption Parish

## Advent By Candlelight

(Pillars of Formation-The Holy Family)

*Mission Statement: To bring women of the parish together to celebrate and rekindle faith for the holy season of Advent by providing an evening of fellowship, music, and prayer.*

*Duties:*

- *The ABC Coordinator:* oversees whole group, develops a theme with the committee, arranges meetings as needed, works with arranging & approving the speaker/s, the “go to” person for challenges/questions;
- *The ABC Publicity Coordinator:* oversees the publicity flyer, programs & favors;
- *The ABC Registration Coordinator:* oversees the registration of tables, assigns the tables, and is the contact person with the hostesses after registration;
- *The ABC Decorations Coordinator:* oversees the event and stage decorations in accordance to the year’s theme;
- *The ABC Set up/clean up Coordinator:* oversees the set up/take down of tables, coat check, and helps arrange Jr. Hostesses
- *The ABC Music Coordinator:* oversees the music throughout the evening as well as the sound system
- *Time:* Planning should start no later than the beginning of September the year of ABC. Event takes place the first Sunday of Advent.
- *Special Skills:* A love and understanding of Advent, involves ideas, visioning, planning; one time or annual event; activities with youth
- *\*Note:* it is a three year commitment for all members with an extra year of shadowing for the coordinator. Contact: Tedra Courtis, 636-379-5958 or tedra.courtis@gmail.com

## Advent Giving Tree

(Pillar of Service - St. Vincent DePaul)

*MissionStatement: May you find Christ here.....may you bring Christ to the world.*

*Duties:* Help set up Advent Giving Tree and print tags at the beginning of Advent; sort gifts and take down tree mid-December; will need to attend one organizational meeting.

*Time:* 3 - 5 hours

*Special Skills:* A desire to help.

*Contact:* Steve Ratkowski, 636-978-4203 or steven.j.ratkowski@boeing.com

## After Funeral Luncheon Volunteer

(Pillar of Service - St. Vincent DePaul)

*MissionStatement: With hearts of compassion, we prepare and serve a complete post-funeral meal for grieving families.*

*Duties:* Men and women to call and organize and/or to volunteer to bring and/or serve food and set up for funeral luncheons for parishioners or former parishioners (with cemetery plots).

*Time:* Approximately four times a year.

*Special Skills:* A desire to serve others; an enjoyment of cooking.

*Contact:* Mary Peters, 636-379-3242 or mcpenny@hotmail.com

## Altar Servers

(Pillar of Prayer - St. Francis)

*MissionStatement: We reverently serve at the altar to help create beautiful liturgies, to assist the clergy, and to model the postures of prayer during Mass.*

*Duties:* Assist presider and deacon in the celebration of liturgical services. Arrive 15 minutes early.

*Time:* Approximately once a month or less.

*Special Skills:* An ability to be graceful, attentive and reverent at Mass; dependability. *Contact:* Kathy Hicks, khicks527@yahoo.com

## Annulment Advocate

(Pillar of Service - St. Vincent DePaul)

*MissionStatement: With God’s guidance, we provide compassionate, confidential, prayerful assistance to those seeking annulments.*

Advocates are Assumption parishioners, trained by the Archdiocese to assist those who need a marriage annulment. Training only occurs once every three years. If you are in need of an annulment or just have questions, please call.

*Contact:* Eric Brunner 636-443-3109; abvmadvocate@hotmail.com

## Assumption Quilters

(Pillar of Service - St. Vincent DePaul)

*MissionStatement: Quilting: The art of quilting allows you to sew by hand stitching a beautiful and satisfying piece of work for other people or yourself as a gift or for your own keepsake.*

*Duties and Skills:* Accept an assembled quilt top that is marked and has both batting and backing provided.

Stitch marked areas to complete a beautiful work of art.

*Time:* Meet weekly on Thursday

*Contact:* Alice Forbeck, 636-272-5065, adforbeck@charter.net



**Athletic Association**

*(Pillar of Hospitality - St. Monica)*

*MissionStatement: To help a boy or girl, regardless of their skill to become an ideal youth firmly loyal to God, Country and Community; physically fit, mentally alert and morally sound.*

*Duties: Teach good sportsmanship, coordinate volunteers, maintain schedules, coach, assist with uniforms and concessions. This is done through various sports: soccer, basketball, volleyball, cheerleading, baseball and golf.*

*Time: Varies*

*Special Skills: Must attend "Protecting God's Children" workshop prior to working with children. Work with concessions and/or uniforms; coaching; webpage experience, marketing, willingness to serve on Athletic board; serve as a sounding board for parents; willingness to help improve facilities.*

*Contact: Sarah Edwards, shge01@aol.com*

**Baptismal Preparation - Catechists**

*(Pillar of Formation - The Holy Family)*

*MissionStatement: We are partners with parents sharing wisdom and knowledge regarding the particulars of the Sacrament of Baptism so they may pass along their Catholic values to their child and embrace their role as their child's primary faith educator.*

*Duties: Help prepare parents for the baptism of their child. Share course content while encouraging an adult exchange of questions and ideas to grow faith.*

*Time: Training = 3 hours; Catechesis = 1 class every other month 7:00 - 9:00PM.*

*Special Skills: Willingness and ability to share faith with others. In addition to the life of faith you have already experienced, the knowledge for a Catechist is also gained through attending one training session and a live Baptism. Contact: Misty Koenig, 314-249-6092 or misty.koenig@yahoo.com*

**Baptismal Preparation - Host Homes**

*(Pillar of Hospitality - St. Monica)*

*Duties: Open your home as the setting for a baptismal preparation class. Create an environment where all are welcome, serve light refreshments and provide a comfortable gathering room with TV and VCR or DVD.*

*Time: Training = One 30 minute home visit by the coordinators; Host Home Time = 7:00 - 9:00PM every other month*

*Special Skills: A commitment to your own baptismal call and desire to provide hospitality and a warm welcome to class participants.*

*Contact: Misty Koenig, 314-249-6092 or misty.koenig@yahoo.com*

**Bible Study**

*(Pillar of Formation - The Holy Family)*

*MissionStatement: We gather to study scriptural texts and to discuss their impact on our lives.*

*Duties: Our Bible Studies meet twice per year in 7-week cycles. We offer several meeting times to fit anyone's schedule. We study different books of the Bible in the Old and New Testaments. During our sessions there is prayer, reflection, and guided discussion. Anyone with any level of familiarity with the Bible is welcome to join us!*

*Time: Various times of the year, in 7 week cycles; 1 hour 15 minute meetings; several meeting times are offered.*

*Special Skills: Willingness to persevere and grow in learning about how the scriptures speak to us.*

*Contact: Jeannette Hamann, 636-240-3721 Ext 247 or abvmjeannette@yahoo.com*

**Blood Drive Volunteers**

*(Pillar of Service - St. Vincent DePaul)*

*MissionStatement: Recognizing that God calls us to lovingly care for our neighbor, we offer our time to encourage the habit of regular blood donations among our parishioners, cheerfully welcome them to the blood drive, and thoughtfully acknowledge their gifts on behalf of those who will be helped by their donation.*

*Duties: We currently host three blood drives each year in the months of January, May, August and November. Volunteers assist with set-up and clean-up of the Parish Center before and after the blood drive, welcome and assist parishioners as they come to donate and help serve refreshments when they finish. Volunteers may work in shifts.*

*Time: 7:30AM - 3:00PM Sunday Blood Drives (Jan., May, Nov.) 2pm-8pm Weeknight Blood Drives (Aug.)*

*Special Skills: A desire to help facilitate the blood drive; a welcoming spirit.*

*Contact: Mary Anne Robinson, 636-294-6841 marobin70@gmail.com*



### Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP)

(Pillar of Formation - The Holy Family)

*MissionStatement: A Christ Renews His Parish Retreat weekend is designed to help the faith community and individuals grow spiritually and deepen their relationship with God and with one another.*

*Duties:* Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) is an exciting weekend of faith building, fellowship, reflection, song, and prayer for parishioners. The Women's CRHP and Men's CRHP retreats are held twice a year (summer and winter retreats), and given by fellow parishioners, who have previously participated on a retreat.

*Time:* One weekend, Saturday morning thru Sunday afternoon held in our parish center.

*Special Skills:* An interest in refreshing your relationship with Christ and your parish.

*Contact:* Dave McCool 314-707-1194 dpmcco@gmail.com and Mickie McCool, 314-610-5651, mymccool@gmail.com

### Church & Chapel Cleaners

(Pillar of Prayer - St. Francis)

*MissionStatement: With gratitude for our beautiful worship spaces, our teams regularly clean the church and chapel.*

*Duties:* Help to clean the church and chapel.

*Time:* Commitment is for one month every six months and will take 1-1 1/2 hours, one day a week every week for that month.

*Special Skills:* A caring eye for detail; knowledge concerning cleaning and laundering. *Contact:* Ruth Rothermich, 636-294-3921 or Mary Engel, 636-542-0877 engel7@centurytel.net

### Church Decorators

(Pillar of Prayer - St. Francis)

*MissionStatement: We decorate the church to show the liturgical seasons so we can better enter into the celebration of the Mass and season.*

*Duties:* Help with Christmas, Easter, and liturgical season decorations; change and/or make banners.

*Time:* At Christmas and Easter 3 - 4 hours a week; as needed the rest of the year.

*Special Skills:* A green thumb and love of plants; or the ability to sew and/or design banners; some ability to climb ladders.

*Contact:* Rosemary Pieper, 636-240-8262 rosemary@grpfarms.com

### Church Launderers

(Pillar of Prayer - St. Francis)

*MissionStatement: Knowing the sacredness of all articles used in church, we offer our time and washing machines to reverently clean the cloths used during Mass.*

*Duties:* At home or in a laundry facility, these individuals launder purificators, corporals, and towels; iron and fold. (On occasion may be asked to help wash and mend clergy or servers' albs as needed.)

*Time:* Launderers are on a weekly rotation and are typically responsible for 4-5 weeks out of a year. Most weeks, laundry = 1-2 loads of white wash + time needed to fold, iron if needed and return items to church.

*Special Skills:* Enjoys washing, ironing and some mending when needed. Willing to donate time, washer/dryer, and soap products to the Mission. Able to provide for the timely pick-up and return of church laundry. A brief training will be provided for technique.

*Contact:* Carol Woerheide, 636-240-2691 or Email: cmwoerheide@gmail.com

### Communion to the Homebound

(Pillar of Service - St. Vincent DePaul)

*MissionStatement: Through friendly visits and Holy Communion, we extend the love of the Gospel to those homebound because of illness, age, or disability.*

*Duties:* Visit parishioners in their home and pray with them if they desire. Also make them aware of other ministries/outreach programs they may want or need to use; this may also include giving Holy Communion if parishioner desires.

*Time:* varies; as needed

*Special Skills:* Must be able to drive; have a desire to help those who are homebound and may be elderly or ill; if willing to give Communion, must be a Eucharistic minister.

*Contact:* Pat Smith, 636-281-1969 psmith515chad@gmail.com



**Eucharistic Ministers**

*(Pillar of Prayer - St. Francis)*

*MissionStatement: As Assumption Ministers of the Holy Eucharist at the Table of Life, we reverently distribute the Body of Christ to all the faithful that we may become one as the Body of Christ for the entire World.*

*Duties:* Help in the distribution of the Eucharist.  
*Time:* Volunteer as needed at weekend Masses.  
*Special Skills:* Parishioners, 18 or older; love and reverence for the Eucharist; ease in public settings; Catholic in good standing who has received the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist).  
*Contact:* Terry Briggs, 314-496-4588 Email Address: terry.l.briggs@charter.net

**50 + Club**

*(Pillar of Hospitality - St. Monica)*

*MissionStatement: We provide an exciting venue for parishioners to share their faith and have fun with others who are over the age of 50.*

*Duties:* Adults over 50 meet to share faith, fun, and fellowship.  
*Time:* Monthly meeting on 4th Monday of the month in the Parish Center, Hall C, at 7:00PM.  
*Special Skills:* Willingness to share in service projects and fun activities.  
*Contact:* Liz Allmeyer, (636) 634-8638  
lizallmeyer@gmail.com

**Fall Festival Committee**

*(Pillar of Hospitality - St. of Monica)*

*Duties:* Oversee the Fall Festival to bring parishioners together for fellowship and for working side by side to subsidize parish ministries. This is our largest parish function. Everyone's help is needed to make it a success, but we do have a core team for those who want to be more involved.  
*Time:* Please keep the 3rd Sunday in October open every year for this event. There are organizational meetings every other month throughout the year, more often closer to the event date.  
*Special Skills:* We can use a wide range of gifts! Enthusiasm and hospitality!  
*Contact:* Aaron Bruns 636-620-8830  
abrun7949@aol.com

**Fair Trade Market:**

*(Pillar of Service - St. Vincent DePaul)*

*MissionStatement: We work to promote peace and justice in the kingdoms of this world so that they might more and more reflect the vision of Life, Peace and Justice in the Kingdom of God.*

*Duties:* The Fair Trade Market helping artisans and farmers from other countries make a fair wage so they can support their families. They also sell fair trade coffee each month during Hospitality Sundays. Some of the fulfilling volunteer opportunities include picking up products from Plowsharing Crafts in University City, setting up the products, being a greeter, helping buyers with the products, being a cashier, cleaning up and returning unsold products to Plowsharing Crafts.  
*Time:* 2-3 hours a month  
*Contact:* Beth Handshy, (636)379-6599 or bhandshy@gmail.com

**Golf Cart Drivers**

*(Pillar of Hospitality - St. Monica)*

*MissionStatement: As an extension of our parish's welcoming spirit, and wanting to ensure no one is intimidated by the size of our campus, we provide transportation between our parking lots and church.*

*Duties:* Drive the Assumption golf cart to/from the parking lot to the doors of church and help those needing assistance on and off the cart. To be a warm and welcoming spirit to all who come here.  
*Time:* One half hour before Mass begins and ten to fifteen minutes after Mass ends.  
*Special Skills:* Have driven a golf cart prior to volunteering and are willing to undergo a brief training. Have an awareness of safety and the ability to physically assist others.  
*Contact:* Jim O'Loughlin, 314-606-0048 or Email jolo272001@yahoo.com



### **Grief Support Group**

*(Pillar of Service - St. Vincent DePaul)*

*MissionStatement: With Our Lord, we listen, we comfort, we reminisce, and we share the journey of healing and hope.*

*Duties: (One on One Contact): Make contact through a phone call or home visit, to those in the parish who are grieving the loss of a loved one.*

*Time: 3 home visits/phone calls and possibly meeting once before the funeral and the day of the funeral depending upon need of the individual grieving.*

*Special Skills: A caring and loving heart and the willingness to receive training in grief ministry. Contact: Lynn Crews, 636-240-3721 x 325 or lynncrews721@gmail.com(for grief support information about Grief Series which consists of 8 weekly sessions, held twice a year)*

#### **For One-on-One Ministry of Consolation:**

*Contact: Kris Bohn, 314-795-2611*

### **Grounds and Garden Committee**

*(Pillar of Service - St. Vincent DePaul)*

*MissionStatement: To plant and nurture the grounds of Assumption for all to see and enjoy, because with every flower that blooms we witness a miracle of God in all its beauty.*

*Duties: Help take care of the grounds, plants and flowers. Time: Four hours every couple of months during the growing season.*

*Special Skills: A desire to come pray with us by using your hands and offering your sweat to help make Assumption Parish grounds more beautiful, a green thumb does help but is not necessary.*

*Contact: Paula and Mark Mennemeier, 636-978-9995 or markpaula1987@charter.net*

### **Growing Project:**

*(Pillar of Service - St. Vincent DePaul)*

*MissionStatement: We are Christian advocates for the relief of chronic global hunger and poverty through building relationships and helping to improve quality of life.*

*Duties: We assist and implement a Growing Project in partnership with the Guetterman family in Kansas, various faith-based organizations, Growing Hope Globally (formerly Foods Resource Bank) and an overseas farming community. Through this partnership, Assumption's proceeds are typically increases at least three-fold. In these poverty stricken communities, funds are used to educate and assist them in accomplishing independent food security. If you have any questions, please: Contact: Parish Office: 636-240-3721*

### **Home Repairs**

*(Pillar of Service - St. Vincent DePaul)*

*MissionStatement: We will praise God by using the talents and abilities He has given us to build, rebuild, repair, or maintain the homes of the people who need our help.*

*Duties: Provide labor for minor home repairs, home maintenance, appliance repairs and/or installation, painting, or furniture repair for those in special need.*

*Time: One to four hours, once or twice a year.*

*Special Skills: Willing to work; basic skills in any chosen field (plumbing, carpentry, electrical, painting, cleaning gutters, etc.)*

*Contact: Parish Office: 636-240-3721*

### **Hospitality Sunday Committee**

*(Pillar of Hospitality - St. Monica)*

*MissionStatement: We welcome all parishioners and guests to visit in friendship and fellowship encouraging them to find Christ here and to bring Christ to the world.*

*Duties: Greet those as they arrive after Mass. Work with others to setup and cleanup refreshments and tables/chairs. Serve beverages.*

*Time: First Sunday of the month in Mass time-related shifts. We serve from 7:30AM - 1:30PM*

*Special Skills: Friendliness and a heart for welcoming people.*

*Contact: Jeannette Hamann, 240-3721 x 247*



### **Knights of Columbus**

*(Pillar of Hospitality - St. Monica)*

*MissionStatement: The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization based on 4 principals: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, with the number one principle being Charity.*

*Duties: A Catholic men's organization which provides fraternal, charitable, service, and social opportunities for men from our parish and other parishes.*

*Time: Monthly meeting (3rd Thursday) and many service & social events. (K.C. Hall located at 202 W. Third)*

*Special Skills: A Catholic male interested in a Christian atmosphere. There is also a ladies' auxiliary. Contact:*

*Mike Catalfano, Grand Knight, 636-561-3591 or*

*Tracy Hakenewerth, 636-272-4818*

### **Lectors**

*(Pillar of Prayer - St. Francis)*

*MissionStatement: 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.*

*Duties: To proclaim the Scripture readings at Mass with reverence and understanding.*

*Time: One Mass each month or two; personal time every day spent in study and reflection of the upcoming Sunday readings.*

*Special Skills: A love for God's Word and desire to study it more deeply; dependability, a clear speaking voice, an ease speaking in front of people.*

*Contact: Barb Stettner, 636-978-5930 creativebarb@charter.net*

### **Legion of Mary**

*(Pillar of Prayer - St. Francis)*

*Mission Statement: By the power of the Holy Spirit, we are formed under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate, (Mediatrice of all Graces) and developed by prayer and active co-operation - under ecclesiastical guidance - in Mary's and the Church's work of crushing the serpent and advancing the reign of Christ.*

*Duties: There are two types of memberships: Active and Auxiliary. Active members attend weekly meetings, recite the rosary and the prayers of the Tesseria daily. Active work, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, is also assigned by the Legion, to be carried out weekly by its members. Auxiliary members associate themselves with the Legion by praying the prayers found in the Tesseria along with their rosary daily.*

*Time: Active members are required to attend one weekly meeting on Thursday evenings at 7:00 to 8:30 PM. The weekly performance of some active work, prescribed by the Legion, is also carried out.*

*Contact: Kathy Boyd, C (314) 308-7332 or H(636) 240-6920; Email, mikebsr8518@gmail.com*

### **Life Teen Youth Ministry - Core Team Member (Age 18 and up)**

*(Pillar of Formation - The Holy Family)*

Adult team members will support the Youth Minister in leading our high school and middle school parishioners in growing in their relationship with Jesus, deepening their understanding of the Roman Catholic faith, availing themselves to the Church's Sacraments, particularly the Holy Eucharist, fostering wholesome friendships and developing a personal prayer life in a setting that is joyful, active, safe, encouraging and empowering.

*Core Team Individual should:*

- 1) *Be a faithful, practicing and committed Roman Catholic*
- 2) *Adhere to the teachings of the Catholic Church*
- 3) *Assist the Youth Minister in coordinating and implementing weekly youth gatherings*
- 4) *Chaperone annual service trips, youth conference, March for Life, etc.*
- 5) *Assist in fundraising activities*
- 6) *Promote the Youth Ministry Program*
- 7) *Lead small groups, facilitate activities, & share their faith and life experiences*

*Time commitment:*

- 1) *One Tuesday per month for planning*
- 2) *Wednesday night gatherings with teens (at some point this may move to Sunday evenings)*
- 3) *Participate in forthcoming Sunday night Life Teen Mass*
- 4) *Attend 1-2 retreats per year*
- 5) *Assist with annual fundraising events (car washes, etc.) and chaperone trips*

*Must complete application process and attend "Protecting God's Children" workshop.*

*Contact: Becky Whitaker, 240-3721 Ext. 243 or becky.assumptionlt@gmail.com*

### **Liturgy Committee**

*(Pillar of Prayer - St. Francis)*

*MissionStatement: Our Mission is to enhance the worship of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit by promoting fruitful participation in liturgy at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish. While remembering to honor our parish traditions, we support the liturgical prayer life of the community in planning of all aspects of the parish liturgical celebrations so that they will be meaningful, uplifting, and prayerful as well as audibly and visually appealing. We nurture spiritual growth of ministers through our ongoing support and reflection on the blessings of ministries.*

*Duties: Attend monthly meetings to discuss Assumption's liturgical needs, including: decisions involving the functions of weekend Masses, holiday Masses, and Holy Day celebrations, periodic pre-holiday set up, and periodic review of liturgical materials.*

*Time: Attend one monthly meeting (approximately 2 hours) and pre-holiday preparation (approximately 2 hours before Lent and 2 hours before Advent).*

*Skills: Open mind and heart and a love for Assumption Parish.*

*Contact: Jeannette Hamann 636-240-3721 ext. 247 or abvmjeannette@yahoo.com*

### **Marriage Sponsor Couples**

*(Pillar of Formation - The Holy Family)*

*MissionStatement: The marriage ministry of Assumption parish is devoted to the growth and love of every engaged couple. We are committed to their future not only as husband and wife but also in guiding their growth relationship to one which is built in and with Christ.*

*Duties: Couples are assigned to work with engaged couples to help deepen their vision of Sacrament of Matrimony, and help them establish a firm foundation to their married life.*

*Time: A sponsor couple can work either at home with one engaged couple at a time or at the parish center with a small group of engaged couples (4-8 couples).*

The total time spent on the program with couples is 10 hours. Training includes attending a group session to observe; then help from a sponsor couple, as needed, to get started.

*Special Skills:* Couples willing to share marriage issues and problems; good communication abilities; willingness to share the love of their marriage with engaged couples.

Prefer couples married at least 5 years.

*Contact:* Mike & Diane LiFritz, 314-369-8429

### **Meals for the Homeless:**

*(Pillar of Service - St. Vincent DePaul)*

*Duties:* Volunteer to help feed the homeless in our community by volunteering to prepare a dish, supply a drink, paper goods, forks and knives and learn how to help with other charities in the St. Charles County area.

*Time:* 2-3 hours a month

*Contact:* LaVina Eickoff, 314-323-3501; leickoff@yahoo.com

### **Meals In Need**

*(Pillar of Service - St. Vincent DePaul)*

*MissionStatement:* We show the love and support of our parish family, to those experiencing personal difficulties by providing meals in times of need.

*Duties:* Prepare a simple dish of food or a full meal whichever you choose and deliver it to a family in need of loving support. A driver is available to deliver the meal if necessary.

*Time:* Occasionally as needed (possibly once every 3 - 4 months).

*Special Skills:* Enjoy cooking!

*Contact:* Parish Office

### **Meals for Our Priests**

*(Pillar of Service - St. Vincent DePaul)*

*MissionStatement:* We share our love of cooking and the pleasure of sharing it with others, by providing meals to nourish both the bodies and spirits of the priests who serve our Assumption Parish community.

*Duties:* To provide a simple, healthy meal for our parish priests on weekends throughout the year.

*Time:* This varies according to each person's availability. Most of our volunteers choose to work a weekend, one meal, every other month.

*Special Skills:* Volunteers are asked to share their love of cooking in the preparation of a nutritious, well balanced meal that our resident priests can enjoy when their weekday cook is off-duty. The meal is delivered to the kitchen in the rectory basement by 11:00AM Saturday mornings.

*Contact:* Phyllis Rahe, 636-240-5285, phyllisrahe@hotmail.com

### **Men's Ministry - 24/7 Amen**

*(Pillar of Formation - The Holy Family)*

*MissionStatement:* As men of Assumption Parish, who fully believe in the Holy Bible and Catholic teachings, we aspire to create a community that supports and promotes the man's role within the Body of Christ.

*Duties:* Men coming together in solidarity - for service and camaraderie - to help facilitate an environment of well-being in all our events and activities as well as extend the love of Jesus through positive presence, deed, prayer, and study.

*Time:* Once a month

*Special Skills:* A desire to gather with other men to share faith by word and action, and serve others where ever there is a need in the community.

*Contact:* Tim McHugh, 314-581-8323 and Kevin Call, 636-578-2324 kcall@impacthrs.com

### **Money Counters**

*(Pillar of Service - St. Vincent DePaul)*

*MissionStatement:* Acknowledging the importance of the gifts of the parish community and grateful for their support of the Mission and ministries of our parish and beyond, we carefully process the collection each week so that parish records accurately reflect the sacrificial gifts received.

*Duties:* Volunteer team members, approved by the pastor, count the Sunday, Holy Day and special collections.

*Time:* Sunday counters—3 hours per Sunday morning.

Teams rotate with each serving every Sunday of a month, 3 months of the year. Monday counters:

approx. 1 - 2 hours on Monday morning. Teams rotate with each serving every Monday of a month, 3 months of the year. Substitute counters: fill in on an as needed basis.

*Special Skills:* Must be detail oriented, responsible with confidential information & good math skills.

*Contact:* Mary Anne Robinson, 636-294-6841 marobin70@gmail.com

### **MOPPETS Caregivers**

*(Pillar of Hospitality - St. Monica)*

*Duties:* Provide loving care for children while their mothers are attending a MOPS meeting. Curriculum and crafts are provided.

*Time:* the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 8:45 - 11:15AM from September through May.

*Special Skills:* Must attend 'Protecting God's Children' workshop prior to working with children; have a loving heart and a desire to share God's love with infants to 5-year-olds.

*Contact:* Emily Hentschel, 309-531-2515 or ehentschel0326@gmail.com

### **Mothers Of Preschoolers (MOPS)**

*(Pillar of Hospitality - St. Monica)*

*MissionStatement: to encourage, equip, and develop every mother of preschoolers to realize her potential as a woman, mother, and leader in the name of Jesus Christ.*

*Duties:* A program for mothers with children in kindergarten and younger. MOPS offers fellowship and spiritual nurturing with an emphasis on current issues in child rearing, womanhood, the home, and marriage. Children have age-appropriate biblical lessons, crafts, and playtime, all provided by the generous support of volunteers. MOPS provides support to mothers so they can receive care and nurturing for this demanding stage in their lives.

*Time:* Meetings are 9:15 - 11:00AM on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. To join, you must call the contact below.

*Special Skills:* None

*Contact:* Emily Hentschel, 309-531-2515 or ehentschel0326@gmail.com

### **Music Ministries**

*(Pillar of Prayer - St. Francis)*

*MissionStatement: A deep love of God and a commitment to exceptional liturgy impels us to express prayer through music and inspire others to join as one voice in sung worship.*

*Duties:* To lead or assist in leading sung prayer or accompany sung prayer with instrumental music and participate in necessary rehearsals.

*Time:* Approximately one weekend Mass per week and one rehearsal per week; an occasional holy day Mass. Time varies between different roles and ensembles.

*Special Skills:* Ability to sing or play an instrument and read music.

For more information about:

- How to become involved in Assumption's Music Ministry
- Varying roles played by those in Assumption's Music Ministry
- The different ensembles that lead worship at Assumption

Details about time requirements and Duties

*Contact:* Mark Sacco, Music Ministry Coordinator, 636-240-3721 Ext 360 msacco.assumption@gmail.com

### **Nursing Home Visitation**

*(Pillar of Service - St. Vincent DePaul)*

*MissionStatement: Through visits, prayer and Holy Communion, we broaden the embrace of our church to include our parishioners in nursing homes.*

*Duties:* Help with taped Mass and distribute Holy Communion to patients on Sunday mornings. We meet at 10:00AM on every Monday to say the rosary (except the 2nd Monday, a priest comes and celebrates Mass.) and distributes Holy Communion. Visit with residents.

*Time:* Two hours per week.

*Special Skills:* Have a loving and listening heart, know how to lead the rosary and read Scripture. Must be a Eucharistic Minister to distribute Holy Communion.

*Contact:* JoAnn Schoenherr, 636-978-3347; since\_1960@charter.net

### **Parish Council**

*(Pillar of Service - St. Vincent DePaul) (by Nomination Only)*

*MissionStatement: We prayerfully listen to the Holy Spirit as we discern how people might best "Find Christ here...and bring Christ to the world." The Parish Council prayerfully discerns parish direction and priorities.*

*Description:* Members are nominated, discerned and then are drawn randomly. The parish council is composed of wise people, who are joyful, insightful thinkers, and open to listening to the Holy Spirit. Members serve for a three year term. The work of the council includes such things as: serve as a sounding board for pastor; discern the direction of the parish; review/approve new events for the whole parish; assist the pastor in establishing policy for the parish; review/approve functions that also involve people from outside the parish; review finances/marketing/fundraising; approve large expenses.

*Contact:* Our Parish Council Current Chair: Lisa Taylor, abvmparishcouncil@gmail.com

### **Parish Finance Committee**

*(Pillar of Service - St. Vincent DePaul) (when needed)*

*MissionStatement: In solidarity with our parish Mission, "May you find Christ here and bring Christ to the world" it is our hope others will also choose to follow our vision statement: We each give financially as God asks of us: for the physical and spiritual needs of all who would ever come here; for the needs of those who suffer, and for our own spiritual well-being and growth.*

Parish Finance Committee members are appointed by the Pastor from a group of individuals that have expressed interest in serving in such a capacity. These individuals are interviewed by various parish and committee members and then recommended to the Pastor. There are not a set number of years to serve, but a minimum of 3 is preferred. The work of the committee consists of preparing and sharing with the Parish Council the annual budgets for the parish; helps oversee compliance with the annual parish budget; advises the pastor and Parish Council on expenditures outside of approved budgets; ensures compliance with archdiocesan financial regulations and recommends policies/procedures needed to be in compliance. We also monitor the financial records of parish committees and organizations. Liaise with other committees as needed.

*Contact:* Mark A. Martin, 636-281-3547; mmartin3547@charter.net

### **Parish Office Volunteers**

*(Pillar of Hospitality - St. Monica)*

*MissionStatement: Through the love of Christ, we direct those seeking the Parish Connection with kind, caring and friendly assistance.*

*Duties:* Support for the parish office staff, answer phone calls and greet visitors at the door. Light office work; stuffing envelopes, filing and some computer work.

*Time:* A 4 hr. a week commitment is preferred.

*Special Skills:* A warm, friendly, cooperative, and caring personality to greet parishioners; phone skills and pleasant phone manner very helpful; minimal office and computer experience.

*Contact:* Angie Gloriod, 636-240-3721 ext. 235

**Parish School of Religion (PSR) Catechists  
(teachers of faith)**

*(Pillar of Formation - The Holy Family)*

*MissionStatement: Provide a religious education program in which children grow in intimacy and communion with Jesus. We share the Message of Christ, build community through our time together, worship together as people of God and offer service to our neighbors who are less fortunate than ourselves. We will work with families of special needs to provide the best possible experience of faith formation for all children.*

*Duties: Help children grow in faith through their participation in the parish religious education program; Catechists teaching manual, training and lesson plans provided. Must have a willingness to grow in personal faith formation through Paul VI certification through the Archdiocese of St. Louis.*

*Time: Approximately 1 - 2 hours preparation time per week; class time is 1.5 hours weekly.*

*Special Skills: Must attend 'Protecting God's Children' workshop prior to working with children. A desire to share your love of our faith with children, good communication skills, patience and a commitment to the program are all essential to joining our team.*

*Contact: Ann Marie Quan, 636-240-1020 Ext 328  
abvmpr@yahoo.com*

**Parish School of Religion (PSR) Volunteers**

*(Pillar of Formation - The Holy Family)*

*Duties: Assist the Parish School of Religion faculty and administration by assisting in the classroom, monitoring hallways, traffic control, or office assistance.*

*Time: As much time can be spent as desired - from once a year to a more regular basis.*

*Special Skills: Must attend 'Protecting God's Children' workshop prior to working with children. Love of your faith and a willingness to be a role model to the children of our parish.*

*Contact: Ann Marie Quan, 636-240-1020 Ext. 328  
abvmpr@yahoo.com*

**Podcasters**

*(Pillar of Prayer - St. Francis)*

*MissionStatement: We utilize various video technologies to spread the gospel and homily messages beyond the physical walls our church.*

*Duties & Skills: A desire to learn to run all video equipment during weekend Masses and, if available, also for funerals, weddings, and other special events. This ministry requires videotaping, broadcasting, running cameras, and recording Masses. Also involves some technical directing and editing. We will train you on all equipment!*

*Time: Varies 2-4 times a month.*

*Contact: Amy Myers, 314-517-5192;  
amymmyers@yahoo.com*

**Prayer Tree**

*(Pillar of Prayer - St. Francis)*

*MissionStatement: We share in the joys or burdens of fellow parishioners by being available to receive prayer requests via phone call or email, daily in the morning, or late afternoon, and pass them on to the next person on the list, and we take time to pray for the intentions received.*

*Duties: Be home to receive prayer requests and pass them on to the next person. Pray for intentions expressed.*

*Time: 10 - 15 minutes a day.*

*Special Skills: A concerned and prayerful person; be open to miracles.*

*Contact: Carlene Grivois, cgrivois@live.com or Pat Smith, 636-352-9306*

**R.C.I.A. - Catechist**

*(Pillar of Formation - The Holy Family) (by discernment only)*

*MissionStatement: Guided by the Holy Spirit, the RCIA Ministry of Assumption Parish seeks to help form disciples for Christ through prayer, a study of God's Word, and exploration of the Sacraments and teachings of the Church, sharing personal stories of faith, and participating in liturgical rites.*

*Duties: To prepare and instruct sessions. Work very closely with the candidates throughout the process.*

*Time: Seven or eight sessions per year. Team meetings are once a month. Sessions are every Sunday morning from 8:00 - 10:30AM, September - May.*

*Special Skills: A heart full of love and an inner desire to share your faith in order to help someone to know Jesus. Must be a practicing Catholic and have been an RCIA sponsor 1 year.*

*Contact: Missy Lowrey, 314-630-3983 mlowrey@charter.net*

**R.C.I.A. - Hospitality**

*(Pillar of Hospitality - St. Monica)*

*Duties: To bring snacks for those involved in the RCIA program.*

*Time: Two to three times per year.*

*Special Skills: A willingness to serve others. Please provide email address if available.*

*Contact: Renee Pajda, 314-616-2841, bradford93@msn.com*

**R.C.I.A. - Sponsor**

*(Pillar of Formation - The Holy Family)*

*Duties: To be a friendly Catholic "support team" and example to an individual preparing to enter the church. Accompany the candidate to all sessions.*

*Time: Sessions are every Sunday morning from 8:00 - 10:30AM, September - May; plus approximately 4 evening sessions.*

*Special Skills: A heart full of love and an inner desire to share your faith in order to help someone to know Jesus; must be a practicing Catholic.*

*Contact: Janice Aholt, 636-544-7890*

*sangerflower@msn.com*

**Respect Life Apostolate:**

*(Pillar of Service - St. Vincent DePaul)*

*Duties:* Participate in and support various prolife activities throughout the year including school, church, and archdiocesan activities. Attend prayer services and provide education on prolife issues and events. Respect Life Apostolate meets on Saturday mornings on selected months, or attends the Helper of God's Precious Infants Mass at the Cathedral Basilica.

*Time:* 1-2 hours a month

*Contact:* Sylvia Kiphart, 636-978-8803

**Rosary Leaders**

*(Pillar of Prayer - St. Francis)*

*MissionStatement:* In a loving devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and to support the devotional life of the parish, we offer our voices to publicly lead the prayers of the Rosary.

*Duties:* Willingness to come and lead the rosary prayer in the Chapel 1/2 hour before each Sunday Mass. All are invited to come and pray for peace.

*Time:* Your committed scheduled day of a 1/2 hour.

Living Rosary once in May and October

*Special Skills:* A desire to lead the rosary and a somewhat strong speaking voice.

*Contact:* Sylvia Kiphart, 636-978-8803

**Sacristans**

*(Pillar of Prayer - St. Francis)*

*MissionStatement:* 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.

*Duties:* Prepare the church for all services (Daily and Weekend Liturgies, Funerals, Baptisms, Holy Days, Stations of the Cross, Prayer Services, etc.). Preparation includes opening and closing of church, preparing the bread, wine and cruets, and ensuring all ministries are prepared for the service (Eucharistic ministers, servers, lectors, etc.)

*Time:* Arrive 1 hour prior to Mass to set up and duties are complete when working sacristy, and sanctuary have been prepared for the next service, and church is closed when necessary.

*Special Skills:* A desire to be a part of serving our parish community with moving liturgies and the most reverent sacraments of the Holy Eucharist, and Baptism; ability to climb stairs with reasonable assistance.

*Contact:* Vicki Briggs, 314-518-4048, victoria.j.briggs@charter.net

**St. Vincent De Paul Society**

*(Pillar of Service - St. Vincent DePaul)*

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is dedicated to helping our neighbors in need, regardless of faith. In the word of our founder, Frederic Ozanam, the vision of the Society of St. Vincent is "to embrace the world in a network of charity." In doing this work, we enrich our lives and our neighbors lives spiritually.

*Caseworker Duties:* Check the Help Line for calls requesting assistance. As needed, make a home visit with one of our other members. Assess the needs and make decisions regarding the help we are able to give; work with other agencies to provide additional help when necessary.

*Time:* Attend 2 meetings each month (1st. and 3rd. Wednesday) at 7:00PM lasting about one hour and check the help line, approximately one day every three weeks.

*Special Skills:* Willingness to listen and understand the requested need(s) and work to provide assistance, along with a computer and basic computer skills.

*Contact:* Mike McCleish, 717-919-7558

St. Vincent De Paul Help Line at 636-272-4758 and leave a message with your contact info and we'll call you back.

**School Board**

*(Pillar of Service - St. Vincent DePaul) (by Nomination Only)*

*MissionStatement:* To advise the pastor and principal in formulation and evaluation policies for Assumption Catholic School students.

Members are nominated, discerned and then drawn randomly. Parishioners from Assumption and St. Barnabas act in an advisory capacity to the principal and pastor by formulating and evaluating policies for the school. The board provides the parishes with a representative body for determining the educational needs of the school and for establishing its philosophy and policies. Members serve for a three year term; attending one meeting per month.

*Contact:* Our current chair: Jennifer Finazzo 636-294-4671 jenniferfinazzo@wsdr4.org

**School Tuition Committee**

*(Pillar of Service - St. Vincent DePaul)*

*MissionStatement:* Through our faith and fellowship in God, we discretely provide monetary tuition assistance to those families in need so their children may continue their catholic education.

*Duties:* Parishioners, appointed by the pastor, to monitor the payment of tuition in the interest of fairness to all families using the school. Meet with families with special financial needs.

*Time:* One quarterly, 2 hour meeting; meet with families throughout the year as needed.

*Special Skills:* A listening ear and a desire to help.

*Contact:* Donna Johnson, 417-847-7464

donnaj59@gmail.com

### Small Church Communities

(Pillar of Formation- The Holy Family)

*MissionStatement: Guided by a belief that in a community as large as ours everyone needs to be known by someone, we gather in small groups to explore our faith, pray together, and share our lives.*

*Duties:* Small groups gather in parishioners' homes to share faith and discuss the Sunday readings. The groups meet on a regular basis.

*Time:* 1 hour per week

*Special Skills:* An interest in the Scripture.

*Contact:* Jeannette Hamann, 240-3721 x 247  
abvmjeannette@yahoo.com

### Socials Committee

(Pillar of Hospitality - St. Monica)

*MissionStatement: We serve Christ by providing a welcoming atmosphere that fosters community in a social setting.*

*Duties:* Organize Parish fellowship gatherings. This would include setting out the tables and chairs, decorating, setting out and serving the food and drinks, and cleaning up afterwards. Functions include: Parish Appreciation Dinner, Easter Vigil reception, All Souls reception.

*Time:* One to two hours time required before and after

functions for setup and clean up.

*Special Skills:* A willingness to serve; a welcoming heart and attitude.

*Contact:* Carol Woerheide. 636-240-2691  
cmwoerheide@gmail.com and Paula Thomson,  
314-477-4688 paulajthomson@gmail.com



### Sound Technicians

(Pillar of Prayer - St. Francis)

*MissionStatement: God's message of love is meant for all people, so we serve at the soundboard in church to help make sure that message is heard in spoken word, in song, and in silence.*

*Duties & Skills:* A desire to learn the sound mixing board during week-end Masses and, if available, also for funerals, weddings, and other special events. This ministry requires aptitude and willingness to learn how to work the sound, lights, DVD, and PowerPoints used at Mass. Also required is a good ear for music.

*Time:* Varies 2 - 4 times a month.

*Contact:* Steve Hartnett, 636-978-0069;  
assumptionsound@gmail.com

### Stewardship Committee

(Pillar of Hospitality - St. Monica)

*MissionStatement: We, the Stewardship Committee, believe in Jesus Christ, His teachings and His Catholic Church. Through prayer, we become aware of the many gifts bestowed upon us. We enthusiastically seek to foster A Stewardship Way of Life and furthering Christ's work and service in our community. As discerning Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.*

*Duties:* Assist with planning of annual Stewardship Drive; help organize communication with ministries for various needs, make phone calls to parishioners and encourage others to share their Time, Talent and Treasure.

*Time:* 1.) Several planning meetings prior to Stewardship Awareness Weekend. 2.) One hour per week; more if individual wants to give more.

*Special Skills:* Encourager; organized; and friendly.

*Contact:* Jeannette Hamann 240-3721 ext. 247 or Email:  
abvmjeannette@yahoo.com

### Sunday Pre-school Teachers

(Pillar of Formation - The Holy Family)

*MissionStatement: The*

*Mission of Assumption Sunday Preschool is to inspire a love of Jesus in children, so they may come to know, experience, and follow Jesus, and see God's presence in their lives. We do this through interactive learning opportunities emphasizing the basics of our Catholic faith.*

*Duties:* Teach a class of children ages 3-6 about Jesus' love for us. Lessons are prepared following a teacher manual used in class. Teachers may add additional Sunday school activities that complement the lesson.

*Time:* From September to May; 1-1/2 hours each Sunday morning from 9:45 - 11:15AM; plus approximately one hour a month for lesson planning and reflection.

*Special Skills:* Must attend 'Protecting God's Children' workshop prior to working with children. Enjoy being with preschool children and want to share God's love with them.

*Contact:* Denise Hoehne, 314-954-0092  
denise.hoehne@gmail.com

### **Sunday Pre-school Assistants**

*(Pillar of Formation - The Holy Family)*

*Duties:* Prepare materials to use in the classrooms. Read stories in classrooms as requested by the classroom catechist.

*Time:* From Sept. to May; 1.5 hours each Sunday morning from 9:45 - 11:15 AM.

*Special Skills:* Must attend 'Protecting God's Children' workshop prior to working with children. Various skills are useful, from office work to interacting with preschool aged children. *Contact:* Denise Hoehne, 314-954-0092 denise.hoehne@gmail.com

### **Transitional Housing Care Team:**

*(Pillar of Service - St. Vincent DePaul)*

*MissionStatement:* We spend time with the homeless in order to know the homeless. We journey with a family, building skills that will lead to life-long independent living.

*Description:* Assumption Parish makes available a home on our property to house a homeless family. We partner with Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Services to provide friendship to a family in need and life-skills building opportunities for up to 12 months per family.

*Duties:* Assist with an initial cleaning of the home as each new family moves in; visit the family during your scheduled week; provide guidance in the areas identified as needing skill-building; pray for the family

*Time:* 2-3 hours per month or more if desired.

*Skills:* One or more of the following skills are likely needed: Budgeting, Decision Making, Parenting, S Self-Care, Nutrition, Planning, Basic Home Repairs, Transportation, Computer Skills, Child Care, and any other skills one might need for day to day independent living.

*Contact:* Tammy Arado, 314-882-0083 tarado65@gmail.com

### **Usher/Greeters**

*(Pillar of Prayer - St. Francis)*

*MissionStatement:* We create a welcoming safe atmosphere for worship and help to make sure liturgies run smoothly.

*Duties:* Greet and welcome all; to ensure that the environment is conducive to worship; assist the presider in any special request; help families carry gifts at offertory procession; pass baskets at collection time; ensure orderly flow at communion time; pass out bulletins after Mass. This is open to men, women, young adults and teenagers.

*Time:* Two to three Masses per month; arrive 15 - 30 minutes before Mass time.

*Special Skills:* To be truly concerned for the well-being of all who attend Mass.

*Contact:* Gerry Prinster, 636-577-5548 or gerryprinster@gmail.com

### **Vacation Bible School Volunteers (VBS)**

*(Pillar of Formation- The Holy Family)*

*MissionStatement:* The Mission of Vacation Bible School (VBS) is to bring God's word to children through age-appropriate music, crafts, and activities; to give the children of the parish and surrounding neighborhoods an experience of community and faith; and to witness the faith growing in our youngest members of the parish.

*Duties:* Help inspire our children during a week of educational faith and fun! Utilizing the provided curriculum and teaching materials, work along with a group of adult volunteers in an assigned category (ex. classroom teachers, crafts, music, and more) and plan activities inspired by God's word- a new theme and related bible verses are selected each year. During the week of VBS 'Counselors in Training' (CITs- our teen helpers) will assist our adult volunteers in guiding the children around campus to different activities.

*Time:* 9:00AM - 12:15PM Monday through Friday a week in June; certain categories begin planning in Feb with preparations running through May.

*Special Skills:* Must attend 'Protecting God's Children' workshop prior to working with children. We need many volunteers with skills and talents including: teaching, spiritual sharing, music, games, theater, arts, crafts, and organization. Training is provided to all new or interested volunteers. Creativity and new ideas are always welcome!

*Contact:* Angie Howe at vbsassumption@gmail.com or Melinda Kruper and Ann Marie Quan at 636-240-1020

### **CIT's (Counselor In Training) for VBS**

*Duties:* assist classroom teacher. Must have completed 5th grade up through 12th grade. Mandatory completion of CIT training and completion of Minor Volunteer Application form.

*Time:* 9:00AM - 12:15PM Monday through Friday a week in June

*Special Skills:* Must attend CIT training and completion of Minor Volunteer Application form prior to working with the VBS team. We need many skills and talents including: organization, music, teaching, spiritual sharing, games, theater, arts, or crafts.

*Contact:* Angie Howe at vbsassumption@gmail.com; or Ann Marie Quan, 636-240-1020

### **Wedding Assistants**

*(Pillar of Prayer - St. Francis)*

*MissionStatement:* Serving couples by thoughtfully and reverently taking care of church detail. Assistants also help 'Keep the Main Thing, the Main Thing'—the bridal couples expression of love and commitment to one another before God and the gathered community.

*Duties:* To work with engaged couples, guiding them in their marriage preparation and helping answer questions and coordinate wedding. Help prepare church before wedding, run the rehearsals and help with the wedding procession during the ceremony.

*Time:* As many weddings as desired! Approximately 4-10 hours per wedding; can be done on a substitute basis.

*Special Skills:* Patience; able to speak in front of a group; enjoy working with people.

*Contact:* Sue Snyder, 314-496-7790 jsnyder01@centurytel.net

## Welcoming Committee

*(Pillar of Hospitality - St. Monica)*

*Mission Statement: Guided by the Holy Spirit, we greet, welcome, and educate and inspire the newest members joining our church family to share their gifts, talents, and love.*

*Duties: Assist at monthly gathering for newcomers to Assumption, or make follow-up phone calls to welcome newly registered parishioners.*

*Time: Approximately 2 hours per month to help with Newcomer's Registration on the first Sunday of the month after the Noon Mass; or 1 - 2 hours per month for phone calls.*

*Special Skills: A warm and welcoming spirit; a willingness to reach out to welcome and encourage new parishioners.*

*Contact: Lynn Crews, 636-294-0821,  
lynncrews721@gmail.com*



## 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.*

*Through 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."*

