

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

DECEMBER 28, 2025

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

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

Therefore, if anyone is in
Christ, he is a new
creation. The old has
passed away; behold, the
new has come.

—2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)



May God's peace be upon
you and remain with you
throughout the year.

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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assumptionbvm.org

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636-240-3721 and Ext:

Pastor
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Deacon Richard Tadlock
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Parish Secretary
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accounting@abvmtech.org

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**Baptism/Wedding Coordinator;
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School Board
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Hello,

Get Ready to Celebrate Our Bicentennial Jubilee!

On January 1, 2026, communities across the Archdiocese of St. Louis will come together in joy and prayer to officially launch the Bicentennial Jubilee Year. This Jubilee Year marks a significant milestone as we prepare for the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of St. Louis on July 18, 1826. It is a time to celebrate and honor our rich Catholic heritage, deepen our faith, and recommit ourselves to carrying the light of Christ into the future.



Please look for upcoming parish communications for more information, and on January 1st, visit the website dedicated to celebrating the bicentennial: ArchSTL200.org. To begin this holy year in unity, Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski has asked that all church bells throughout the archdiocese ring at 10:00 a.m. on January 1. When you hear the bells, pause and lift your heart in prayer. Offer thanksgiving for all those who came before us carrying the Catholic faith through generations, and ask the Holy Spirit to guide us so we may carry our faith forward with renewed joy, hope, and commitment to the Gospel.

Peace,

Fr. Nick

BICENTENNIAL JUBILEE A LEGACY OF FAITH. A FUTURE OF HOPE



In 2026, we joyfully commemorate the 200th anniversary of the founding of our diocese in 1826. This once-in-a-generation Bicentennial Jubilee invites us to rejoice in the light of Christ and renew our shared mission as Catholics in eastern Missouri.

Throughout the year, the faithful are invited to take part in prayer, storytelling, acts of service, and special archdiocesan initiatives rooted in the spiritual legacy of our three patron saints:

St. Louis, King of France: faithful leadership and justice

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne: missionary prayer and perseverance

St. Vincent de Paul: compassion and care for the poor

As you celebrate, we'd love to see and share those moments! Tag your photos and stories with [#ArchSTL200](https://twitter.com/ArchSTL200) and let's illuminate the joy of our Catholic faith across the Archdiocese.



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.

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.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Michael Davis

brother of Alan (Cindy) Davis

Patricia Harton

mother of Heather (Sam) Nienaber

Mary Alagna

of our parish family

Edna Lanahan

wife of Dave Lanahan

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

JANUARY 4



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

Join Us January 4
HOSPITALITY SUNDAY
IN THE PARISH CENTER
FOLLOWING 8 AM, 10 AM & NOON MASSES

If you are new to the parish, don't forget to visit our hospitality table and register at

Assumption or pick up a Welcome Packet. We are so excited you are here! Scan the QR Code with your smartphone to learn more about registration.



HOLIDAY SEASON MASSES AND CONFESSION

New Years Eve/New Years Day Masses

Wednesday, December 31: New Year's Eve
5:30pm Vigil (Church)

Thursday, January 1: New Year's Day
Feast of the Solemnity of Mary
8am and 10am (Church)

Confessions Schedule (Church)

Monday-Friday: 7:30-7:50am before 8am Mass
Saturdays: 4-4:50pm before 5pm Mass

PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN THE ASSUMPTION PARKING LOTS AND CHURCH



If you need assistance getting to and from your car before and after Mass, please consider catching a ride on the Assumption Golf Cart. Our golf cart drivers are always safe and courteous, and are available to pick up passengers from the Chapel parking lot (Lot C) 30 minutes prior to Mass, and drop them back off until 15 minutes after Mass.

For more information, please contact Jim O'Loughlin at 314-606-0048 or email joloughlin55@gmail.com.

ASSUMPTION YOUNG ADULTS MOVIE NIGHT

JANUARY 2 | 6:30PM



Start the new year with friends, popcorn, and a great film! All young adults are invited to join us on Tuesday, January 2 at 6:30pm in Parish Center Hall C for a relaxed evening of fellowship and fun. Bring a friend and enjoy the night with our parish Young Adult community!

For more details, contact Logan at 636-541-0765.



Assumption Young Adults
Movie Night

Friday, January 2 | 6:30pm
Parish Center | Hall C

ATTENTION MEN OF THE PARISH WANT TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE FOREVER?



Now you can when register for the upcoming Men’s RENEWAL Retreat Weekend (formerly CRHP) planned for Saturday, February 21 and Sunday, February 22, 2026.

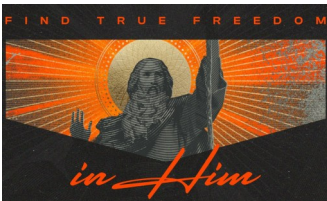
This two-day walk with Christ allows you and other fellow parishioners to energize your faith by strengthening your connection with Him. RENEWAL Weekend is a spiritual weekend (Saturday 8am–Sunday 4pm) designed to help you grow in your personal relationship with Jesus Christ. During the break from your daily routine, you will likely hear Him speak to you.

- RENEWAL is...**
- Changing Lives.**
 - Building Lasting Relationships.**
 - Helping Parishioners Find True Peace.**

What are you waiting for? Scan the QR Code to register or contact Tony Serino, tserino25@gmail.com or 314-479-1043 for more information about how you can experience one of the most spiritual journeys of your life in only 36 hours.



MEN OF ASSUMPTION | JOIN US FOR EXODUS 90

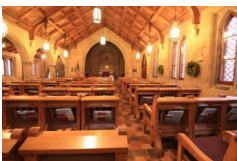


The world tells us that freedom is doing whatever you want, whenever you want, with whomever you want: to do your own will. True freedom is to do God’s will. Freedom is for worship, sacrifice, and love.

Men if you’re tired of being held back by the comforts and distractions of our time and desire to grow closer to God, Exodus 90 may be the path you have been searching for. The Exodus 90 journey begins January 5 and ends with the resurrection of Jesus at Easter.

For more information about Exodus 90, contact Scott Perhacs, sperhacs@hotmail.com, Rick Schenk, rwschenk3@gmail.com, or visit exodus90.com to learn more and see if this is God calling you to uncommon Freedom.

LADIES' WHITE HOUSE RETREAT FEBRUARY 26 – MARCH 1, 2026



Spend some time with the Lord by attending a White House Retreat with Assumption Ladies. The retreat given by Jesuit Priests, and based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, will be held at the White House Retreat Center, located at 7400 Christopher Dr. St. Louis. **The retreat will begin on Thursday, February 26, with check-in from 4:30-6:30pm and will end after lunch on Sunday, March 2.**

The cost of the retreat for the Jesuits is \$425 per participant for retreat participation, lodging, and meals. No worries if you are unable to pay the \$425, a free-will offering is taken after the retreat and participants are asked to give what they are able. The amount given for the free-will offering is known only by the participant giving the offering.

For more information or to register, contact Mary Keen, mlkeen155@icloud.com or 636-699-0407. **Space is limited and reservations are not guaranteed after January 12.**

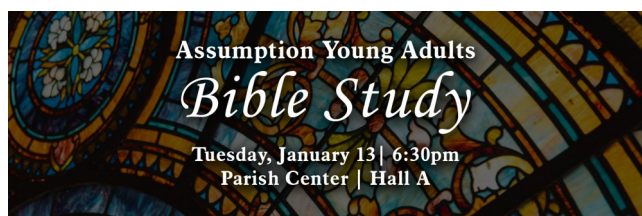
	SUNDAY 12.28.25	MONDAY 12.29.25	TUESDAY 12.30.25	WEDNESDAY 12.31.25
Mass Times and Intentions	8:00am Jerry Phillips 10:00am Carmela Bamert 12:00pm People of the Parish 5:30pm Etta Pieper	6:30am Alice Forbeck 8:00am Etta Pieper	6:30am Margie Thome 8:00am Joseph Pham	6:30am Carmela Bamert 8:00am Frances DeLaquil Orf 5:30pm Edward Whitehead
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

**ASSUMPTION YOUNG ADULTS
BIBLE STUDY NIGHT
JANUARY 13 | 6:30PM**



Would you like to make Scripture part of your daily life? Join us Tuesday, January 13 at 6:30pm in Parish Center Hall A. Bring your Bible and dive into God's Word with reflection, discussion, and prayer. This is a welcoming space for all young adults to grow in faith together.

For more details, contact Logan at 636-541-0765.



**WORLD MARRIAGE DAY
CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF ST. LOUIS
FEBRUARY 8 | 12PM**



All married couples are invited to attend and celebrate the gift of marriage. Join us on **Sunday, February 8 at 12pm**, at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis (4431 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis.) Fr. Chris Martin will celebrate Mass for World Marriage Day. A reception, sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, will follow in Boland Hall.

World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family – the basic unit of society.



100% TAX CREDITS
Available to Corporations, Small Businesses and Individuals!

FINAL CALL: RESERVE YOUR 2025 MISSOURI TAX CREDITS BEFORE DECEMBER ENDS.

Families are counting on MOScholars Scholarships to make Catholic education possible, and \$5 million in tax credits are available right now through the Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation. Don't let these credits go unused — reserve yours today and turn your 2025 tax liability into an opportunity for a child who needs it.

Scan here to make your reservation today!



<https://tief-stl.org/moscholars-donor/>

Questions? Contact Our Team!

Pete Cerone, Excutive Director
314-792-7732 | petecerone@archstl.org

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2026

THERE IS
ONE BODY
AND
ONE SPIRIT,
JUST AS YOU ARE CALLED TO THE
ONE HOPE
OF YOUR CALLING

EPHESIANS 4:4



JAN 25, 2026 @ 7PM
ST. MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH
12136 OLIVE BLVD, ST. LOUIS, MO 63141



THURSDAY 1.1.26

6:30am No Mass
8:00am Alice Forbeck
10:00am Janice Amptmann

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

FRIDAY 1.2.26

6:30am Priests Intention
8:00am Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

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

SATURDAY 1.3.26

8:00am Jim Giesmann
5:00pm People of the Parish

4-4:50pm Church or by appointment

SUNDAY 1.4.26

8:00am Carmela Bamert
10:00am Linda Tochtrop
12:00pm Eugene Thornhill
5:30pm Chris Scholten

By Appointment

MANY HANDS AND GENEROUS HEARTS BRING CHRISTMAS JOY TO THOSE IN NEED

Christmas shined brighter this year, thanks to the love and generosity of our loving Assumption Parish family and community. Together, we answered God's call to serve, bringing hope and joy to 113 families in need through the Assumption St. Vincent de Paul Conference Christmas Program.

We are deeply grateful to our parishioners, Assumption School students, the O'Fallon Fire Protection District, City of O'Fallon, The Archdiocese of St. Louis Annual Catholic Appeal, Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary #2269, Guild Mortgage Company, Peoples Bank & Trust, and all who gave so selflessly to help those in need this Christmas season. Your kindness reflects the light of Christ and reminds us of His love for all.

May the spirit of Christmas continue to inspire us to love and serve one another throughout the year, as Christ loves us.



ST. VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM RECIPIENT THANK YOU!



“I just wanted to say thank you so much. When I got home after picking up the Christmas presents, I cried. It’s been a long time since I felt the type of love I felt at your church. I’m just so grateful and feel so blessed to have met you. I don’t have to worry about my kids not getting enough, and me and my husband got so many wonderful things.

Thank you and Bless you”

QUILT-OF-THE-MONTH RAFFLE BENEFITS CHAPEL RESTORATION YOU STILL HAVE TIME TO WIN A QUILT! WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!



Congratulations to **Lucille Hines** of Assumption Parish for winning the December 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. Take a chance and spread the news about the raffle! **There are 7 more chances to win.** 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.



- 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 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. 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.

**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

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PRINCIPAL'S PEN

As we begin this New Year, may the peace of Christ fill your hearts and homes. May God grant us the grace to enter this year with hope, courage, and renewed trust in His faithful love.

We pray that the months ahead bring moments of joy, growth, and deeper faith for our school, our parish, and every family in our community. May God continue to guide our steps, bless our children, and strengthen us in unity and love.

Thank you for the prayers and support you so generously share with our school. We are grateful for this parish community and the mission we share in bringing Christ to our children each day.

May God bless you and your families abundantly in 2026.

Happy New Year!



WHY CHOOSE ASSUMPTION?

Every parent wants the best for their child, so why not **give your child the best education** at Assumption School.

Come see for yourself! **SAVE THE DATE** and be sure to **join us for Open House from 11am-12:30pm, Sunday, January 25, 2026** or schedule a tour today! **New family enrollment for pre-K-8th grade opens January 25.**

Scan the QR code to **learn more about why Assumption Catholic School has been a leader in education for over 154 years** or contact us at 636-240-4474.



Scan me

We are ASSUMPTION

Join Us | Open House | Sunday Jan. 25 | 11am - 12:30pm



OFFERING

- 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**



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (OCIA)

Last Sunday, we heard the story of how Jesus's birth came about. The readings invite believers to embrace the profound mystery of God becoming human, to trust his presence, and to live lives of holiness, allowing Christ to be born anew in our hearts and communities as Advent ends. We end this year with covering the intro to Sacraments, Baptism, Anointing of the sick and also the baptism of Jesus.

We wish our Assumption community a very blessed New Year.. Our sessions begin again on January 11, 2026.



HELLO FROM ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY!

It has been a beautiful semester of growth, faith, and change at both Life Teen and EDGE. The recent Life Teen Fall Retreat, attended by over 45 teens, was a beautiful, powerful weekend of renewal and deepening of prayer through examining Mary's yes. Our middle schoolers at EDGE continue to explore that it means to live faith deeply, finishing out a semester of community, fun, and prayer.



We are excited to welcome our new EDGE Youth Minister, Nick Bone, to our staff this January! Nick comes to serve as an alum of our own Assumption Youth Ministry Program—he's been involved since 2017 when he was a teen! Nick also currently serves at St. Dominic High School as a Theology Teacher, and has been on the Life Teen Core Team here since 2020. He has extensive background in both teaching and youth ministry, and is a graduate of Benedictine College. We look forward to seeing what the Lord has in store for Nick as our new EDGE Youth Minister! Welcome, Nick!



During this upcoming Christmas season, we will take a break as a ministry to focus in on family time. We will return with EDGE on Wednesday, January 7 and Life Teen on Sunday, January 11.

Merry Christmas!

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
beckywhitaker@abvmtech.org

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DURING JANUARY

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 January, please support the general needs of the parish through the Sunday offertory, and consider the following specific causes and needs:

- **Initial Offering:** A recommended gift of \$10 defrays the cost of mailing printed contribution envelopes to your home.
- **Debt Reduction:** Donations to this collection will pay down the balance of Assumption’s loan from the Archdiocese, which we borrowed in 2013 to fund the expansion of the school building.
- **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 and God Bless!

OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Weekly Offertory	December 7, 2025	YTD 7/1/25–12/7/25	<u>Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school</u>
Actual Collections	\$52,052	\$838,971	Original Loan \$3,306,127
Budget Target	<u>\$45,000</u>	<u>\$1,005,000</u>	Current balance owed \$128,051
Surplus / (Shortfall)	\$7,052	\$(166,029)	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)
 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
 or scan the QR Code and create an account.



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

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.