

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MARCH 9, 2025

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



1st SUNDAY OF LENT

The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." - Lk 4:6a, 7-8

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SACRAMENTS AND PARISH INFORMATION

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Please call the Parish Office, 636-240-3721. Select Option #2.

BAPTISM

Baptism is scheduled every Sunday at 1:15pm. Baptism preparation class is required. Call Angie Gloriod, ext 235.

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Contact the Parish Office six months in advance. One party must be a registered member of Assumption and living an active, practicing Catholic life. Contact Angie Gloriod at the Parish Office, ext 235.

CONFESSION

Weekdays 7:30-7:50am; Saturdays 4-4:45pm; or by appointment.

CONFIRMATION

Preparation begins in September for students entering eighth grade. For more information, call Holly Woytus, 636-240-1020.

FIRST COMMUNION

Preparation begins in September for students entering second grade. For more information, call Holly Woytus, 636-240-1020.

FUNERALS

Please call Debbie Collins at the Parish Office at 636-240-3721, ext 221.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (formally RCIA)

Process through which adults are initiated into the Catholic Church by Baptism or Profession of Faith. Contact Missy Lowrey, 314-630-3983.

Welcome

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Hello,

You might have noticed that we have a larger group than normal for Christian Initiation of Adults, (formerly RCIA, Rite of...) this year. At the 8am Sunday Masses, when they and their sponsors and the team are dismissed, a whole section of the church seems to leave – or if you attend a different Mass, you might notice we had to expand our board with their pictures to fit everyone on it. What a blessing!

Because we have so many we decided this year, for the Rite of Sending, we will have some of them at each of the Masses except the Sunday 5:30pm. Nothing against the 5:30pm Mass, but the Rite of Election we are sending them to is at the Cathedral Basilica at 2:30 Sunday afternoon, so that wouldn't have worked.

In the Rite of Sending, we as a parish community are sending those preparing to receive the sacraments at Easter to the bishop with our approval of their readiness and formation so far, and promise to continue to care for and support them in their continued growth. In the Rite of Election they will celebrate at the Cathedral, the Church, represented by the Bishop, hears the support the local parish community has for those sent and affirms them as made fit by God for their continued preparation to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. This is also called the Rite of Enrollment of names, as the names of the Elect are written in the Book of the Elect as a pledge of their faithfulness. Let us continue to support them in their journey and be inspired by them on our journey.

Peace,

Fr. Nick



ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN REGULATIONS

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.”

(John 3:16-17)

The Church has always helped us fulfill these words of Jesus by prescribing very definite penance for all Catholics, so that we too might have Eternal life. Accordingly, the Pope and the American Bishops have outlined obligatory fast and abstinence as follows:

Ash Wednesday (March 5, 2025), all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday (April 18, 2025) are days of **abstinence** (refraining from meat) for all Catholics **from age 14 onwards**. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, fast, as well as abstinence, is also obligatory for those **from the ages of 18-59**. Abstinence means refraining from meat. Fast means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted). No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation.

ASSUMPTION PRAYER CHAPEL



Adoration is available 24/7 in the Chapel (the old church) by using the code at the north transit entrance. You can call or come to the Church Office to receive the code. **Please note: the doors will be locked from 11am-2pm on Tuesdays for safety protocol.**

EXPOSITION is on Tuesdays 9am-10pm, and available through the Rosary at 6:15pm, followed by our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions and Benediction to close.

During Eucharistic Exposition, when the Eucharist is in the monstrance and exposed, an adorer must be present. If you are interested in being an adorer, visit assumptionbvm.weadorehim.com to sign up and choose a time. Thank you!

PRAY THE ROSARY BEFORE WEEKEND MASSES

Please join us in Church 30 minutes before each weekend Mass for the Rosary (except 5:30 pm Mass on Sundays.) We gather and pray before the Holy Family Statue.



O'FALLON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2269 UPCOMING EVENTS

Collection Drive

Please bring non-perishable food, personal care items (soap, toothpaste, deodorant), and cleaning supplies to help those in need in our local community! Collection boxes can be found in the upper and lower halls of Knights of Columbus.

Queen of Hearts raffle | Every Tuesday

Join us every Tuesday for our weekly raffle. Doors open at 5pm with drawing at 7pm. Food and beverages available for purchase. **This week's jackpot is \$5,855.**

Visit kofc2269.com/events for full details on all our events!



50 PLUS CLUB MARCH MEETING

In lieu of the March 24 meeting, be sure to join us for Fr. Joe Kempf's talk at 7pm in the Church.

THE WILD GOOSE VIDEO SERIES NOW THROUGH APRIL 10

This winter and into the spring, we are continuing the video series we started watching in the fall, "The Wild Goose" with Fr. Dave Pivonka: *Discovering a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit*. "Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. **Now through April 8/10 we will view episodes 8-14 in this new series.**

Do not worry if you were not there in the fall, or cannot make every week, you can still join us any week. There will be a moderator to show the video and help get our discussions going at each of the sessions:

- ◆ Tuesday mornings: 9-10:30am, Parish Hall Meyer Rooms
- ◆ Thursday evenings: 6:30-8pm, Rectory Basement

Consider coming to watch and talk with fellow parishioners, or watch the series with a group you know on your own time. You can find the videos on the Formed.org website by going under the Programs column and then to Faith Formation. SIGN IN if you already have an account, or create an account by clicking on "Finding Your Parish Subscription" and following the prompts. *The Wild Goose* will be on the page along with *The Search* that we viewed last winter, and many other series.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FISH FRY

5-7 PM • FRIDAYS 2025
LENT: March 7, 14, 21 & 28 and April 4, 11 & 18

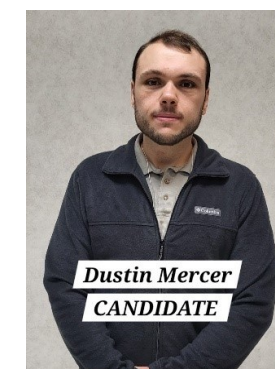
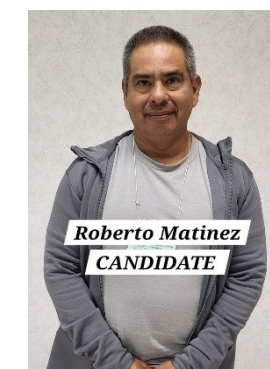
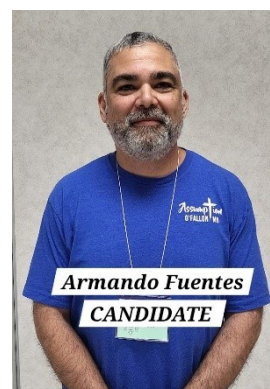
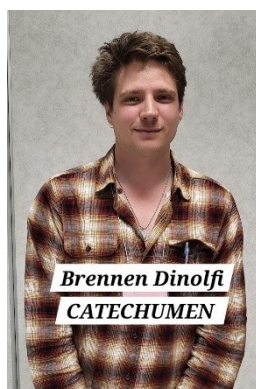
FISH OR CHICKEN AVAILABLE
\$16 Dinner includes 3 sides
\$15 Dine-in Senior Rate
\$11 Sandwich Plate includes 1 side
\$5 Kids Plate (13 and under)

COUNCIL #2269
202 W 3rd Street, O'Fallon

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (FORMERLY RCIA)

This weekend we celebrated the Rite of Sending at all masses and the Rite of Election with the Bishop at the Cathedral on Sunday afternoon. The Rite of Election formally concludes this part of their journey and begins a new period. We now support their readiness to enter into a more spiritual journey to the Easter Vigil.

All parishioners are invited to choose members of our elect and keep them in your prayers throughout the season of Lent. A minimal amount of prayer cards for the elect will be available in the back of church or you can cut from this page. As a family, you can write a prayer on the back of the Prayer Card, write a welcoming note, and your children can draw pictures welcoming them to Assumption Parish. We ask that you return the prayer cards, your welcoming note (and drawing) in an envelope and return them to the Prayer Cards box in the Narthex by April 7 in time for our spiritual retreat day. Please continue to pray for our men, women, and community.

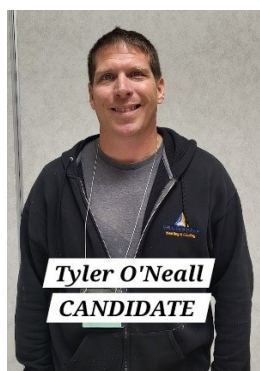


	SUNDAY 3.9.25	MONDAY 3.10.25	TUESDAY 3.11.25	WEDNESDAY 3.12.25
Mass Times and Intentions	8:00am Vincent Pratt 10:00am Jeannine Sexauer 12:00pm Bertha Rose Jasper 5:30pm People of the Parish	6:30am James McHugh 8:00am Mary Alice Osseck	6:30am Hugo and Blanche Nanney 8:00am George Dames 6:00pm Chris Scholten (Chapel)	6:30am Mary Alice Pijut 8:00am Gene Thornhill
Reconciliation	By Appointment	7:30-7:50am Church or by appointment	7:30-7:50am Church or by appointment	7:30-7:50am Church or by appointment

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (FORMERLY RCIA)



Lindsay O'Neill
CATECHUMEN



Tyler O'Neill
CANDIDATE



Madison Prager
Catechumen



Mike Steevens
CANDIDATE



Shannon Vohsen
CANDIDATE



Lauren Weber
CANDIDATE



Davis Young
CANDIDATE

MEN'S CRHP RETREAT MARCH 22 AND 23

All are
Welcome.
CRHP 2.0

Do you want to experience one of the most spiritual journeys of your life in only 36 hours? Register now for the Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) Retreat planned for Saturday, March 22 and Sunday, March 23!

This two-day walk with Christ allows you and other fellow parishioners to energize your faith by strengthening your connection with Him. The CRHP Weekend is a “must do Parish experience” with inspiring music, faith sharing, Mass, small group discussions, exciting activities guaranteed to renew your spiritual awareness and so much more.



CRHP is...
Changing Lives.
Building Lasting Relationships.
Helping Parishioners Find True Peace.

Scan the QR Code to register or contact Mike Vohsen at 314-951-4733 or email mike.vohsen@gmail.com for more information.

THURSDAY 3.13.25
6:30am Harold Adams
8:00am Ana Vilma Carcamo

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

FRIDAY 3.14.25
6:30am Russel Keifer
8:00am Bob Crangle

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

SATURDAY 3.15.25
8:00am Judy Buss
5:00pm Rose Korte

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

SUNDAY 3.16.25
8:00am Mamie & Antoine Prinster
10:00am Harold Adams
12:00pm People of the Parish
5:30pm Priests Intention

By Appointment

ATTENTION MEN OF ASSUMPTION PARISH

Our Church and our World needs you, man of God!

Join us **Saturday, March 15** in the lower hall of the Knights of Columbus building for another great session of TMIY. Our start time is 7:15am with breakfast, a short video, table discussion, and then we'll have you on your way by 8:30am. **If you missed other sessions, no worries! We hope to see you this weekend!**



Our Spring 2025 Semester of "That Man is You!" (TMIY) continues on Saturday mornings, now through May 3.

This week's session is "The Agony in the Garden"

Speaker: Mark Hartfiel

- ◆ The Sorrowful Mysteries outline the epic battle between good and evil.
- ◆ We need to know who we are fighting and what we are fighting for.
- ◆ Christ's actions teach us how to engage in the fight against darkness.
- ◆ He fights with love for our hearts and for our salvation.
- ◆ In the depths of our sinfulness, Jesus offers us His friendship.
- ◆ As Christians, called to an imitation of Christ, where is our fight?

For more information, contact Deacon Richard Tadlock at 314-397-2433 or DeaconRichard@charter.net.

DON'T MISS FATHER JOE KEMPF'S LENTEN PRESENTATION: FAMILY: YIKES! ... & ... YAY! MARCH 24 | 7-8:30PM | CHURCH



Is there any adventure more exhausting and exciting, frustrating and fulfilling, terrifying and tremendous, heartbreaking and holy (and sometimes hilarious) than parenthood? And it must be added: Impossible to do perfectly? No one has ever HAD perfect parents. No one IS a perfect parent, and many people feel inadequate or alone in their struggles with their parents or with their children. This presentation is for anyone who has ever felt anything like that.

While Father Joe needs no introduction to so many at Assumption, he will always hold a special place for our Parish in his heart. Serving as Assumption Pastor for 15 years, Father Joe is known for his dynamic personality and engaging storytelling, great love of God's people, sense of humor, and author of many books.

Reconnect after the presentation to preview and purchase signed copies of his books, including 'Gospel Value' children's books. Every cent of profit goes to help feed hungry kids.



Join us at the Missouri Capital to voice your support for pro-life legislation. Event registration begins at 10am followed by a noon rally with inspiring music and guest speakers. Enjoy your day as a family at your state Capitol as you encourage your

legislators to pass pro-life legislation in 2025. Legislative Referendums will be shared to Modify and Clarify Amendment 3. Children and youth are welcome and encouraged to attend with parents and grandparents to pass on this generational pro-life tradition.

Bus registration deadline is Friday, March 14. Scan the QR Code to register to ride the bus. Donations to help with the cost of the 55-passenger buses can be made when you register for the bus below or you can give a donation to the bus captain on the day of the trip. (each bus costs \$1,750.00)



Pick up at Wentzville Walmart | Departure at 8am | Return at 5pm

If you prefer, you can register for the bus by calling or emailing your **name, address, city, zip, phone, email address and pick-up location** to mrl.eastern@yahoo.com or 314-434-4900.



PREPARING FOR EASTER

NOW – APRIL 20

Join Assumption for 40 days of prayer,
fasting and almsgiving this Lenten Season.

Friday Evening Stations of the Cross:

Now – April 11 at 7pm in the Chapel

Friday Fish Fry: Now – April 18 from 5-7pm at the Knights of Columbus #2269 Hall

Tuesday Eucharistic Exposition: March 11 – April 15 from 9am – 10pm in the Chapel

Tuesday Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions: March 11 – April 15 at 5:15pm in the Chapel

Tuesday Evening Mass: March 11 – April 15 at 6pm in the Chapel

Come pray with us every Tuesday during Lent in the Chapel.

Friday Afternoon Stations of the Cross: March 14, March 28 at 2:40pm in the Church

Friday Afternoon Shadow Stations: April 11 at 2:45pm in the Chapel.

Family talk with Fr. Joe Kempf

Monday, March 24, 7pm in the Church

Presentation on the Eucharist with Dr. Ben Akers of the Augustine Institute

Thursday, April 3, 7pm in the Church

Stations of Hope: Friday, April 4 at 6pm in the Church followed by Reconciliation:

Join us this Lenten Season for Stations of Hope with prayer, music, and candlelight.

Reconciliation Weekend:

Friday, April 4 from 6-9pm in the Church, and

Saturday, April 5 from 9am-3:30pm in the Chapel

Easter Egg Hunt: April 13, Palm Sunday after all Masses

Children ages 12 and under! The hunts are free and will start 30 minutes after each Mass. There will be donuts at the 8am hunt, and grilled hot dogs, soda, and water will be for sale after the 10am and 12pm hunts. Donations are welcome. All proceeds help fund the new Early Childhood playground.

Mass of the Lord's Supper: April 17, Holy Thursday, at 7pm in Church

Life Teen Walk the Way Stations of the Cross: April 18, Good Friday, at 3pm in the Church

Good Friday Service: April 18 at 7pm in Church

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil: April 19 at 8pm in Church

Sunday Easter Mass:

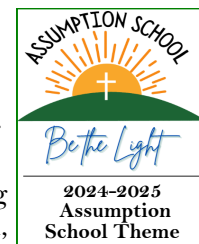
April 20 at 8am, 10am, and noon in the Church, and 8:15am and 10:15am in the Chapel

(go to our website, assumptionbvm.org for more details)

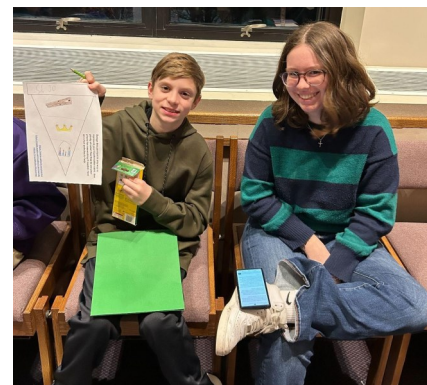


A WORD FROM HOLLY WOYTUS, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

On February 20, our eighth grade students, along with their sponsors, gathered for a meaningful Confirmation prayer service in the church. The candidates and sponsors rotated through different stations designed to deepen their understanding of the sacrament and its significance. Each station focused on a unique aspect of Confirmation, including Pentecost, the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, the Sacred Chrism, and more. This hands-on approach allowed the candidates to reflect more deeply on their faith journey as they prepare to receive this sacred sacrament. Through prayer, Scripture, and the support of their sponsors, the students strengthened their connection to the Holy Spirit and the Church. We ask for continued prayers for our eighth graders as they approach this important milestone in their faith.



In Christ,
Holly Woytus



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HIRING

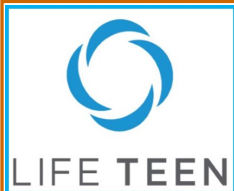
FOR THE 2025-2026
SCHOOL YEAR

- 4th Grade Teacher
- 2nd Grade Teacher
- Middle School Religion Teacher
- Preschool Teacher
- Preschool Instructional Aide
- Substitute Teachers

To apply, please contact Mrs. Jamie Burbridge
@jburbridge@abvmtech.org

<https://assumptionbvmschool.org/> **Learn More**





HELLO FROM ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY!

Happy March! Luke 18 was this weekend! Please congratulate the 8th Graders that were able to attend this wonderful weekend. I would like to thank all the High School teens that helped with the retreat, along with all the adult core team and the parents that took the time to help out over the weekend. We have such an amazing team.

Wednesday, March 12

EDGE: Luke 18 Reunion

6:15–7:30pm | Parish Center

We will have the Luke 18 Reunion on Wednesday. Join us for some fun and stories about the retreat.

Since we did not have EDGE this past week due to Ash Wednesday, we are looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday, March 12.

2025 EVENTS:

- June 1–7: EDGE Camp Hidden Lake
- June 23–27: Life Teen Leadership Conference
- July 18–20: Steubenville Youth Conference
- July 27–August 2: Life Teen Camp Covecrest

Congratulations to Charlotte Rose Whitaker on being Baptized last Sunday. It is always a beautiful thing to welcome a new Catholic into the Assumption family.



Follow us on Social Media:

Instagram:

@assumption_life_teen and @assumption_edge

Facebook:

Assumption Life Teen and Assumption EDGE

QUESTIONS? Contact **Becky Whitaker**,

Director of Youth Minister; Life Teen Youth Minister
636-240-3721 ext. 243 or beckywhitaker@abvmtech.org

Alejandro DeHerrera, EDGE Youth Minister (Middle School)

636-240-3721 ext. 333 or alejandroherrera@abvmtech.org

FALL FESTIVAL COUNTRY STORE

Please keep us in mind when you are going through your spring cleaning (NEW or VERY GENTLY USED) items to resell at our **Country Store, Décor and More** festival booths this year. These items are 100 percent profit for the Parish, and your donations are kindly needed.

You may place the donations in the plastic totes located in the pre-function area of the Parish Center starting July 27 or you can make arrangements with Sue Snyder at 314-496-7790.

ASSUMPTION RESPECT LIFE APOSTOLATE (PRO-LIFE) MINISTRY | LIVING ROSARY IN THE CHAPEL

During Lent, after the 8am weekday Mass, join us in the Chapel to say the rosary.

For more information, you can contact Sylvia Kiphart at 636-978-8803.



ST. VINCENT de PAUL FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP

St. Vincent De Paul food pantry is currently low on the following items.

- ◆ Canned hams
- ◆ Canned beef
- ◆ Canned pork,
- ◆ Canned sausages (Vienna type)
- ◆ SPAM
- ◆ Corn beef hash
- ◆ Chicken and Dumplings
- ◆ Canned chili with pull tab lids
- ◆ Canned tuna with pull tab lids or tuna in pouches
- ◆ Tuna Helper
- ◆ Canned pears
- ◆ Canned peaches
- ◆ Canned mixed fruit
- ◆ Snack sized raisins
- ◆ Pancake syrup
- ◆ Microwave popcorn

Please check expiration dates before donating. You can drop off your donation in the wooden container in the Narthex. The donation box in the Narthex is for food or other requested items. Clothing, shoes, bedding, etc may be donated at the St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store in St. Charles.

Thank you for your generous and continued support!
Your Assumption St. Vincent de Paul Team.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Weekly Offertory	Feb 16, 2025	YTD 7/1/24-2/16/25	<u>Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school</u>
Actual Collections	\$33,983	\$1,351,147	Original Loan \$3,306,127
Budget Target	<u>\$40,000</u>	<u>\$1,430,000</u>	Current balance owed \$329,729
Surplus / (Shortfall)	\$(6,017)	\$(78,853)	Monthly payment \$20,923
			<i>Last expected payment will be in May 2026.</i>



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

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

If you would like to give online, please go to:
assumptionbvm.org/Our-Parish/Online-Giving
or scan the QR Code and create an account.



SCAN ME

OFFICE INFORMATION

ADDRESS/PHONE/HOURS
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636-240-3721 Parish Office
Hours: Monday-Thurs 8am-4pm
Friday 8am-3pm

ASSUMPTION SCHOOL
636-240-4474

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
636-272-4758 (Helpline)

BULLETIN NOTICES
Submit to Parish Office
Bulletin.assumption@gmail.com
by 9am on the Tuesday before Sunday's
edition (five days prior)

SOCIAL MEDIA
Website: assumptionbvm.org
Instagram: @abvmofallon
Facebook.com: @assumptionparish
Youtube: @assumptionmedia1

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION
Religious instruction in the Catholic faith.
Call 636-240-1020 for information
or to register.

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION
For one-on-one grief support, or
information regarding our grief support
series, which is held twice per year,
contact Lynn Crews at 314-578-0741.