

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MARCH 15, 2026

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

Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Monday-Friday: 6:30am, 8am

Saturday: 8am

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8am, 10am, 12pm, 5:30pm

Confessions

Monday-Friday: 7:30-7:50am
(Church)

Saturday: 4-4:50pm (Church)
or by appointment

Sunday: by appointment

Holy Days

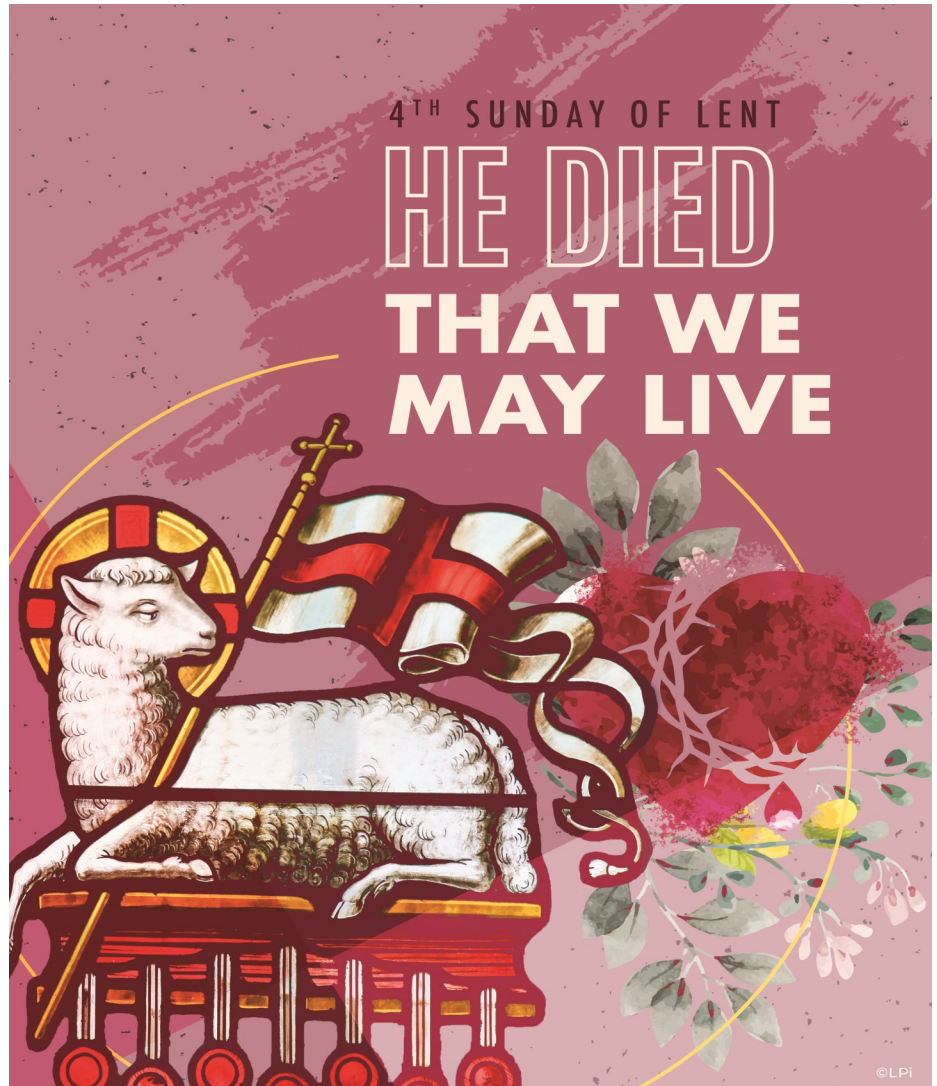
Vigil for Feast Day: 5:30pm

Feast Day: 6:30am, 8am and 7pm

Parish Information

403 N. Main Street
O'Fallon, MO 63366
Parish Office: 636-240-3721

Parish Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday: 8am-4pm
Friday: 8am-3pm; Summer 8am-2pm



SACRAMENTS AND PARISH INFORMATION

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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 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.

FUNERALS

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

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.

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. Contact Holly Woytus, 636-240-1020 for more information.

Welcome

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Hello,

This week, we get to the third of the pillars of Lent, Fasting. Fasting is defined in the Catechism as refraining from food and drink as an expression of interior penance, an imitation of the fast of Jesus for forty days in the desert. During Lent, we have the obligation of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday with the fast defined as only one full meal on those days, two smaller meals, and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted). This is only an obligation for those from age 18 to 59. We also have the practice of abstaining from meat on Ash Wednesday and on Fridays during Lent, which is an obligation for Catholics from the age of 14 and up (sorry, no upper limit on that one).



So why do we fast? One reason is given in the definition above, as an expression of interior penance. Hopefully, this will make us more aware that we are more than simply physical bodies, and hopefully long for more than just physical nourishment. Fasting can help us to exercise and develop discipline in regard to physical hungers, helping us to realize their limitations in providing satisfaction in our lives and realizing spiritual needs that we may have been ignoring.

I believe that few people in our parish are in a situation where they go to bed hungry. Fortunately, in our society most of us have enough food to keep us fed and physically nourished and we have the resources to make food available to those who are in need. Hopefully, by fasting, we become more aware and concerned for those who do not have food, both locally and throughout the world, and are encouraged to respond to their needs as we can.

Fasting can also very simply be a reminder to us of our faith. Whether it is because on a day of fast we remember before grabbing a snack that it is Ash Wednesday or Good Friday and we think about why we are not snacking today. Or pass on a particular food or drink because you gave it up for Lent, and it is a reminder of your faith and the season we are in. It can be useful to have those reminders that might help us to live out our lives more faithfully, and to realize God is there with us even if it isn't Sunday morning at church.

Another thing fasting can do is to help us appreciate it more when we are not fasting. We have a couple of Solemnities coming up in the next few weeks, March 19, when we celebrate St. Joseph, the Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and March 25, when we celebrate the Annunciation of the Lord. Those might be days that you give up a Lenten fast chosen as liturgically. On those days, we even recite the Gloria! (But if you gave up swearing or something of the sort, maybe you should keep that going.) And when we get to Easter itself it helps to heighten the recognition and celebration of that season.

Peace,

Fr. Nick

SYMBOLON VIDEO SERIES



This week we are watching parts of the video entitled "A LOVE THAT LASTS: Discovering Authentic Love." The video addresses the difference between a Catholic vision of love as a self-giving act vs. the limitations and emptiness that can be experienced focused on a self-centered love.

- **Tuesday mornings through March 23, 9-10am, Parish Hall, Meyer Rooms**
- **Thursday evening through March 26, 6:30-7:30pm, Parish Hall, Rooms D&E**

You can find these and other videos on the Formed.org website by going under sign in and clicking on "Finding Your Parish Subscription."

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.

EXPOSITION is on Tuesdays, 9am-10pm. At 5:15pm, the Rosary is prayed, followed by our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions, Mass at 6pm, then Exposition continues until 10pm. 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 for an hour, visit assumptionbvm.weadorehim.com to sign up and choose a time. Thank you!



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Elizabeth McBain
of our parish family

Kevin Scott
father of Chris (Amy) Scott

Loi Pham
mother of Luan Nguyen

Marlene O'Connell
mother of Pam (Dave) Long



BULLETIN ARTICLE DEADLINES

It's that time of year again! Articles are needed early for the busy Easter season.

- Articles for the **March 29** bulletin will be due **on Monday, March 23 by 9am** (instead of Tuesday, March 24)
- Articles for the **April 5** bulletin will be due **on Friday, March 27 by 9am** (instead of Tuesday, March 31)

Please send articles to bulletin.assumption@gmail.com.

DEACON DIAPER DRIVE NOW THROUGH MARCH 29



Drop off your diapers and baby wipe donations in the Deacon Diaper Drive drop area located in the pre-function area of the Parish

Center. **Bigger sizes are in great demand for foster kids. Adult diapers and wipes are also appreciated.** The baby supplies will delivered to those in need.

PREPARING FOR EASTER NOW THROUGH APRIL 5

**JOIN ASSUMPTION FOR 40 DAYS
OF PRAYER, FASTING, AND ALMSGIVING
THIS LENTEN SEASON.**

Friday Evening Stations of the Cross: March 13, 20, and 27 at 7pm in the Chapel

Tuesday Eucharistic Exposition: March 17, 24, and 31 from 9am-10pm in the Chapel

Tuesday Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions during Lent: March 17, 24, and 31 at 5:15pm-6pm in the Chapel

Tuesday Evening Mass: March 17, 24, and 31 at 6pm in the Chapel. Come pray with us every Tuesday during Lent in the Chapel.

Friday Afternoon Stations of the Cross: March 27 at 2:40pm in the Church, and April 2 at 11am in the Chapel

Easter Egg Hunt: March 29, Palm Sunday. The hunts, sponsored by the Men's Group, are free and are held after the 8am and 10am Masses. Donations of small toys and Easter baskets are needed. Donation baskets are available in the Church Narthex.

Shadow Stations of the Cross: April 2, Holy Thursday, at 11am in Chapel

Mass of the Lord's Supper: April 2, Holy Thursday, at 7pm in Church

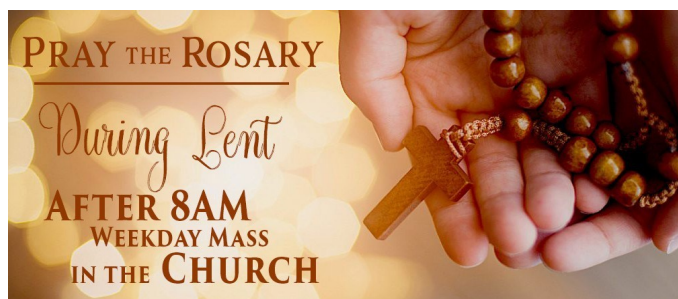
Life Teen Walk the Way Stations of the Cross: April 3, Good Friday, at 3pm in the Church

Good Friday Service: April 3 at 7pm in Church

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil: April 4 at 8pm in Church

Sunday Easter Mass: April 5 at 8am, 10am, and noon in the Church, and 8:15am and 10:15am in the Chapel.

Visit our website, assumptionbvm.org for more details.



WALKING

THE

Stations of the Cross



**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 -
SATURDAY, APRIL 4**

STARTING AT THE
MARY QUEEN OF PEACE SHRINE

Please join us this Lenten season for the Walking Stations of the Cross at the Mary Queen of Peace Shrine in O'Fallon, located at the corner of Civic Park Drive and Imperial Drive.

Booklets are available at the Shrine beside the First Station and include several versions of the Stations along with a map to guide you. The route is less than 1 mile, fully paved, with no incline and stroller-friendly.

We invite you to enjoy the serenity of the Mary Queen of Peace Shrine and take part in this small pilgrimage of faith during Lent.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Kim Bauer at 314-575-2144 or via email at kim@toseniorliving.com.



O'FALLON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2269 UPCOMING EVENTS


Fish Fry: Every Friday of Lent, March 20, 27, and April 3 | 5-7pm

Join us for our delicious fish fry. Dine in or carry out.

Collection Drive, Sunday, March 22, 7:30am-12pm

Please bring non-perishable food, personal care items (soap, toothpaste, deodorant), and cleaning supplies to help those in need in our local community! Collection tables can be found in Lot A (lower parking lot.)

MEN OF ASSUMPTION PARISH OUR CHURCH AND OUR WORLD NEEDS YOU, MAN OF GOD!



THAT MAN IS YOU!
BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

Join us **Saturday, March 21** 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've not attended before, no worries, we hope to see you this weekend!**

This week's session is titled, "Good Friday Through Jewish Eyes" Presenter: Dr. John Bergsma

- Travel through the passion narrative of the Gospel of John
- Explore the significance of the crucifixion in regard to Christ's role as bridegroom and priest
- Jesus as bridegroom and priest throughout His public ministry
- Jesus' passion calling to mind Jewish traditions through images and prophecy fulfillment
- Understand the sacraments as they relate to Christ's sacrifice and our salvation
- Jesus as the new Adam taking humanity as his bride, the new Eve

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

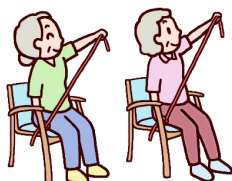


50 PLUS CLUB MARCH 23 | 6:30PM

Join us for our next 50+ Club meeting on March 23 at 6:30pm in the Meyer Room. Physical Therapist, Debbie Gentry, will be talking to us about staying healthy and showing us how to stay safe in our homes. She will also show us how to do some chair yoga as well to help keep you moving. Please come join us and have fun.

	SUNDAY 3.15.26	MONDAY 3.16.26	TUESDAY 3.17.26	WEDNESDAY 3.18.26
Mass Times and Intentions	8:00am Bob Gessert 10:00am Michael Nikonowicz 12:00pm Judy Buss 5:30pm People of the Parish	6:30am Don Schneider 8:00am Steve Kaltenback	6:30am Christopher Scholten 8:00am Patrick Davis 6:00pm Stan Bytnar (Chapel)	6:30am Bill and Delores Boal 8:00am Inez Barriga
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

FIT AND FUNCTIONAL EXERCISE CLASS STARTING MARCH 10



Come join us for the next session of the Fit and FUNCTIONAL Exercise classes. We meet on Tuesdays/Thursdays from 8:45am-9:45am in the Parish Center. Join when you can! \$60 for 16 classes (8 weeks).

Our exercise class, geared towards folks 50+, and taught by a Physical Therapist, is intended to accommodate various activity levels to improve strength, flexibility, balance and mobility. We use resistance bands and small hand weights. Resistance bands are provided in class. We do much of the class sitting, but also work in some standing, because life requires that too! We work hard, but we have fun, too!

Questions? Contact Debbie Gentry, PT at 314-306-2697 or AtHomePartnersLLC@gmail.com.

ASSUMPTION MEN'S GROUP BAGS TOURNAMENT SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 11AM-4PM



The Assumption Men's group is having a bags tournament. **We need at least 10 more teams to register or we may have to cancel the tournament which we don't want to do.** Each team that participates is guaranteed six games. The cost is \$50 per team. Please register as soon as possible! It will be a lot of fun.

Register online at bit.ly/BagsTournament26. Doors open at 10:30am; hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, soda, water, and beer are available for a small fee. **Proceeds support the future development of an outdoor activity area on our campus.**

If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Gessert, Kelly.gessert@gmail.com or Mike Bigler, Mjb7203@gmail.com.

THURSDAY 3.19.26
6:30am
8:00am Helen Binstock
7:30-7:50am Church or by appointment

FRIDAY 3.20.26
6:30am
8:00am Kevin Steibel (special intention)
7:30-7:50am Church or by appointment

SATURDAY 3.21.26
8:00am
5:00pm Pete Waligorski
4-4:50pm Church or by appointment

SUNDAY 3.22.26
8:00am Linda Miller
10:00am
12:00pm People of the Parish
5:30pm
By Appointment

Bubbles and BLINGO

Hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus #2269 and Marilyn Rufkahr of Parklane Jewelry

Sunday, March 22, 2026
Doors open at 12:30 - Blingo begins at 1:30

***** Admission is \$15. Includes 8 Rounds of Blingo. *****

- Extra sheets are available.
- Special Blingo Round for a designer purse!
- Bring snacks. Cash Bar available.
- Specialty Drink - Mimosas
- Raffle Baskets and 50/50.
- Cash, check, and credit accepted

Proceeds benefit local charities and causes.

***** Location: O'Fallon Knights of Columbus Hall *****

202 West Third Street O'Fallon, MO
Enter from upper parking lot.
Reservations Appreciated. Contact Margie Prinster @ 636-577-1369 or email to margery1@gmail.com

Easter Egg HUNT

Wanted: PRIZE DONATIONS

The Assumption Men's Group is in need of **SMALL TOY, CANDY & BASKET** donations for the 10th Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday. Please place donations in the bins in the Narthex **BEFORE FRIDAY, MARCH 20.**

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FAITH, HOPE, AND LIFE

MARCH 25 | 7PM



Join the Respect Life Apostolate Ministry (Pro-Life) for an inspiring evening, as we **welcome Brian Westbrook from Coalition Life, to share his powerful testimony and mission about the importance of Pro-Life**, Wednesday, March 25 at 7pm in the Parish Center, Hall B. Witness how God's grace transformed Brian's life after the near-death experience of his firstborn son in 2008, leading him to become a beacon of hope and a champion for life.

As the Founder and Executive Director of Coalition Life, Brian has dedicated his life to saving lives and spreading God's love through sidewalk counseling, community outreach, and pregnancy center services. His unwavering faith and commitment have led to thousands of lives saved and a remarkable 99.4% reduction in abortions in St. Louis. Brian's work has touched hearts across the nation, and has been featured in major publications like The New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal and CNN, and continues to inspire countless individuals to stand for life.

Come and be uplifted by Brian's story of faith, family, and the power of God's love. RSVP by Monday, March 23 to Debbie Collins at 636-240-3721, ext. 221 or debbiecollins@abvmtech.org.

HIPPITY-HOPPIN' ALL THE WAY... THE EASTER BUNNY ARRIVES PALM SUNDAY!



The 10th Annual Easter Egg Hunt is back, Palm Sunday, March 29! Children ages 12 and under and their parents are invited to join us for

the 8am, or 10am Mass, and then head to the upper soccer field to meet the Easter Bunny and hunt for hidden eggs. The Assumption Men's Group sponsors the fun, free, age-appropriate hunts packed with prizes.

Children attending should bring a basket and be prepared to have a good time while searching for candy- and toy-filled eggs. Hunters who find a golden egg (one per child, please) or ticket in the egg get a special prize. The Easter Bunny will be available for family photos throughout the event. Everyone enjoys donuts, milk, and juice at the hunts. Donations are welcome and all proceeds collected help fund the outdoor activity area on the Church campus.

For more information about the Assumption Easter Egg Hunt, scan the QR Code, or contact the Parish Office at 636-240-3721.



SHAWN GIBBS NOMINATED CATHOLIC MAN OF THE YEAR



We are pleased to announce that Shawn Gibbs has been nominated as a St. Joseph Radio Catholic Man of the Year for the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Shawn, his wife, Janell and, their two wonderful children, Faith and Wyatt, have been parishioners at Assumption since 2000.

Over the years, Shawn has demonstrated his love of God and his commitment to our faith community through tireless service on many committees and activities. He has been an active participant in the parish Stewardship Committee and the Strategic Planning Process.

Following his participation in CRHP (now RENEWAL) 15 years ago, he and several other men, established a weekly Bible study group that still meets today. He also has been instrumental in the annual Men's CRHP alumni retreats and days of reflection.

You may recognize Shawn and Janell from their participation in the Prayer Team ministry, offering prayers after Mass for those in need. Shawn also frequently serves as a Eucharistic Minister.

Let us join together to thank Shawn for all his service to our parish and community, and, let us congratulate him on this much deserved nomination. May we all strive to follow his example.

Shawn, along with all other nominees, will be recognized at a dinner at the Hilton St. Louis Frontenac on March 22 from 4-8pm. Cost for the dinner is \$100 per person. If you wish to join us, please call by March 14. Ray Gerard at 847-638-5242 or St. Joseph Radio at 636-447-6000. Ask to be at Shawn's table.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (FORMERLY RCIA)

Last weekend, we were challenged with the Samaritan woman at the well when we thirst for the Lord. Catechumens were anointed with the oil of the Catechumen and Candidates received a blessing during our session. This oil is unique to the Catechumen and used to strengthen, protect, and prepare them to renounce evil, avoid temptation, and live in Christ. It is one of three oils blessed by the bishop during the annual Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday, last year. The Second Scrutiny, this weekend at 8am Mass, focuses on John 9 (Man Born Blind) to highlight themes of spiritual blindness, conversion, and Christ as the Light of the World. It invites the Elect to move from darkness to light, recognizing personal sins and accept Christ's healing and grow in faith. Walk with us this week as you ponder: *What are the obstacles that continue to blind us from seeing the heart of another as God does? What are some signs of blindness all around you? How does Christ bring light in your personal darkness? What are the consequences of our human blindness?*

Please cut each picture from the bulletin, write a note, and place it in an envelope with their name on it. Return prayer cards by March 22 in time for our spiritual retreat day.



Ayden Sanker
Catechumen



Debbie Smith
Catechumen



Dylan de Leon
Candidate



Earl Stricker
Candidate



Kyle Rapplean
Candidate



Matt Renfro
Candidate



Nikki Clark
Candidate



Richard Weiss
Candidate



Sarah Renfro
Candidate



Scott Hilmes
Candidate



Sherry Owen
Candidate

ATTEND PILGRIMAGE TO SHRINE OF ST. ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE; RECEIVE PLENARY INDULGENCE

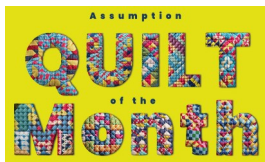
In honor of the Archdiocese of St. Louis celebrating its 200th Anniversary, Assumption Parish is planning a Bicentennial Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Saturday, April 18 at 10am. Please plan to join us for a tour of the historic Shrine and receive a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions. Parishioners are welcome to remain for quiet prayer time after the hour-long tour. Afterwards, we will socialize and eat lunch around noon at Hendricks BBQ, located at 1200 S. Main Street in St. Charles. While the tour is free, attendees are responsible for paying for their own lunch.



To reserve your seat to this sacred site, please call Nancy Gomer at 636-240-3721, ext 239. If you need transportation to and from the Shrine, just let Nancy know. Our Parish Council members are ready to assist!

In accordance to the Holy See, the governing body of the Catholic Church and the jurisdiction of the Pope, "An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints." The usual conditions for an indulgence, along with visiting a designated Pilgrimage site, includes going to confession, receiving communion, and praying for the intentions of the Pope. An indulgence is partial or plenary according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin." Indulgences may be applied to the living or the dead.

QUILT-OF-THE-MONTH RAFFLE BENEFITS CHAPEL RESTORATION WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!



Congratulations to **Janet Steinhoff of Assumption** for winning the February quilt! The Assumption Quilters are hosting a quilt raffle with 12 different drawings that began in August 2025 and runs through July 2026. All proceeds for the Quilt-of-the-Month raffle benefit restoring areas of the Assumption Prayer Chapel, so be sure to support our worthy cause. There are 5 more quilts to win, so you still have time to send in your tickets. Take a chance and spread the news about the raffle! Drawings will be held during the last week of each month. The winner wins the quilt assigned to that month. These quilts are valued at \$500-\$800 each.



**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church
Quilt-of-the-Month
August 2025 through July 2026**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Phone: _____

Donation: \$10 each or 3 for \$25

• Tickets are **\$10 for one ticket or \$25 for three tickets**.
Non-winning tickets remain in the raffle through July 2026.

• Checks can be made out to Assumption Church

You can fill out the tickets, drop it in Sunday's collection basket with your payment, turn it in at the Parish Office or via mail: Assumption Church, 403 N. Main St., O'Fallon, MO 63366. Photos of all quilts can be viewed at assumptionbvm.org.

The Assumption Quilters thank you very much for supporting Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church.



PRINCIPAL'S PEN

I am excited to share that Assumption has been awarded a grant from 3DSHQ for a brand-new 3D printer! This is the first year 3DSHQ has offered grant opportunities and we are proud to be the very first school selected to receive this award.

Last week, two team members from 3DSHQ visited Assumption to provide hands-on training for our 5th and 6th grade students, as well as our staff. It was an incredible learning experience, and our students were fully engaged in the process of understanding design and 3D printing technology.

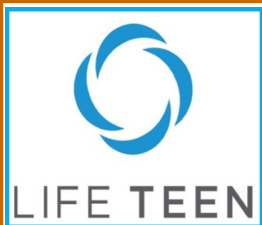


Our Science, Art, Math, and Learning Consultant teachers have all received training and are excited to begin integrating 3D printing into the curriculum. The possibilities for innovation, creativity and problem-solving are endless, and we look forward to watching our students grow through these new learning opportunities.

3DSHQ also offers additional training sessions at their store for families who would like to learn more about 3D printing. If you are interested, please see the website for more information, 3dshq.com.

Blessings,
Jamie Burbridge, Principal





HELLO FROM ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY!

What a joy it is to see the young Church alive, well and growing in their faith! This past weekend, our teens spent twelve continuous hours on our campus in prayer, work, and preparation for our upcoming Luke 18 retreat. We can't wait to see all our 8th graders for this incredible retreat in less than a month! Please pray for us and know that we are praying for you, especially as we continue our preparations to serve our 8th graders well at Luke 18.

Sunday, March 15

Life teen: Decision Making

6:30-8:45pm in the Parish Center

All high school teens are invited to join us for a Life Night focused on making decisions well. Teens, expect food, fellowship, and powerful prayer!

Wednesday, March 18

EDGE – Heroic Deeds: The Ministry of Jesus

6-7:30pm in the Parish Center

All middle schoolers are invited to join us for an EDGE night focusing on the ministry of Jesus. Expect fun, faith, formation, and fellowship. We can't wait to see you there.

Life Teen Bible Study

8-9pm in HQ*

All high school teens are welcome to join us for pizza and a deep dive on the upcoming Sunday's readings for Mass. Come and learn about the Word of God!

*Life Teen Headquarters (HQ for short) is the small yellow house by the Knights of Columbus Hall.



2026 EVENTS:

April 10-12: Luke 18 Retreat
June 8-13: Life Teen Camp Cana
June 22-26: Life Teen Leadership Conference
July 17-19: Steubenville Conference

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

Nick Bone, EDGE Youth Minister (Middle School)

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

Did you know?

In May 1995, the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary debuted female Altar Servers.

Thank you, Bruce and Donna Prinster, for sharing this newspaper article and photo of Father John Keane, Katie Prinster, and Elizabeth Tierney, as we celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Archdiocese of St. Louis by shining a light on those who have built the foundation of our faith over the past 155 years. Today, we offer Altar Server Training annually.



A Legacy of Faith. A Future of Hope



Altar Girls

Editor:

Recently, both the Review and the Post-Dispatch have carried stories about girls serving at Mass. For a variety of reasons, some priests and parishes allow the practice. There should be no doubt in anyone's mind, however, that one of the issues here is a question of obedience.

My concern is that some people are inadvertently (or purposefully) teaching that when we come up against a rule in the Church we don't agree with it's OK to disregard that rule. To put oneself against the law is disobedience; to put oneself above the law is arrogance. Who can condone a Catholic parish teaching or practicing either?

Father Alexander R. Anderson
Pastor
Sacred Heart Parish
Eureka

OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Weekly Offertory	February 22, 2026	YTD 7/1/25-2/22/26
Actual Collections	\$36,635	\$1,379,617
Budget Target	\$45,000	\$1,585,000
Surplus / (Shortfall)	\$(8,365)	\$(205,383)

Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school

Original Loan	\$3,306,127
Current balance owed	\$46,438
Monthly payment	\$20,923

Last expected payment will be in June 2026.



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

We Believe It (Acts 4:32-36)

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