Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 2, 2026

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

Welcome!

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

Morning Mass Schedule (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. For more information, call Holly Woytus, 636-240-1020.

Welcome

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Hello,

I'm just back from vacation where we took an electric car (or electric vehicle–EV). (Actually, we took my friends who has the same model as I do, but since I drove to his house to start the trip, we had 10% more range leaving his house than if we would have used mine–and he pays for a music subscription we could use in his car that I don't have.) One of the big concerns people always make about EV's is that they are concerned about running out of power and not having anywhere to charge, and for our trip to Northern Minnesota and Northern Wisconsin, charging stations can be quite rare. But it ended up that with just a little planning using some apps on our cell phones, all went well and easy.

They call it 'range anxiety' with people not wanting to buy an EV because they are so worried that they won't have the range to go where they need to or be able to charge where they need to, so they figure they can't buy an electric car. I've pretty much overcome that concern for myself now and can be happy with my EV for many other reasons. How many other parts of our life do we worry about at times, we can't make that kind of change or commitment because it is going to affect us in some way? Instead of 'range anxiety,' you might say we have 'time anxiety' or 'commitment anxiety' or 'relationship anxiety' that is preventing us from doing something we would like to do, or something we think would be good to do, or maybe even that we feel we need to do, but we just can't.

A simple example I've heard is that someone would sign up to help with a certain ministry at Mass, whether it be lector, usher, golf cart driver, or slide projector, but they are worried about not being able to be there some week. For many of us, we go to the same Mass 90% of the weekends, and we could get a substitute or just not want to be scheduled for certain weekends. And the number of times we even think about going to a different Mass is extremely rare. Another example could be going to a Young Adult Ministry event, or maybe the 50+ club or Men's Group. You think you don't know who will be there, or what is going to be involved, but you would like to get to know some people and get more involved.

A great example of people overcoming some of these anxieties is in OCIA and becoming Catholic. It may be something they have been thinking about for a long time, or feel they at least need to find out more because they say they believe in God, or want to find out about Jesus, or believe the Bible and want to live what they believe, but are afraid of what might be demanded of them, or of what some family or friends might think, or of making a mistake. Lots of excuses not to do something, and then I'm going to have to commit my Sunday mornings every week for 7 or 8 months (and of course, there is the hour every Sunday for the rest of your life part after that, too). Hopefully, they soon realize not only that they can do it, but that they wouldn't even consider not doing it. And then, we also have the OCIA team and the sponsors who are already Catholic and consider if they can make the commitment for the year and to the other people that year.

As I said, I think I've conquered my range anxiety and settled in as an EV owner. Now, do I need to consider what more important anxiety or concern do I need to face in my life that has been keeping me away from something really important in my life?

Peace,

Fr. Nick

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!

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Ruth Ellen Reinwald
mother of Todd Kirchoff
sister of Jerry Kirchoff

Jeanette "Jan" Peirick
mother of Karla (Bret) Falkner

Sr. Joyce Schram CPPS
sister of Carol Ochsner

Lucah Cruse
son of Joshua and Jessica Cruse

Frances Schaff
of our parish family

Richard Easton
husband of Rose Easton

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY
AUGUST 2

Join us in the Parish Center after the 8am, 10am, and noon Masses for donuts, milk, juice, coffee, bagels, and a huge dose of fellowship!

If you are new to the parish, don't forget to visit our hospitality table and register at Assumption. We are so excited you are here! Scan the QR Code with your smartphone to learn more about registration.

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.

SEEKING YOUTH PROGRAM COORDINATOR AND SUBSTITUTE NURSE

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.

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Substitute Nurse: Assumption School is looking for a caring and dedicated substitute nurse to join our team. If you are a registered nurse with a passion for supporting student health and wellbeing in a faith-filled environment, we want to hear from you!

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

O'FALLON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2269 UPCOMING EVENTS

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. Good Luck!

Hall Rental
Looking for a place to host your next event? We have two event spaces at our Hall! Contact Bryan Eisenbath at 314-660-0598 or beisenbath@gmail.com.

YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY POTLUCK IN THE PARK
AUGUST 7 | 6:30PM

Join us for a fun and relaxed **Potluck in the Park** on **Friday, August 7 at 6:30pm** at **Fort Zumwalt Park**! Bring a favorite dish to share and any outdoor games you enjoy (frisbee, spikeball, cornhole, anything fun.) This is a great chance to unwind, meet new people, and enjoy a summer evening together as a community. All young adults are welcome, so bring a friend and come be part of the fun!

For more information, reach out to Logan Jordan at 636-541-0765.

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE SHRINE MASS
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 7PM

Join us at 7pm for our outdoor Mass at the Mary Queen of Peace Shrine, located at 301 Coronation Drive, O'Fallon. (Corner of Civic Park Drive & Imperial Drive, passed Sigmund Auto Service). Fr. Jim Mitulski will preside the Mass, followed by the rosary and divine mercy rosary (weather permitting).

Please bring a lawn chair. Collections for priests will be taken after Mass. If you have any questions, please contact Sylvia Kiphart, 636-978-8803.

RENEWAL RETREAT ALUMNI MASS AND PIZZA SOCIAL
AUGUST 29 | 5PM

Calling all Renewal Retreat Alumni! Join us for an Alumni Pizza Social following the **5pm Mass on Saturday, August 29**, in **Halls A & B**.

Enjoy pizza and drinks as you reconnect with the wonderful friends you made during your retreat, share memories, and meet other Renewal Retreat alumni from our parish. **Wear blue** to show your Renewal spirit and support! We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information, please contact:

- Lori Meyer, 314-517-1542
- Beth Handshy, 314-280-7925 or
- Mike Vohsen, 314-951-4733

ASSUMPTION CRHP CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

All are **Welcome.**

CRHP 2.0

RENEWAL

TOGETHER IN PRAYER, ASSUMPTION BLESSES FIRST RESPONDERS
SEPTEMBER 13

Assumption Parish and the St. Charles County Police Honor Guard are honoring all first responders and remembering 9/11 at 10am Mass, Sunday, September 13.

Please save the date and join us as we pray for and thank these courageous men and women for their sacrifices and service to our community.

Mass Times and Intentions	SUNDAY 8.2.26	MONDAY 8.3.26	TUESDAY 8.4.26	WEDNESDAY 8.5.26
	8:00am Loi Pham	6:30am Amon and Marylou Owens	6:30am Mick and Eileen Churosh (special intention)	6:30am Loi Pham
	10:00am Heavenly Father's Feast Day	8:00am John Groark	8:00am Jim Wortmann	8:00am George Dames
	12:00pm Heavenly Father's Feast Day			
	5:30pm Mary Louise Mueth			
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

MEN'S WHITE HOUSE RETREAT
JANUARY 21-24, 2027

It's never too early to think about the next Men's White House Retreat! Since 1922, White House Jesuit retreat has been offering three-day preached retreats throughout the year on our beautiful 80 -acre campus, located on the bluffs of the Mississippi River.

Mass is celebrated each day, and at night there is Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

To sign-up or if you have questions, call Rich Thomson at 314-706-8012. Come away and rest awhile.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP AND MANDATORY COMPLIANCE

PREVENT & PROTECT
Safe Environment Program
Archdiocese of St. Louis

All new hires, teachers, subs, after school care workers, parent helpers, teacher's aides, field trip volunteers, **ANYONE** helping with our children, elderly or vulnerable **MUST** be in Compliance with the Archdiocese.

To be in Compliance, you must register into the Protect and Prevent System, complete and submit all sections to the Archdiocese, and attend a Protecting God's Children workshop. Get started by visiting assumptionbvm.org, then click '**Faith Formation**' in the top menu. No one will be able to begin activities here at Assumption until compliance is completed.

If you have any questions about your status, please do not hesitate to contact Assumption Child Safety Coordinator, Lynn Crews at 636-240-3721 ext. 325 or lynncrews@abvmtech.org.

THURSDAY 8.6.26	FRIDAY 8.7.26	SATURDAY 8.8.26	SUNDAY 8.9.26
6:30am Stan Bytnar	6:30am Bessie M. Simon	8:00am Thelma Jean Hester	8:00am People of the Parish
8:00am Jack Hanke	8:00am Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life	5:00pm Cletus and Esther Swagman	10:00am William Berens (special intention)
			12:00pm John Groark
			5:30pm Maureen Aveneroli 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

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
ASSUMPTION PILGRIMAGE TO SAINTE GENEVIEVE CHURCH AND THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

In honor of the Archdiocese of St. Louis celebrating its 200th Anniversary this year, **Assumption Parish is planning another Bicentennial Jubilee Pilgrimage this fall.** Mark your calendar now and be sure to join us Saturday, October 17, **for one day filled with two exciting tours: Ste. Genevieve Parish, the oldest church west of the Mississippi River, and The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, MO.**

Our pilgrimage begins with 8am Mass at Assumption Church, and then we hit the road together for Ste. Genevieve, MO., where our own Monsignor Dennis Stehly will give a 10am tour of the historical church where he served as Pastor of in 2016.

After the church tour, we'll grab a bite to eat at the historic Old Brick House restaurant, the oldest brick building west of the Mississippi River, before heading to Perryville, MO for a 1pm tour of The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. After that hour-long tour, everyone is welcome to visit the Rosary Walk and gift shop before heading back to O'Fallon.

For those who are **interested in going on this exciting pilgrimage, please call or email Nancy Gomer at 636-240-3721 ext. 239 or ngomer@abvmtech.org, and let her know if you are willing to drive as part of the carpool.** If you need transportation to and from Ste. Genevieve, just let Nancy know that too! **It is our hope that we'll have enough drivers to all go down together.**

FALL FESTIVAL QUILT RAFFLE!

The Assumption Quilters are hard at work. This year, they are donating a Queen size quilt and a baby quilt to be raffled off at the Fall Festival. **Tickets are $5 each or three for $10**. **Take a chance to win one of these beautiful quilts.** Photos coming soon.

You can drop the tickets off with your payment in Sunday's collection basket, turn it in at the Parish Office or via mail: Assumption Church, 403 N. Main St., O'Fallon, MO 63366.

Assumption Fall Festival 2026
Quilt Raffle!
$5 Each OR 3 for $10
1st Prize: Queen Quilt | 2nd Prize: Baby Quilt

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FALL FESTIVAL
GIVE A LITTLE, WIN A LOT:
DONATIONS POWER POPULAR FALL FESTIVAL
BOOZE AND BUCKS BAGS

Get ready for the most spirited event of the season! **The Assumption Fall Festival is coming up on Saturday, October 3 and Sunday, October 4, and we need your help to make it unforgettable.** We're putting together our legendary Booze and Bucks Bags, and this year, we're aiming higher than ever! But we are only halfway there.

A heartfelt thank you to those who already donated. These are some of the great finds we've gotten that will be placed inside. **The fun bags are filled with $100 worth of goodies and sell for ONLY $50.**

HOW CAN YOU JOIN THE FUN?

1. Donate your favorite bottles from our wish list below—think Weller, Buffalo Trace, Four Roses, Tito's, Baileys, and more!
2. Drop off your contributions to the Parish Office and know you're helping create an amazing festival experience for everyone for a great cause.
3. Get excited and tell everyone about the fun-filled weekend packed with laughter, games, and the chance to win some truly top-shelf prizes!

DONATION WISH LIST:

- Weller
- Buffalo Trace
- Four Roses
- Ketel One
- Tito's
- Jose Cuervo
- Eagle Rare
- Blanton's
- EH Taylor
- Old Fitzgerald
- Johnny Walker Black
- Glenlivet
- Crown Royal
- Caymus wine
- Decoy wine
- Baileys
- Hendricks gin

Let's come together, have some fun, and make this year's Fall Festival the best one yet!

NEW THIS YEAR: In addition to the adult Booze and Bucks Bags, look for kid-friendly grab bags guaranteed to put a smile on any child's face.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD
CATECHIST AND TIMEKEEPER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) needs volunteer Catechist, Timekeepers and basic "crowd" control help in leading the children from upstairs to downstairs. We will be starting up CLOW on August 16 and go through May 23, 2027. Our session last year averaged 35 children in attendance.

Any adult men and women (18+ years old) are invited to help us. 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.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (FORMERLY RCIA)
INQUIRY SESSIONS

- Do you know of someone who has expressed an interest in the Catholic church?
- Do you/they want to become Catholic but feel confused about where to start?
- Are you/they thinking about attending OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation) but want more information first?
- Do you/they feel hesitant or intimidated to go to Mass?
- Do you/they wish for a Catholic friend to help answer all your questions?

If you are interested in learning more, contact Missy Lowrey at 314-630-3983.

PRINCIPAL'S PEN

As we prepare to open our doors for the 2026–2027 school year, our dedicated faculty and staff have been working tirelessly behind the scenes, deeply committed to carrying out the vital mission of Catholic education. Together, we are so eager to welcome 495 students into our halls for our first day of school on Thursday, August 13, including over 90 new students joining our Assumption family for the very first time!

Our school theme for this upcoming year is **"One Body in Christ,"** inspired by St. Paul's message in 1 Corinthians 12:12–27. Building on last year's House System journey, we are helping our students recognize that while each person possesses unique God-given gifts and talents, we are all essential parts of a single body. Throughout the year, our students will learn how to use their individual strengths in love to serve others, strengthen our school community, and live out their faith daily.

This sense of unity extends well beyond our classroom walls. Assumption School thrives because of the incredible generosity, prayers, and steadfast support of our entire parish family. Whether you support our mission through prayer, volunteering, or stewardship, you are an indispensable part of our "One Body," helping us nurture the faith and minds of our young people.

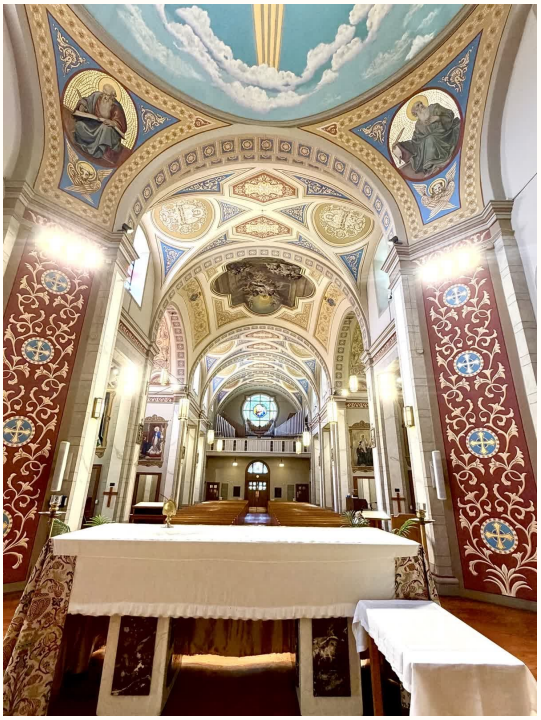
We are excited to invite our school families to join us for our **Open House on Sunday, August 9**. It will be a wonderful opportunity to walk the halls, meet our teachers and staff, connect with old and new friends, drop off school supplies and kick off what promises to be a deeply blessed school year.

To our school families and parishioners, thank you for walking alongside us in faith and mission. Together, we truly form One Body in Christ.

Blessings,
Jamie Burbridge

HELLO FROM ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY!

This past week, we went to Perryville, MO on a pilgrimage to the National shrine of the Miraculous Medal. It was a day full of prayer and fun as we explored local gems and dove into the spiritual history of our great Archdiocese. Shout out to Sue McDaniel for showing us the beauty of her hometown.



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

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DURING AUGUST

As stewards of the monetary gifts that God has bestowed on us, we should give back to His Church and to other worthy causes. During the month of August, please support the general needs of the parish through the Sunday offertory, and consider the following specific causes and needs:

- **Education Fund:** Contributions to the Education Fund are used to provide tuition assistance to parents that want a Catholic education for their children but can't afford it
- **Respect Life:** The Respect Life Apostolate at Assumption strives to build a Culture of Life through prayer services and education on pro-life issues and events
- **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:** Commemorating Mary's bodily assumption into heaven
- **St. Vincent de Paul:** Your contribution provides direct help to the poor in our local community. Since 1845, Vincentians have met face-to-face with individuals and families in poverty to provide support and help them through the most desperate times. Through your generosity, you help people struggling to survive, providing: clothing, shelter, food, medicine and more.

If you use online bill payment through your bank, please send a separate payment for the fund(s) of your choice and specify the name of the cause in the memo field of your payment instructions.

Thank you!

A NOTE ABOUT THE BULLETIN'S ADVERTISERS

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OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Weekly Offertory	**July 12, 2026**	**YTD 7/1/26–7/12/26**
Actual Collections	$43,068	$74,130
Budget Target	$40,000	$80,000
Surplus/(Shortfall)	$3,068	$(5,870)

STEWARDSHIP *a way of life*

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

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

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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)

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Submit to Parish Office
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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 636-240-3721 ext. 325.