Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

JULY 19, 2026

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

Welcome!

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass (Chapel)
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 (Chapel)
Saturday: 4-4:50pm (Church) or by appointment
Sunday: by appointment

Holy Days
Vigil for Feast Day: 5:30pm
Feast Day: 6:30am, 8am, 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

403 N. Main St.
O'Fallon, MO 63366
assumptionbvm.org

Assumption Staff
636-240-3721 and Ext:

Pastor
242 Fr. Nick Kastenholz
nicholaskastenholz@archstl.org

Senior Associate Pastor
226 Msgr. Dennis Stehly
dennisstehly@archstl.org

In Residence
Fr. Brad Modde
bmodde@stdominichs.org

Deacons
Deacon Fred Volansky
Deacon Richard Tadlock
deaconrichard@charter.net

Parish Manager
225 Mark Vogt
business@abvmtech.org

Parish Secretary
221 Debbie Collins
debbiecollins@abvmtech.org

Bulletin Announcements:
bulletin.assumption@gmail.com
(by Tuesday at 9am)

Bookkeeper
234 Mary Knapp
accounting@abvmtech.org

Director of Religious Education and PSR Director
328 Holly Woytus; 636-240-1020
hwoytus@abvmtech.org

Baptism/Wedding Coordinator; Records and Scheduling
235 Angie Gloriod
agloriod@abvmtech.org

Youth Ministry
333 Nick Bone
nickbone@abvmtech.org

Director of Music Ministry
326 Elizabeth Smith
music@abvmtech.org

Director of Communication
239 Nancy Gomer
ngomer@abvmtech.org

Parish Day School/Preschool Principal: Jamie Burbridge
636-240-4474

Child Safety Coordinator
Lynn Crews 314-578-0741
lynncrews@abvmtech.org

Parish Council
abvparishcouncil3721@gmail.com

School Board
abvmschoolboard@gmail.com

Hello,

This week, we celebrate the feast of St. Mary Magdalene (July 22). It needs to be noted that Mary appears to have been a fairly common name in Jesus' time, and while historically Mary Magdalene has also been considered to be the woman referred to in Luke 7:36-50 who is described as a sinful woman who Jesus forgave her sins, and is usually referred to as a reformed prostitute, current Scripture scholars and the Church disagree with this belief. Actually, the woman in Luke 7:36-50 is never named. In Luke 8:2, Mary Magdalene is specifically named as a follower of Jesus "from whom seven demons have gone out."

The main reason I want to point this out is to emphasize what we do know about Mary Magdalene, she was there at Jesus' crucifixion (MT 27:56, MK 15:40, JN 19:25), she was there at His tomb (MT 28:1, MK15:47, LK 24, 1-10, JN 20:1), she was the first person who the risen Jesus appeared to (MT 28:9, MK 16:9, JN 20:11-17), and then she brought word of His resurrection to others (MK 16:10, JN 20:18). She was an intimately close follower of Christ through His ministry, death, and resurrection, and would be the one to proclaim His resurrection even to the Apostles.

You might consider Mary Magdalene a victim of 'fake news' and it will likely take a long time to overcome this mistaken focus of her and to replace it with the focus on what we do know: she was healed by Jesus, she followed and supported Him, she was there for His crucifixion, she was there at the tomb, and Jesus first appeared to her after His resurrection and she did as He asked and told this to His disciples. I could also go on with many stories of how and where she spread Jesus' message after this, but I don't want to risk stating a spectacular story that might not be as accurate as what the Gospels tell us, and I don't think they are more spectacular than those anyways. May her actions not only strengthen our faith, but also our actions in sharing His resurrection with others.

Peace,

Fr. Nick

MISSIONARY PRIEST

JULY 25-26

Next weekend, Fr. Jim Michler will be at Assumption to tell us about the Missions in La Paz Bolivia, specifically to ask for our prayerful and financial support to Maria Reina parish in the city of La Paz, Bolivia. Fr. Michler is a priest of the Archdiocese of St. Louis who spent many years in Bolivia while the Archdiocese actively supported missions there.

Fr. James Michler is a favorite visitor at Solomon Klein in Cochebamba, Bolivia, via the Pan Y Amor program. He helped a youngster in the first-grade classroom.

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 6:15pm, the Rosary is prayed, followed by our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions. 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!

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.)

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

William Schnarr
husband of Barbara Schnarr
father of Amy (Mark) Delaney and Stephanie (Dan) Moran

Ray Pawloski
father of Michael (Elizabeth) Pawloski

Jon Truedell
brother of Sue Capstick

DAILY MORNING MASSES AND CONFESSIONS HELD IN THE CHAPEL THROUGH AUGUST 13

During the summer months, join us for our 6:30am and 8am Masses, Monday–Friday and 8am on Saturdays, in the Chapel.

Weekday Confessions, Monday–Friday, 7:30–7:50am also will be in the Chapel.

REMINDER TO EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

During Communion, please remember that when giving a parishioner a blessing not to place your hand on the adult or child's head. We are to place our hand above the person's head and give the blessing.

ASSUMPTION MEMBERSHIP AND MINISTRY DIRECTORY

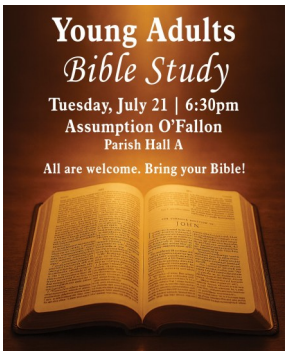
The **2026-27 Assumption Membership and Ministry Directory**—Serving the Lord with our Gifts—will be showing up in mailboxes soon! The informative, multi-page booklet is being printed and mailed in August at no cost to us, thanks to a partnership with Guide Book Publishing! It includes detailed information about Assumption's ministries and organizations, as well as the directory of our nearly 3,200 families.

In addition, our stewardship commitment cards will be available again this fall. Stay tuned for more information coming soon!

YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY BIBLE STUDY

JULY 21 | 6:30PM

All young adults, ages 18–35, are invited to join us for our next **Young Adult Bible Study** on **Tuesday, June 21** in **Parish Center, Hall A** at Assumption. Come spend an evening diving into Scripture, growing in faith, and building community with other young adults seeking a deeper relationship with Christ. Whether you're new to the Bible or have been studying for years, you are welcome. **Bring your Bible and bring a friend!**



For more information, reach out to Logan Jordan at 636-541-0765. Come as you are and be part of a community that seeks to know and love God more deeply.

BINGO FUNDRAISER

JULY 25 | 6:30PM

Come have some fun while supporting Birthright of Wentzville. This is a family friendly event. Doors open at 6pm, games begin at 6:30pm. Bring your own snacks/drinks or some will be available for a donation.

For more information call: Birthright of Wentzville, 636-327-8170.

St. Gianna Church
450 E Hwy. N | Wentzville, MO 63385

50+ CLUB

JULY 27 | 6:30PM

I hope everyone had a nice 4th of July weekend and vacation time this summer!

Just a reminder, we will have a meeting on Monday July 27 at 6:30pm in Hall C. We will have Fr. Brad Modde as our guest speaker to talk about his journey to the priesthood. Come join us as we get to know our new priest in residence and at St. Dominic High School. Please bring a dessert to share. Enjoy your Summer!

If you have any questions about the 50+ Club, please contact Linda Lambing at 314-599-8429.

ASSUMPTION BLOOD DRIVE

TUESDAY, JULY 28
3PM- 6PM

ImpactLife will be in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, July 28, and we look forward to seeing you there and accepting your donation of the *Gift of Life*!

Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome depending on open slots and blood drive supplies. To schedule an appointment, scan the QR Code, call ImpactLife at 800-747-5401, or online at bloodcenter.org/group. Sponsor Code 9007. Please be sure you have a picture ID available and you have eaten and are well hydrated.

Thank you to all of you who come on a regular basis to donate. Countless lives depend on people like you who so selflessly contribute to Assumption's blood drives. We hope to increase this number in the future!

Mass Times and Intentions	SUNDAY 7.19.26	MONDAY 7.20.26	TUESDAY 7.21.26	WEDNESDAY 7.22.26
	8:00am Frank and Betty Ryan	6:30am Victor and Rose Scholten	6:30am Priests Intention	6:30am Alessandro and Lino Astengno
	10:00am Tess Berens (special intention)	8:00am Jackie Alt	8:00am Sam Garland	8:00am George Dames
	12:00pm Therese Potts			
	5:30pm James and Betty Bruegenhemke			
Reconciliation	By Appointment	7:30-7:50am Church or by appointment	7:30-7:50am Chapel or by appointment	7:30-7:50am Chapel or by appointment

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We will soon be starting up Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW). This interactive children's ministry is a time of prayer and reflection on God's word presented with child-friendly language. The program has been very successful. Last year we averaged about 35 children in attendance.

In anticipation of continuing this critical program we need **Catechist** volunteers. We are scheduled for every Sunday from August 16, 2026 through May 23, 2027. A **Catechist's** main responsibility is to bring the Word of the Lord to the children and then give a reflection. This reflection should draw out the meaning of the Word of God, apply it to the lives of the children in easy understandable actionable words. Training will be provided.

We are looking for 6-8 adult men and women (18+ years old). Catechist volunteers to rotate every 6-8 weeks in leading CLOW. If you love kids, then you will enjoy being part of and seeing the joy and enthusiasm children display when given the opportunity to hear and respond to God's word. The only requirement that must be met is to be certified in "Protecting God's Children." If you are not certified, that can easily be taken care of through training at your convenience.

Please give prayerful discernment in supporting this important children's ministry. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Maria Tadlock at 636-734-2817 or shmilyrt@charter.net.

PSR AND EDGE REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

We are excited to welcome back our PSR families and invite new families to join us for the 2026–2027 school year! Assumption Parish's PSR program supports parents in their role as the primary faith educators of their children by offering Catholic religious education for students in Grades 1–8.

We offer faith formation opportunities tailored to the needs of every age group. Students in First–Fifth Grade participate in our traditional classroom-based PSR program. Students in Grades 6–8 take part in our EDGE Program, a dynamic Catholic middle school youth ministry experience that helps young people grow in their faith in a fun, meaningful, and relevant way. For our eighth-grade PSR students, EDGE also fulfills the requirements for Confirmation preparation. In addition, we are pleased to offer an Adaptive Needs program designed to support students with special learning needs in their faith journey.

Important Note for First Grade Families:
If your child will be entering first grade for the 2026-2027 school year, now is the time to enroll in PSR! Participation in both First and Second Grade is required in order for children to receive First Reconciliation and First Communion in Second grade. We don't want anyone to miss out on these beautiful sacraments, so please spread the word to families with upcoming First Graders.

Our year begins with a Family Mass and Open House on Wednesday, September 9 at 6:15pm, and regular PSR/EDGE classes will begin on Wednesday, September 16. To learn more or to register, simply scan the QR code below or visit the PSR page located under the Faith Formation tab on our parish website.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our Director of Religious Education, Holly Woytus, at hwoytus@abvmtech.org. Let's grow in faith together!

THURSDAY 7.23.26	FRIDAY 7.24.26	SATURDAY 7.25.26	SUNDAY 7.26.26
6:30am Mark Stelzer	6:30am Priests Intention	8:00am Priests Intention	8:00am M.C. and Marge Gentemann
8:00am John Groark	8:00am Robert Thibodeau	5:00pm Terry Gamache	10:00am Patricia Whitehead
			12:00pm People of the Parish
			5:30pm Sandie Kehrer and family (special intention)
7:30-7:50am Chapel or by appointment	7:30-7:50am Chapel or by appointment	4-4:50pm Church or by appointment	By Appointment

Project Rachel Hope & Healing Weekend

A WEEKEND RETREAT FOR WOMEN IMPACTED BY ABORTION

August 1-2, 2026

St. Louis County Location
$25 per person
Includes lodging, meals, & materials

Contact us at:
hopehealing@archstl.org
Call/text 314.778.0628

Strictly confidential

JOIN US FOR ULTIMATE FALL FUN BE THE HEART OF OUR FESTIVAL!

The Assumption Fall Festival will be here before you know it! This is your chance to make a difference and help create unforgettable memories for our parish and community. **By sharing your time and talents, you become part of something bigger**—a joyful tradition that brings people together and strengthens the bonds of friendship and faith.

Every role matters, whether you're cheering on children at the games, serving delicious food and drinks, lending a hand at the bank, or supporting the Country Store. When we come together, our combined efforts turn an annual event into a celebration filled with laughter, connection, and generosity.

We especially encourage school parents to join in the fun! This is a wonderful way to meet new families, build lasting relationships, and fulfill your volunteer hours in a meaningful way.

To volunteer, visit assumptionbvm.org and click on the Fall Festival Announcement to discover all the ways you can help! After visiting the registration link, simply choose the area that excites you most.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Fall Festival Chair, Scott Wilcox at 636-614-8321 or Co-Chair, Russ Schaller at 314-608-6551.

Let's come together to make this year's festival the best ever!

FINAL QUILT LEFT FOR THE QUILT-OF-THE-MONTH RAFFLE

There is only one more quilt to win, so this is your last chance to send in your tickets and support our worthy cause. The last drawing will be held on July 30 and then we will start selling Fall Festival Quilt Raffle tickets. All proceeds will benefit restoring areas of the Assumption Prayer Chapel.

- Checks can be made out to Assumption Church
- Drop off filled tickets in Sunday's collection basket with your payment or in at the Parish Office.

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

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

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

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

Did you know?

On Aug. 1, 1931, when the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church opened its new doors—what we now know as the Prayer Chapel, a tradition continued: families could reserve their place in the heart of the church by renting a pew. The center aisle pews were $36 each, while the side aisles $30 per pew, echoing the original rates from the church's earliest days.

In 1934, the church showed its thoughtful side by roping off the last four pews, creating a special space for mothers with babies or small children. This made it easier for families to come and go without disrupting the Mass.

To keep things running smoothly, a modest seat charge of 10 cents per person was introduced for the three rows just ahead of the family section. Ushers would collect this fee right before the regular offertory, ensuring everyone had a chance to contribute.

For over 80 years, from 1871 until July 1953, pew rentals were a cherished part of church life at Assumption.

A Legacy of Faith. A Future of Hope

ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

We are ASSUMPTION

ASSUMPTION SCHOOL EST. 1871 LEARNING, LOVING, LIVING CHRIST

Enroll Now or Schedule Tour or Shadow Day

OFFERING

- **Preschool-8th grade**
- **Accredited** Private School ***Smaller Classroom Sizes***
- Rigorous academics combined with ***cutting-edge technology*** and a ***faith-based education***
- **X-STREAM Classroom & Enrichment Programs**
- ***Exceeded*** learning expectations in ***Math and Reading***
- **Early Childhood Program**
- **Free Before-School Care**

203 W Third Street | O'Fallon, MO 63366 | 636-240-4474 | assumptionbvmschool.org

SEEKING YOUTH PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Are you passionate about guiding young hearts toward Christ? Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish is looking for a Youth Program Coordinator to engage middle schoolers through the EDGE Youth Program, while collaborating with the Life Teen School Ministry and performing administrative work for both middle school and high school programs, as directed by the Pastor.

As a middle school youth minister, you will engage middle school youth in active participation in the celebration of the Eucharist, the teaching of Jesus Christ and the Church, and the experience of Catholic community.

Is God calling you to Assumption? Visit assumptionbvm.org to check out the full job description and apply online.

LIFE TEEN

HELLO FROM ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY!

This past week, our teens attended the Steubenville Mid-America Conference in Springfield, MO. It was such an amazing weekend. There were so many people from right here in the St. Louis area, so it felt like we were home the entire time! Some of our kids even expressed interest in Priesthood and Religious Life during the Sunday altar call. Please pray for these brave, young people as they continue to discern God's calling for their lives.

This Wednesday is the annual post-Steubenville Altar Call at Kenrick Glennon Seminary. Please join us for a night dedicated to further discernment and fun! After the night at the Seminary is over, we will go to Ted Drews for some frozen custard.

This Thursday, we will be traveling down to Perryville, MO for a tour of the beautiful Churches, former Seminary, and Shrine of the Miraculous Medal. It is going to be an amazing pilgrimage!

As always, if you plan to attend any of our events, please fill out all necessary permission forms!

Follow us on Social Media:
Instagram: @assumption_life_teen and @assumption_edge
Facebook: Assumption Life Teen and Assumption EDGE

QUESTIONS?
Contact **Nick Bone**, Life Teen Youth Minister
636-240-3721 ext. 333 or nickbone@abvmtech.org

HONOR YOUR FAITH WITH A BEQUEST TO ASSUMPTION

God has been your guide as you've lived your life story. Consider a bequest to Assumption as your final chapter, a gift that will bring Christ to the people of O'Fallon for many years to come.

A bequest to Assumption is an excellent way to express how God's grace has made a difference in your life.

Making a bequest is not difficult. You can:

- Add Assumption as a beneficiary of your retirement plan, IRA or life insurance policy.
- Include Assumption as a TOD beneficiary of your bank account or financial assets.
- Add this sentence to your will: "I give to Assumption Catholic Church, O'Fallon, Missouri, 63366, Tax ID #43-0688865, [the sum of $_____ or _____ percent of the net value of my estate] for its general purposes."

For more information, contact Fr. Nick or Mark Vogt in the Parish Office, 636-240-3721. Thank you.

Have you already included Assumption Church in your estate plan?

If you have provided for a gift to our Church, please let us know. It will be helpful to us and your executor when the time comes.

A NOTE ABOUT THE BULLETIN'S ADVERTISERS

We greatly appreciate the support of our bulletin's advertisers, who make it possible to provide the Sunday bulletin at no cost to the parish. **The inclusion of an advertisement in our bulletin does not, however, imply or represent our endorsement of the advertiser or the advertiser's views, opinions, products, or services**. Assumption Parish explicitly disclaims all warranties, expressed or implied, including those related to merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, regarding the advertised items.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Weekly Offertory	**June 28, 2026**	**YTD 7/1/25–6/28/26**
Actual Collections	$28,068	$2,096,744
Budget Target	$40,000	$2,435,000
Surplus / (Shortfall)	$(11,932)	$(338,256)

STEWARDSHIP *a way of life*

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/About-Us/Online-Giving, scan the QR Code and create an account, or text BVM to 833-831-0468.

OFFICE INFORMATION

ADDRESS/PHONE/HOURS
403 N Main Street, O'Fallon MO 63366
636-240-3721 Parish Office
Hours: Monday–Thurs 8am-4pm
Friday: 8am-3pm; Summer 8am-2pm

ASSUMPTION SCHOOL
636-240-4474

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY
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.