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**2025-26**  
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# ASSUMPTION

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PARISH

Dear Parishioners,

Another year and as in all parts of our lives, some things stay the same and some have changed. As some of the people of the parish change, so do some of our ministries and organizations. If we are going to build up our Church and the kingdom of God we have to get to know one another and know how to contact each other. Hopefully this yearly parish directory will help you to keep in touch with others in the parish but also to contact the groups of ministries you are in need of assistance from or that you would like to participate in. We need to consider ways in which we can serve one another, but also to recognize when we need the help and service of others, and hopefully we consider our parish as a place to turn to.

You will also find advertisements throughout this annual Guide and Directory that allow us to provide this to you free of charge. Please support them when possible as a part of our community.

I look forward to growing together as a parish family in 2025 and the many years to come.

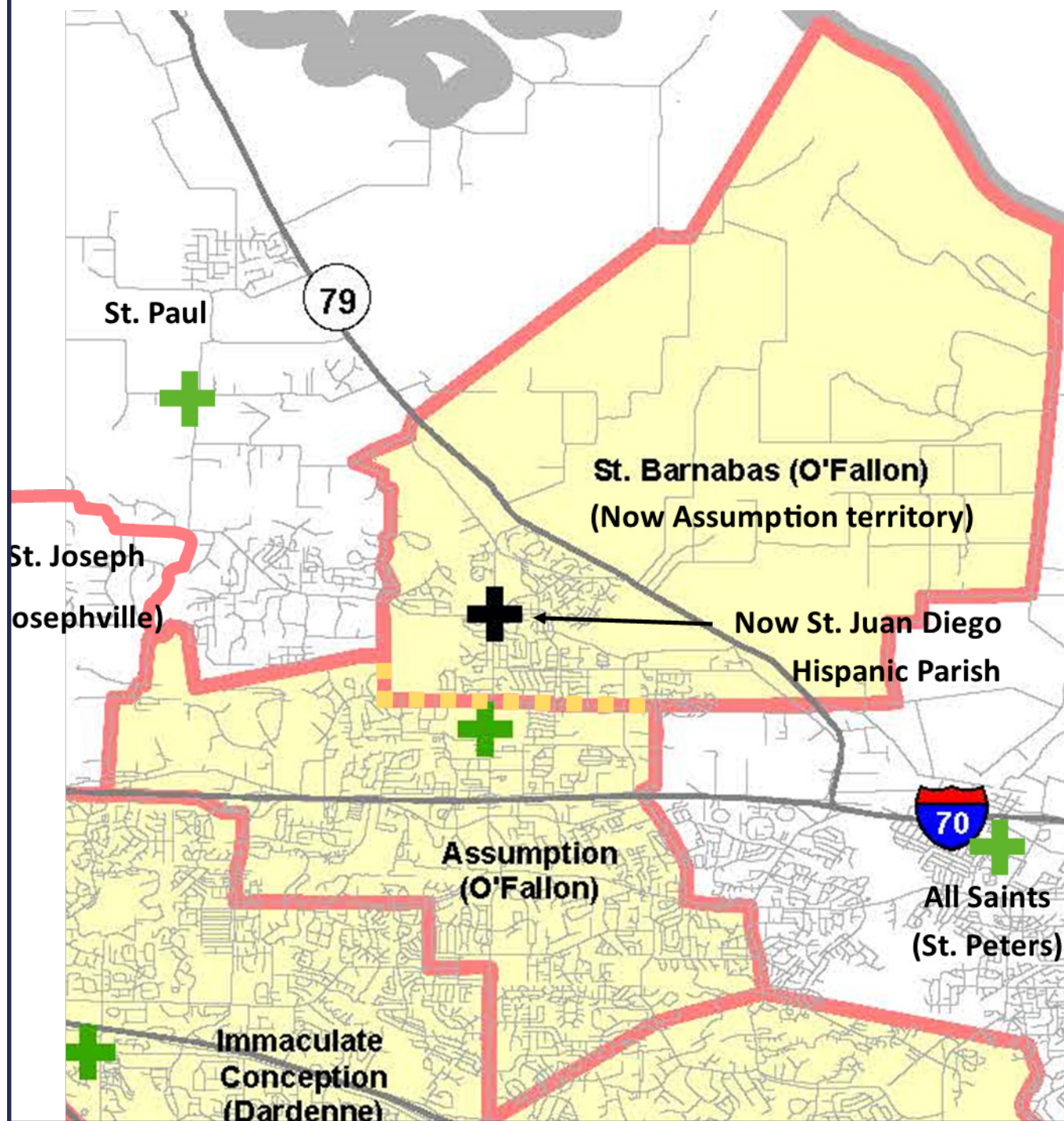
Peace,

Fr. Nick Kastenholz  
Pastor



## New Parish Boundaries

Assumption subsumed St. Barnabas Parish Aug. 1, 2023, and as a result of this decision made by Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski, our Church boundaries have extended into that territory. All are welcome!



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## Parish Office Information

403 North Main Street, O'Fallon, MO 63366

Office: 636-240-3721

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Website: [assumptionbvm.org](http://assumptionbvm.org)

**Office Hours**.....Weekdays, 8am-4pm  
Friday, 8am-3pm

### Bulletin Notices:

Submit to Parish Office in writing,  
email preferred, by Tuesday at 9am  
to [bulletin.assumption@gmail.com](mailto:bulletin.assumption@gmail.com)

### Social Media:



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@assumptionmedia



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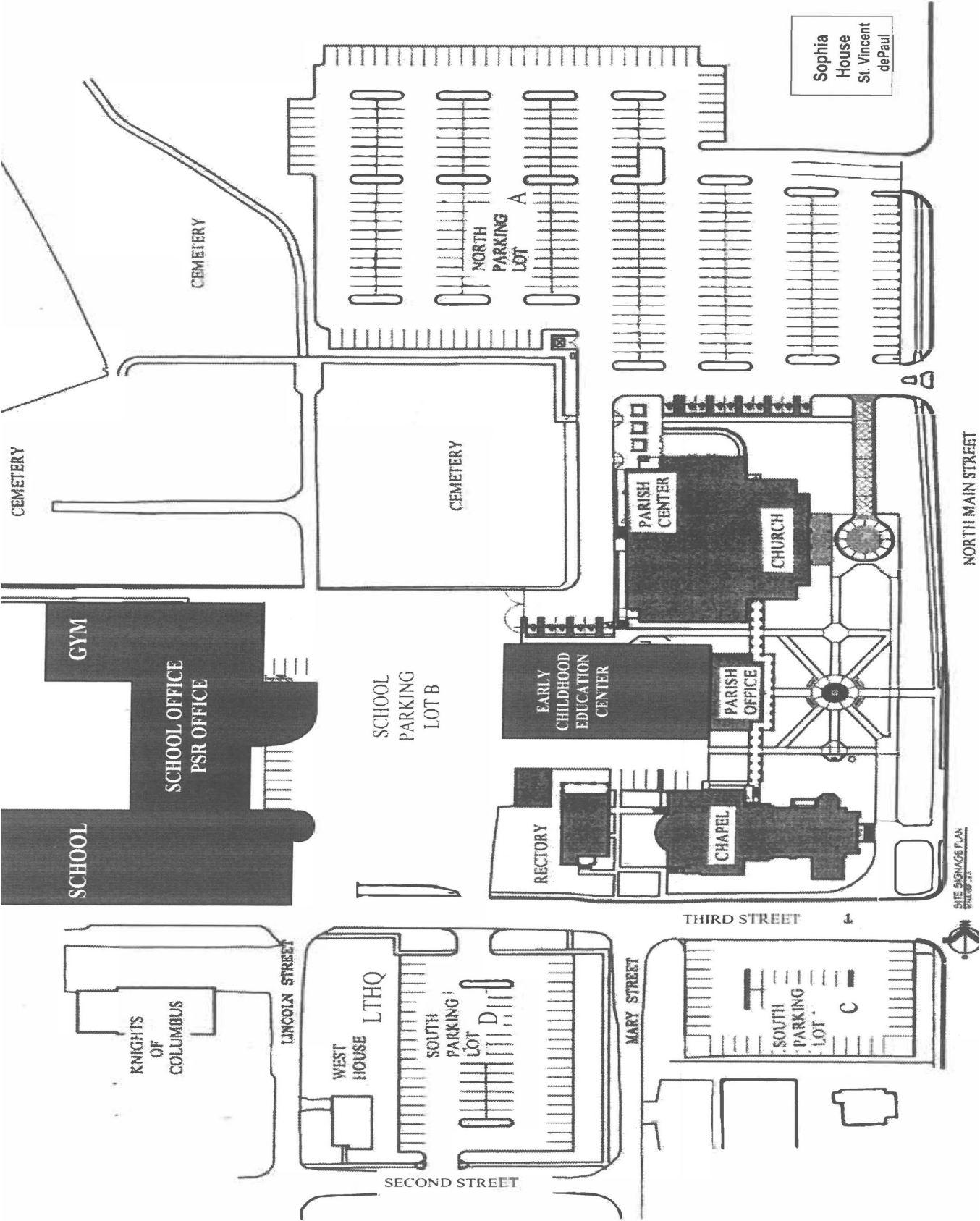
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## Other Important Contacts

### Parish Council Chair

Mary Poorman.....  
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# Assumption Parish Campus





## Celebration of Mass

### Weekend Masses

Saturday.....8AM & Vigil Mass at 5PM  
Sunday.....8AM, 10AM, noon & 5:30PM

### Holy Day Masses

Vigil.....5:30PM  
Feast Day.....6:30AM, 8AM & 7PM  
(unless otherwise announced)

### Daily Mass

Weekdays.....6:30AM & 8AM

### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Weekdays.....7:30-7:50AM  
Saturdays.....4 -4:50PM

## Church Amenities & More

- Restrooms on each side of Narthex: Men's on the south end and women's on the north
- Guadalupe Room, next to the women's restroom, offers rocking chair for nursing mothers
- Golf Cart assistance available from the Chapel parking lot to the Church front doors 30 minutes before and after all weekend Masses
- Egiving available: make weekly donation online by clicking the "Online Giving" photo on the home page of our website and follow the prompts
- Mass Live Streamed every Sunday at 10AM: view live or taped video via the Assumption YouTube channel by clicking on "Live Stream Masses" on the home page of our website
- Mass Intentions: \$10 donation, cash or check; available at the parish office during regular office hours. These are a great way to honor the living and the deceased
- Parish Center keys: may be checked out from 8AM-4PM, Monday through Thursday and from 8AM-3PM on Friday at the parish office - lockup and cleanup are the responsibility of the ministry using the facility for meetings and more.
- Audio available in the Narthex during Mass for those who need to step out to calm a child

## Devotions and Prayer

- Chapel accessible 24 hours a day for prayer: enter northside wheelchair ramp door - use code 3721 on digital keypad - sign registration book inside
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Chapel: Tuesday from 8:30AM-10PM
- Benediction in the Chapel: Tuesdays at 6:30AM
- Perpetual Help Devotions in the Chapel: Tuesday at 6:15PM
- Rosary: 1/2 hour before every Sunday Mass in Church and Thursdays after 8AM Mass in Chapel
- Prayer Intention Candles by Pieta Statue, and weeklong vigil candles in front of Chapel - \$3 offering requested to be placed in box
- Stations of the Cross: Anytime on your own and communally on Fridays during Lent with special stations including, Life Teen Walk the Way Stations and Shadow Stations presented by children of the day school

## Special Accommodations

- Handicap parking: Church, Chapel, and School lots
- Assisted hearing devices: located in a basket in the Narthex or ask an usher for assistance
- Communion: brought to your seat during Mass - coordinate with usher when you arrive
- Handicap doors: on the south side of Church and at the entrance to the Parish Center
- Elevator: on the north side of the Narthex, near the St. Vincent de Paul drop box
- Wheelchair lift to sanctuary
- 99.9 percent gluten-free hosts: distributed at all Masses by the Statue of the Holy Family
- Mass scripture and song projected on two (2) altar walls and two (2) tv monitors on each side of Church
- Nursery area in Parish Center
- Hall and meeting rooms in Parish Center

## For Youth

- **Sunday Preschool:** open to children ages 3 - 5 from September through May on Sundays during 10AM Mass. Through interactive learning opportunities, emphasizing the basics of the Catholic faith, young children gather with trained teachers to learn about Jesus' love and to explore each weekend's Scripture on their own level. Drop off begins at 9:45AM at the Early Childhood Education Center.
- **Assumption Parish School of Religion (PSR):** a religious education program for children in 1st - 8th grades to grow in intimacy and communion with Jesus through sharing the message of Christ, building community through time together, worshiping together as people of God, and offering Service to our neighbors who are less fortunate than ourselves. The curriculum is designed to spiral from one year to the next with the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist celebrated in the second grade and Confirmation celebrated in the eighth grade at the Cathedral Basilica in St. Louis. We will work with families of special needs to provide the best possible experience of faith formation for their child.
- **Life Teen:** unique Eucharist-centered Catholic ministry designed to assist high school teenagers, ages 14-18, with growing closer to God through prayer, the sacraments, and community, so they can passionately live out the Gospel by serving and loving one another. These "life-changing" experiences are held throughout the school year and begin with Sunday Mass at 5:30PM and Life Night from 6:30-8:30PM in the Assumption Parish Center. Summer activities and events continue June-August during the summer.
- **EDGE:** Catholic Youth Ministry for 7th & 8th graders, held during the school year on Wednesdays from 6-7:30PM in the Assumption Parish Center. In tandem with our PSR program and Assumption School, EDGE is offered as a youth ministry experience where middle school youth can come to know Jesus and His Church in a way that is relevant, personal, and community building. All 7th & 8th grade youth are welcome!
- **Vacation Bible School (VBS):** Parishioners and children in pre-K through fifth grade who are from the area are invited to experience community and faith at this exciting, fun-packed, weeklong, half-day camp that explores God's word through music, crafts and activities. The cost of this annually-themed adventure is \$60 and includes a T-shirt and memories of a lifetime. Adults, middle and high school students seeking to volunteer throughout the event are always welcome to assist; adult training session available annually.
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW):** in need of volunteers to help with this age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word offered to children ages 3 years old through 1st grade at 10AM Mass. Just before the Liturgy of the Word begins for the assembly, the children are invited to come up to the front of church by the presiding priest, and Father will formally dismiss them to go with the weekly leaders from the Church to Hall D and E downstairs in the Parish Center. During this special time, our leaders will share with the children through prayers, songs and readings that are simplified for children.
- **Pre-K:** Our team of professional educators prepare preschool children for academic success, as well as, social and emotional growth in a loving, faith-based environment that features a creative curriculum and hands-on X-STREAM (science, technology, religion, engineering, art and math) Learning Center. The Assumption School Early Childhood Center offers children ages 3-5 a real classroom experience that is more affordable than daycare. For enrollment details, visit us online at [assumptionbvmschool.org](http://assumptionbvmschool.org).
- **Sunday Children's Mass Bags:** The bags are filled with fun activities that will inspire your children to learn about Jesus, and supplies inside are updated with new material weekly. The bags focus on a theme-featured Bible coloring page, pouch of crayons, two children's books, and Jonah the Whale string activity. Pick one up in the Narthex on the way into Church.



## Resources and Support

*Please refer to the Ministries Section for detailed descriptions of the following:*

### Special Needs:

- Annulment Advocates - If you have attained a civil divorce and are Catholic and are desiring to remarry or are engaged to a person who was previously married, even if he/she is not Catholic, please contact the Parish Office at 636-240-3721
- Communion to Homebound
- Counseling: at 311 S. Main Street, contact 636-281-1990
- Divorced or Widowed - single again, call Lee Schellert, 636-443-3109
- Grief Support - there are two sessions per year; one in September and the other in March. For more information, contact Lynn Crews, 636-294-0821 or [lynncrews@abvmtech.org](mailto:lynncrews@abvmtech.org)
- Hospital Visitation
- Meals in Need
- Ministry of Consolation
- Nursing Home Visitation
- Parish School of Religion - Special Needs
- Prayer Tree
- Prayers - Prayer teams are always available after masses on the first weekend of the month – Saturday and Sunday. Anyone who needs prayers for themselves, their family or anyone else, please come forward and pray. For details, contact Kelly Gessert, 636-728-8840 or [kelly.gessert@gmail.com](mailto:kelly.gessert@gmail.com)
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- School Tuition Assistance
- Golf Cart Transportation on Church campus
- Bible Study
- Catholics Returning Home
- RENEWAL Retreats
- Financial Hardship
- Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), formerly Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
- Pregnancy
- Sacraments and Devotions
- Small Church Communities
- Spiritual Growth

## Some Events Scheduled

### 2025

#### October

Fall Festival.....Oct. 4 & 5  
Women's RENEWAL Retreat...Oct. 11 & 12  
SVdP Dotion Truck.....Oct. 18 & 19  
Blood Drive.....Oct. 19  
Trunk or Treat.....Oct. 30

#### November

Hospitality Sunday.....Nov. 2  
Ladies Auxiliary Fashion Show...Nov. 5  
Veteran's Day Prayer Service...Nov. 7  
Life Teen Retreat.....Nov. 14  
OCIA Spiritual Retreat Day.....Nov. 23  
No Hunger Holiday.....Nov. 25  
Advent by Candlelight.....Nov. 29

#### December

Hospitality Sunday.....Dec. 7  
SVDP Neighbors In Need.....Dec. 13  
Christmas Pageant.....Dec. 17

### 2026

#### January

Hospitality Sunday.....Jan. 4  
Lector Workshop.....Jan. 24  
Catholic Schools Week.....Jan. 25-30

#### February

Hospitality Sunday.....Feb. 1  
Grief Support Session.....Feb. 5  
Men's RENEWAL Retreat.....Feb. 21 & 22

#### March

Hospitality Sunday.....March 1  
Spring Musical Night.....March 27-29  
Trivia Gala.....March 28  
Easter Egg Hunt.....March 29

#### April

Hospitality Sunday.....April 5  
Easter Sunday.....April 5  
Luke 18 Retreat.....April 10-12  
First Communion Weekend.....April 18-19  
Confirmation.....April 25  
School New Family Welcome...April 27

# Liturgical Calendar

*Some special Masses and times are listed below.  
Please note that any changes to these times will be  
published on our website and weekly bulletin.*

## 2025

### November

All Saints Day .....Nov. 1  
Vigil Mass Oct. 31, 5:30PM  
Masses Nov. 1: 6:30AM, 8AM & 7PM  
All Souls Day .....Nov. 2  
Masses: 8AM  
(Book of Remembrance)  
Thanksgiving Mass, 9AM .....Nov. 27

### December

Feast of Immaculate Conception.....Dec. 8  
Masses 6:30AM & 8AM  
Christmas Eve.....Dec. 24  
4PM, 4:30PM (Chapel), 6PM and 10PM  
Christmas Day.....Dec. 25  
8AM, 10AM and noon

## 2026 Lenten Opportunities

### February

Ash Wednesday .....Feb. 18  
Masses: 6:30AM, 8:00AM, & 7PM  
Prayer Service: 12:05PM

Tuesday Mass during Lent: 6PM, Chapel

Friday Stations of the Cross: 2:40PM, Church  
and 7PM Chapel (check church calendar)

Shadow Stations of the Cross: 2:40PM,  
date/time to be determined, Chapel (check the  
church calendar)

Life Teen Walk the Way Stations: Good Friday,  
3PM, Church

### March

Palm Sunday.....March 29  
Holy Thursday 7PM Mass.....April 2

### April

Good Friday 7PM Mass.....April 3  
Easter Vigil 8PM Mass.....April 4  
Easter Mass: 8AM, 10AM & Noon.....April 5  
8:15AM & 10:15AM Chapel  
Confirmation - 1:30PM at Cathedral....April 18-19  
First Communion .....April 25

### August

Feast of the Assumption .....Aug. 15

## Pillars of Parish Stewardship

**HOSPITALITY:** We strive to extend a warm hospitable and loving welcome to all who join us in worship, service, study, social, or in times of personal need. We assist our parish community in presenting a visible sign of Christ's loving kindness in all we do.

**PRAYER:** We grow as disciples who are committed to prayer—individual and communal prayer, public and private prayer. Through prayer we are invited to draw closer to Jesus and to imitate Him in our daily lives. While Eucharist is central to our spiritual life, other prayer opportunities are made available.

**FORMATION:** We strive to educate, form and sustain the stewardship way of life for all ages through faith formation opportunities in the parish and school. We strive to be disciple stewards and give good example as we participate in parish life in ministries and on parish leadership teams. We are open to the continuous conversion to a life of stewardship - to sharing what one has with a loving, generous and grateful heart.

**SERVICE:** We strive to be servant ministers to the need of our parish members, the wider community and Church. We strive to serve compassionately those who are hurting or in need, lost or alone, or suffering in any way. We give thanks to God for all the gifts we have received and we celebrate the special events in the lives of parishioners.

# Ministry Opportunities

## **Advent By Candlelight (ABC)** **(Pillar of Formation)**

*Mission Statement: To bring women of the parish together to celebrate and rekindle faith for the holy season of Advent by providing an evening of fellowship, music, and prayer.*

### **Duties:**

- The ABC Coordinator: oversees entire group, develops a theme with the committee, arranges meetings as needed, works with arranging & approving the speaker/s, and is the "go to" person for challenges/questions;
- The ABC Publicity Coordinator: oversees the publicity flyer, programs & favors;
- The ABC Registration Coordinator: oversees the registration of tables, assigns the tables, and is the contact person with the hostesses after registration;
- The ABC Decorations Coordinator: oversees the event and stage decorations in accordance to the year's theme;
- The ABC Set up/Take down Coordinator: oversees the setup/takedown of tables, coat check, and helps arrange Jr. Hostesses;
- The ABC Music Coordinator: oversees the music throughout the evening as well as the sound system;

**Time:** Planning should start no later than the beginning of September the year of ABC. Event takes place the first Sunday of Advent

**Special Skills:** A love and understanding of Advent; involves ideas, visioning, planning;

**Note:** it is a three year commitment for all members with an extra year of shadowing for the coordinator.

**Contact:** Nancy Gomer 636-240-3721 ext. 239  
ngomer@abvmtech.org

## **Advent Giving Tree** **(Pillar of Service)**

*Mission Statement: May you find Christ here...  
...May you bring Christ to the world.*

**Duties:** Help set up Advent Giving Tree and print tags at the beginning of Advent; sort gifts and take down tree mid-December; will need to attend one organizational meeting.

**Time:** 3 - 5 hours

**Special Skills:** A desire to help.

**Contact:** Steve Ratkowski, 636-978-4203,  
steven.j.ratkowski@boeing.com

## **Altar Servers** **(Pillar of Prayer)**

*Mission Statement: We reverently serve at the altar to help create beautiful liturgies, to assist the clergy, and to model the postures of prayer during Mass.*

**Duties:** Assist presider and deacon in the celebration of liturgical services. Arrive 15 minutes early.

**Time:** Approximately once a month or less.

**Special Skills:** An ability to be graceful, attentive and reverent at Mass; dependability.

**Contact:** Parish Office, 636-240-3721

## **Assumption Quilters** **(Pillar of Hospitality/Service)**

*Mission Statement: Quilting - the art of hand-stitching a completed quilt top, batting and background together into a beautiful work of art.*

**Duties and Skills:** hand-stitch marked areas on a quilt top, sewing the top, batting and backing together.

**Time:** Meet weekly on Thursdays, 9AM-3PM in the basement of the Rectory.

**Contact:** Mary Pieper, 636-272-8292,  
mary817@centurytel.net

## **Athletic Association** **(Pillar of Administration)**

*Mission Statement: To help a boy or girl, regardless of their skill, to become an ideal youth firmly loyal to God, Country and Community; physically fit, mentally alert and morally sound.*

**Duties:** Teach good sportsmanship, coordinate volunteers, maintain schedules, coach, assist with uniforms and concessions. This is done through various sports: soccer, basketball, volleyball, cheerleading, baseball and golf.

**Time:** Varies

**Special Skills:** Must attend 'Protecting God's Children' workshop prior to working with children. Work with concessions and/or uniforms; coaching; webpage experience, marketing, willingness to serve on Athletic board; serve as a sounding board for parents; willingness to help improve facilities.

**Contact:** Dan Doherty,  
assumptioncyc@gmail.com



# Ministry Opportunities Cont.

## Bible Study

### *(Pillar of Formation)*

*Mission Statement: We gather to study scriptural texts and to discuss their impact on our lives.*

**Duties:** Our Bible Studies meet twice per year in 7-week cycles. We offer several meeting times to fit anyone's schedule. We study different books of the Bible in the Old and New Testaments.

During our sessions there is prayer, reflection, and guided discussion. Anyone with any level of familiarity with the Bible is welcome to join us!

**Time:** Various times of the year, in 7 week cycles; 1 hour 15 minute meetings; several meeting times are offered.

**Special Skills:** Willingness to persevere and grow in learning about how the scriptures speak to us.

**Contact:** Liz & Bob Allmeyer, 636-240-8638, [lizallmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:lizallmeyer@gmail.com)

## Blood Drive Volunteers

### *(Pillar of Hospitality/Service)*

*Mission Statement: Recognizing that God calls us to lovingly care for our neighbor, we offer our time to encourage the habit of regular blood donations among our parishioners, cheerfully welcome them to the blood drive, and thoughtfully acknowledge their gifts on behalf of those who will be helped by their donation.*

**Duties:** We currently host four blood drives each year in the months of January, May/June, July/August and November. Volunteers assist with set up and take down in the Parish Center before and after the blood drive, welcome and assist parishioners as they come to donate and help serve refreshments when they finish.

**Time:** 7:30AM - 3:00PM for Sunday drives; and 2- 8PM for the Weeknight drive in July/August. Volunteers work 2-3 hour shifts.

**Special Skills:** A desire to help facilitate the blood drive; a welcoming spirit.

**Contact:** Diane Smith, 314-458-8680, [dsmith611@gmail.com](mailto:dsmith611@gmail.com)

## Cemetery Committee

### *(Pillar Hospitality/Service)*

*Mission Statement: maintain a consecrated place for burial while offering a spiritual physical environment that encourages frequent visitation - where faith is strengthened, hope is awakened, and remembrance is accomplished through perpetual care.*

**Duties:** Assist with cemetery work days on the first Saturday of the month at 9AM, three times a year in February, May and October.

**Special Skills:** Willingness to assist with keeping our sacred grounds immaculate for those who have gone before us, and their loved ones visiting.

**Contact:** Angie Bauman, 636-578-2185, [bauman.est.2008@gmail.com](mailto:bauman.est.2008@gmail.com)



# Ministry Opportunities Cont.

## Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) (Pillar of Formation)

*Mission Statement: Bringing the Word of God to the young minds of our parish on their own level through an interactive program. Showing them God's endless love and how they can model their lives to share that love with their families.*

**Duties:** Liturgist Volunteers mirror what is going on upstairs in the adult Mass. Following the blessing of the presiding priest, the liturgist leads the children downstairs to rooms D and E. The Liturgist starts by reciting an opening prayer, then reads the Epistle, leads the responsorial Psalm and Alleluia then reads the Gospel. Most importantly the liturgist prepares and presents an interactive reflection for the Epistle and Gospel readings that is age-appropriate for all children age 3 to 2nd grade. Following the reflection the liturgist leads the children in the reciting of the Creed. Then the children are invited to present their prayers of intercession for the needs of the church, the world, those in need, the community, and prayers of thanksgiving. *Timekeepers Volunteers* keep the liturgist, using ear amplifiers/headsets, posted on where they are at in the Mass upstairs and give the signal to return upstairs once the prayers of intercession are completed and in time for the offertory procession. Crowd Control Volunteers help escort the children to and from the D/E CLW classroom.

**Time:** All children from the age of 3 to 2nd grade who have not had their first communion are invited to attend CLW EVERY Sunday at 10:00 am Mass. CLW is free and is in session from August through May coinciding with the regular school year. The children will follow the liturgist downstairs after the presider's blessing and then return to Mass at the time of the offertory.

**Special Skills:** All volunteers must attend 'Protecting God's Children' workshop prior to working with children. Love working with and sharing your faith with young children.

**Contact:** Maria Tadlock, 636-734-2817, [shmilyrt@charter.net](mailto:shmilyrt@charter.net)

## Church & Chapel Cleaners (Pillar of Prayer/Worship)

*Mission Statement: With gratitude for our beautiful worship spaces, our teams regularly clean the church and chapel.*

**Duties:** Help to clean the church and chapel; change candles on side altars and in sanctuary lamp; launder altar cloths and change them for special events.

**Time:** Cleaning requires 1/2 to 2 hours, one day a week; laundering varies; altar candles are inserted once a week.

**Special Skills:** A caring eye for detail; knowledge concerning cleaning and laundering.

**Contact:** Ruth Rothermich, 636-294-3921

## Church Decorators (Pillar of Prayer/Worship)

*Mission Statement: Decorate the church to show the liturgical seasons to help us better enter into the celebration of the Mass and season.*

**Duties:** Install Christmas, Easter, and liturgical season decorations; change/make banners.

**Time:** At Christmas and Easter 3-4 hours a week; as needed the rest of the year.

**Special Skills:** A green thumb and love of plants; or the ability to sew and/or design banners; some ability to climb ladders.

**Contact:** Rosemary Pieper, 636-240-8262  
[rosemary@grp farms.com](mailto:rosemary@grp farms.com)





# Ministry Opportunities Cont.

## Church Launderers

### **(Pillar of Prayer/Worship)**

*Mission Statement: Knowing the sacredness of all articles used in church, we offer our time and washing machines to reverently clean the cloths used during Mass.*

**Duties:** At home or in a laundry facility, these individuals launder purificators, corporals, and towels; iron and fold. (On occasion may be asked to help wash and mend clergy or server albs as needed.)

**Time:** Launderers are on a weekly rotation and are typically responsible for 4-5 weeks out of a year. Most weeks, laundry = 1-2 loads of white wash + time to fold, iron if needed and return items to church.

**Special Skills:** Enjoys washing, ironing and some mending when needed. Willing to donate time, washer/dryer, and soap products to the mission. Able to provide for the timely pick-up and return of church laundry. A brief training will be provided for technique.

**Contact:** Carol Woerheide, 314-488-7642,  
[cmwoerheide@gmail.com](mailto:cmwoerheide@gmail.com)

## Communion to the Homebound

### **(Pillar of Service/Worship)**

*Mission Statement: Through friendly visits and Holy Communion, we extend the love of the Gospel to those homebound because of illness, age, or disability.*

**Duties:** Visit parishioners in their home and pray with them if they desire. Also make them aware of other ministries/outreach programs they may want or need to use; this may also include giving Holy Communion if parishioner desires.

**Time:** Varies; as needed

**Special Skills:** Must be able to drive; have a desire to help those who are homebound and may be elderly or ill; if willing to give Communion, must be a Eucharistic Minister.

**Contact:** Pat Smith, 636-281-1969,  
[psmith515chad@gmail.com](mailto:psmith515chad@gmail.com)

## Eucharistic Adoration

### **(Pillar of Prayer/Worship)**

*Mission Statement: We believe in the grace of the real presence of the Eucharist. During adoration, we pray in contemplative silence for our own needs and those of the whole world.*

**Duties:** Must be able to commit to one hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament and encourage others to do the same by signing up for a time slot through "We Adore Him" at

**[assumptionbvm.weadorehim.com](http://assumptionbvm.weadorehim.com)**

**Time:** Commitment to one hour per week on Tuesdays.

**Special Skills:** A willingness to commit to a specific hour of prayer; substitute if the need arises.

**Contact:** Doug Prize, [dlprize55@gmail.com](mailto:dlprize55@gmail.com)  
or Parish Office, 636-240-3721

## Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

### **(Pillar of Prayer/Worship)**

*Mission Statement: As Ministers of the Holy Eucharist at the Table of Life, we reverently distribute the Body of Christ to all the faithful that we may become one as the Body of Christ for the entire World.*

**Duties:** Help with distribution of the Eucharist.

**Time:** Volunteer as needed at weekend Masses.

**Special Skills:** Parishioners, 18 or older; love and reverence for the Eucharist; ease in public settings; Catholic in good standing who has received the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) and is trained and approved for this ministry.

**Contact:** Mary Keen, 636-699-0407,  
[mlkeen155@icloud.com](mailto:mlkeen155@icloud.com)



# Ministry Opportunities Cont.

## 50+ Club

### **(Pillar of Hospitality/Service)**

*Mission Statement: Provide an exciting venue for parishioners, ages 50 and up, to share their faith and have fun with others*

**Duties:** Adults over 50 meet to share faith, fun, and fellowship.

**Time:** Monthly meeting on 4th Monday of the month in the Parish Center, Hall C, at 7PM.

**Special Skills:** Willingness to share in service projects and fun activities.

**Contact:** Kim Thornhill, 918-381-7459,  
thornhillproductions@gmail.com

## Fall Festival Committee

### **(Pillar of Hospitality/Service)**

*Mission Statement: With much love and enthusiasm, the core team and volunteers are committed to serving the community with our popular two-day event, featuring live music, haunted and traditional hayrides, tasty food, games, inflatables, refreshing spirits, raffles, and a country store. All proceeds benefit the Church and our missions.*

**Duties:** Oversee the Fall Festival to bring parishioners together for fellowship and for working side by side to subsidize parish ministries. This is our largest parish function, and everyone's help is needed to make it a success. A core team forms early in the year for those who want to be more involved.

**Time:** Please keep the 1st weekend in October open every year for this event. There are monthly organizational meetings throughout the year for core team members, more often closer to the event date.

**Special Skills:** We can use a wide range of gifts! Enthusiasm and hospitality!

**Contact:** Russ and Mary Anne Schaller  
314-608-6551, rgschaller1@gmail.com

## Funeral Luncheon Volunteer

### **(Pillar of Hospitality/Service)**

*Mission Statement: With hearts of compassion, we prepare and serve a complete post-funeral meal for grieving families.*

**Duties:** Men and women to call and organize a group of volunteers to bring and/or serve specific food and set up for funeral luncheons for parishioners or those with cemetery plots or Columbarium niches.

**Time:** Approximately four times a year.

**Special Skills:** A desire to serve others; an enjoyment of cooking.

**Contact:** Patti Begley, 314-974-2263,  
cpbegley@gmail.com

## Golf Cart Drivers

### **(Pillar of Hospitality/Service)**

*Mission Statement: As an extension of our parish's welcoming spirit, and wanting to ensure no one is intimidated by the size of our campus, we provide transportation between our parking lots and church.*

**Duties:** Drive the Assumption golf cart to/from the parking lot to the doors of church and help those needing assistance on and off the cart. To be a warm and welcoming spirit to all who come here.

**Time:** One half hour before Mass begins and ten to fifteen minutes after Mass ends.

**Special Skills:** Have driven a golf cart prior to volunteering and are willing to undergo a brief training. Have an awareness of safety and the ability to physically assist others.

**Contact:** Jim O'Loughlin, 314-606-0048,  
joloughlin55@gmail.com

# Ministry Opportunities Cont.

## Grief Support Group

### **(Pillar of Hospitality/Service)**

*Mission Statement: With Our Lord, we listen, we comfort, we reminisce, and we share the journey of healing and hope.*

**Duties:** Make one-on-one contact, through a phone call or home visit, to those in the parish who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

**Time:** Three home visits/phone calls and possibly meeting once before the funeral and the day of the funeral depending upon need of the individual grieving.

**Special Skills:** A caring and loving heart and the willingness to receive training in grief ministry.

**Contact:** Lynn Crews, 636-294-0821 or 636-240-3721 x325 about grief support and information about Grief Support Series which consists of 8 weekly sessions, held twice a year.

## Grounds and Garden Committee

### **(Pillar of Hospitality/Service)**

*Mission Statement: To plant and nurture the grounds of Assumption for all to see and enjoy, because with every flower that blooms we witness a miracle of God in all its beauty.*

**Duties:** Help take care of the grounds, plants and flowers.

**Time:** Four hours every couple of months during the growing season.

**Special Skills:** A desire to come pray with us by using your hands and offering your sweat to help make our campus grounds more beautiful; a green thumb does help but is not necessary.

**Contact:** Tim Schwane, 314-484-0611, [tschwane@charter.net](mailto:tschwane@charter.net)

## Hospitality Sunday Committee

### **(Pillar of Hospitality/Service)**

*Mission Statement: We welcome all parishioners and guests to visit in friendship and fellowship, encouraging all to find Christ here... bring Christ to the world.*

**Duties:** Greet guests as they arrive after Mass. Setup and cleanup refreshments and tables/chairs. Serve beverages.

**Time:** First Sunday of the month with the exception of some holidays and other conflicting events; serve from 7:30AM-1:30PM.

**Special Skills:** A heart for welcoming people.

**Contact:** Nancy Glynn, 636-485-5659  
Mike Glynn, 636-485-5603

## Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary

### **(Pillar of Hospitality/Service)**

*Mission Statement: The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization based on four principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, with the number one principle being Charity.*

**Duties:** A Catholic men's organization which provides fraternal, charitable, service, and social opportunities for men from our parish and other parishes.

**Time:** Meetings on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the K.C. Hall, 202 W. Third Street

**Special Skills:** A Catholic male interested in a Christian atmosphere.

**Ladies Auxiliary:** Be a part of an exciting organization dedicated to charitable and Pro-Life activities, open to Catholic women 18 years or older.

**Contact:** Gust (Tom) Zangriles, Grand Knight, 636-978-6626, [glacz4biz@gmail.com](mailto:glacz4biz@gmail.com)  
Beth Delano, Ladies Auxiliary, 314-520-0134, [bdelano06@gmail.com](mailto:bdelano06@gmail.com)

## Lectors - Adult and Teen

### **(Pillar of Worship/Prayer)**

*Mission Statement: Led by the Holy Spirit, lectors use their voices to joyfully proclaim God's living Word to the community, helping to feed the assembly during the holy sacrifice of the Mass.*

**Duties:** To proclaim the Scripture readings at Mass with reverence and understanding.

**Time:** One or two Masses each month; personal time every day spent in study and reflection of the upcoming Sunday readings.

**Special Skills:** A love for God's Word and desire to study it more deeply; dependability, a clear speaking voice, an ease speaking in front of people.

**Contact:** Barb Stettner, 636-978-5930, [creativebarb@charter.net](mailto:creativebarb@charter.net)

# Ministry Opportunities Cont.

## Life Teen Youth Ministry - Core Team Member (Pillar of Formation)

*Mission Statement: Adult team members, ages 18 and up, support the Youth Minister in leading our high school and middle school parishioners in growing in their relationship with Jesus, deepening their understanding of the Roman Catholic faith, availing themselves to the Church's Sacraments, particularly the Holy Eucharist, fostering wholesome friendships and developing a personal prayer life in a setting that is joyful, active, safe, encouraging and empowering.*

*Core Team Individual should:*

- Be a faithful, practicing and committed Roman Catholic
- Adhere to the teachings of the Catholic Church
- Assist the Youth Minister in coordinating and implementing weekly youth gatherings
- Chaperone annual service trips, youth conference, March for Life, etc.
- Assist in fundraising activities
- Promote the Youth Ministry Program
- Lead small groups, facilitate activities, & share their faith and life experiences

### ***Time commitment:***

- One Tuesday per month for planning
- Sunday night gatherings with teens
- Participate in forthcoming Sunday night Life Teen Mass
- Attend 1-2 retreats per year
- Assist with annual fundraising events (car washes, etc.) and chaperone trips

Must complete application process and attend 'Protecting God's Children' workshop.

**Contact:** Life Teen, Becky Whitaker,  
636-240-3721 ext. 243  
[beckywhitaker@abvmtech.org](mailto:beckywhitaker@abvmtech.org)

**Contact:** EDGE: Alejandro DeHerrera,  
636-240-3721 ext. 333  
[alejandrodesherrera@abvmtech.org](mailto:alejandrodesherrera@abvmtech.org)

## Live Streamers

### (Pillar of Prayer/Worship)

*Mission Statement: We utilize various video technologies to spread the Gospel and homily messages beyond the physical walls of Church.*

**Duties & Skill:** A desire to learn and run all video equipment during weekend Masses, and if available, also funerals, weddings, and other special events. This ministry requires videotaping, broadcasting, running cameras, and recording; will train those interested on all equipment.

**Time:** Varies, two-4 times a month

**Contact:** Amy Meyers, 314-517-5192,  
[amymeyers@yahoo.com](mailto:amymeyers@yahoo.com)  
Kevin Steyer, 314-225-6162,  
[kjsteyer@gmail.com](mailto:kjsteyer@gmail.com)

## Marriage Sponsor Couples

### (Pillar of Formation)

*Mission Statement: The marriage ministry of Assumption parish is devoted to the growth and love of every engaged couple. We are committed to their future not only as husband and wife but also in guiding their growth relationship to one which is built in and with Christ.*

**Duties:** Couples are assigned to work with engaged couples to help deepen their vision of Sacrament of Matrimony, and help them establish a firm foundation to their married life.

**Time:** A sponsor couple can work either at home with one engaged couple at a time or at the Parish Center with a small group of engaged couples (4-8 couples). The total time spent on the program with couples is 10 hours. Training includes attending a group session to observe; then help from a sponsor couple, as needed, to get started.

**Special Skills:** Couples willing to share marriage issues and problems; good communication abilities; willingness to share the love of their marriage with engaged couples. Prefer couples married at least 5 years.

**Contact:** Mike and Danielle LiFritz,  
314-369-8429, [mikelifritz09@gmail.com](mailto:mikelifritz09@gmail.com)



# Ministry Opportunities Cont.

## Meals In Need

### **(Pillar of Hospitality/Service)**

*Mission Statement: We show the love and support of our parish family, to those experiencing personal difficulties by providing meals in times of need.*

**Duties:** Prepare a simple dish of food or a full meal whichever you choose and deliver it to a family in need of loving support. A driver is available to deliver the meal if necessary.

**Time:** Occasionally as needed (possibly once every 3 - 4 months).

**Special Skills:** Enjoy cooking!

**Contact:** Phillis Rahe, 636-240-5285

## Men's Group

### **(Pillar of Formation)**

*Mission Statement: As men of Assumption Parish, who fully believe in the Holy Bible and Catholic teachings, we aspire to create a community that supports and promotes the man's role within the Body of Christ by Embracing Spirituality - Giving Back through Service - Socializing Monthly.*

**Duties:** Men coming together in solidarity - for service and camaraderie - to help facilitate an environment of well-being in all our events and activities as well as extend the love of Jesus through positive presence, deed, prayer, and study.

**Time:** Once a month

**Special Skills:** A desire to gather with other men to share faith by word and action, and serve others where ever there is a need in the community.

**Contact:** Kelly Gessert,  
assumptionmensgroup@gmail.com

## Money Counters

### **(Pillar of Hospitality/Service)**

*Mission Statement: Acknowledging the importance of the gifts of the parish community and grateful for the support of the Mission and Ministries of our parish and beyond, we carefully process the collection each week so that parish records accurately reflect the sacrificial gifts received.*

**Duties:** Volunteer team members, approved by the pastor, count the Sunday, Holy Day and special collections.

**Time:** Sunday counters – 2-3 hours on Sunday. Teams rotate, with each serving every Sunday of the month, 3 months of the year.

Monday counters – 1-2 hours on Monday morning. Teams rotate, with each serving every Monday of a month, 3 months a year. Substitute counters fill in on an as needed basis.

**Special Skills:** Must be detail oriented with good math skills and understand the importance of handling confidential information responsibly.

**Contact:** Mary Anne Robinson, 636-294-6841,  
marobin70@gmail.com

## MomCo - (Formerly MOPS)

### **(Pillar of Hospitality)**

*Mission Statement: To encourage, equip, and develop every mother of preschoolers to realize her potential as a woman, mother, and leader in the name of Jesus Christ.*

**Duties:** A program for mothers with children in kindergarten and younger. MomCo offers fellowship and spiritual nurturing with an emphasis on current issues in child rearing, womanhood, the home, and marriage. Children have age-appropriate biblical lessons, crafts, and playtime, all provided by the generous support of volunteers. MomCo provides support to mothers so they can receive care and nurturing for this demanding stage in their lives.

**Time:** Meetings are 9:15-11AM on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. To join, please call the MomCo coordinator.

**Special Skills:** None needed.

**Contact:** Becky Whitaker,  
assumptionmomco@gmail.com

# Ministry Opportunities Cont.

## MomCo Caregivers

### *(Pillar of Formation)*

**Duties:** Provide loving care for children while their mothers are attending a meeting. Curriculum and crafts are provided.

**Time:** The second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 8:45-11:15AM.

**Special Skills:** Must attend 'Protecting God's Children' workshop prior to working with children; have a loving heart and a desire to share God's love with infants to 5-year-olds.

**Contact:** *Becky Whitaker,*  
*assumptionmomco@gmail.com*

## Musicians - Choir - Cantors

### *(Pillar of Worship/Prayer)*

**Mission Statement:** *A deep love of God and a commitment to exceptional liturgy impels us to express prayer through music and inspire others to join as one voice in sung worship.*

**Duties:** To lead or assist in leading sung prayer or accompany sung prayer with instrumental music and participate in necessary rehearsals.

**Time:** Approximately one weekend Mass per week and one rehearsal per week; an occasional holy day Mass. Time varies between different roles and ensembles.

**Special Skills:** Ability to sing or play an instrument and read music.

For more information about:

- How to become involved in Assumption's Music Ministry
- Varying roles played by those in Assumption's Music Ministry
- The different ensembles that lead worship at Assumption

**Contact:** *Parker Bishop, Director of Music Ministry* 636-240-3721 ext. 326  
*music@abvmtech.org*

## O.C.I.A. (Christian Initiation of Adults) - Catechist

### *(Pillar of Formation) (by discernment only)*

**Mission Statement:** *Guided by the Holy Spirit, the ministry of Assumption Parish seeks to help form disciples for Christ through prayer, a study of God's Word, an exploration of the Sacraments and teachings of the Church, sharing personal stories of faith, and participating in liturgical rites.*

**Duties:** To prepare and instruct sessions.

Work very closely with the candidates throughout the process.

**Time:** Instruct 4-5 sessions per year with a fellow team member. Team meetings once a month. Sessions are every Sunday morning from 8-10:30AM, September through Pentecost.

**Special Skills:** A heart full of love and an inner desire to share your faith in order to help others to know Jesus. Must be a practicing Catholic and have served the role of OCIA sponsor for 1 year.

**Contact:** *Missy Lowrey, 314-630-3983,*  
*mlowrey@charter.net*

## O.C.I. A. - (Christian Initiation of Adults) - Sponsor

### *(Pillar of Formation)*

**Duties:** To be a friendly Catholic example of love and support to an individual preparing to enter the church. Accompany the candidate to all sessions.

**Time:** Sessions are every Sunday morning from 8-10:30AM, September through Pentecost.

**Special Skills:** A heart full of love and and willingness to share your faith in order to help someone to know Jesus. Must be a practicing Catholic.

**Contact:** *Missy Lowrey, 314-630-3983,*  
*mlowrey@charter.net*

# Ministry Opportunities Cont.

## Parish Council

**(Pillar of Administration) (by Nomination Only)**

*Mission Statement: We prayerfully listen to the Holy Spirit as we discern how people might best "Find Christ here and bring Christ to the world." The Parish Council prayerfully discerns parish direction and priorities.*

**Description:** Members are nominated, discerned, and then are drawn randomly. The parish council is composed of wise people, who are joyful, insightful thinkers, and open to listening to the Holy Spirit. Members serve for a three year term. The work of the council includes such things as: serve as a sounding board for pastor; discern the direction of the parish; review/approve new events for the whole parish; assist the pastor in establishing policy for the parish; review/approve functions that also involve people from outside the parish; review finances, marketing and fundraising; approve large expenses.

**Contact:** Parish Council Chair,  
Mary Serra-Poorman, 314-637-8664  
abvmparishcouncil@gmail.com



## Parish Finance Committee

**(Pillar of Administration) (when needed)**

*Mission Statement: In solidarity with our parish Mission, "May you find Christ here and bring Christ to the world" it is our hope others will also choose to follow our vision statement: We each give financially as God asks of us: for the physical and spiritual needs of all who would ever come here; for the needs of those who suffer, and for our own spiritual well-being and growth.*

**Description:** Parish Finance Committee members are appointed by the Pastor from a group of individuals that have expressed interest in serving in such a capacity. These individuals are interviewed by various parish and committee members, and then recommended to the Pastor. There are not a set number of years to serve, but a minimum of 3 is preferred. The work of the committee consists of preparing and sharing with the Parish Council the annual budgets for the parish; helps oversee compliance with the annual parish budget; advises the pastor and Parish Council on expenditures outside of approved budgets; ensures compliance with archdiocesan financial regulations and recommends policies/procedures needed to be in compliance. We also monitor the financial records of parish committees and organizations, and liaise with other committees as needed.

**Contact:** Mark A. Martin, 314-330-4146,  
mmartin3547@charter.net

## Parish Office Volunteers

**(Pillar of Hospitality/Service)**

*Mission Statement: Through the love of Christ, we direct those seeking the Parish Connection with kind, caring and friendly assistance.*

**Duties:** Support for the parish office staff, answer phone calls and greet visitors at the door. Light office work; stuffing envelopes, filing, and some computer work.

**Time:** A 4 hours a week commitment preferred.

**Special Skills:** A warm, friendly, cooperative, and caring personality to greet parishioners; phone skills and pleasant phone manner very helpful; minimal office and computer experience.

**Contact:** Debbie Collins, 636-240-3721 ext. 221  
debbiecollins@abvmtech.org



# Ministry Opportunities Cont.

## Parish School of Religion (PSR) Catechists - Teachers of Faith (Pillar of Formation)

*Mission Statement: Provide a religious education program in which children grow in love, knowledge, and communion with Jesus. Rooted in the teachings of the Catholic Church, we share the Mission of Christ through formation, fellowship, worship and acts of service. Together with families, we strive to build a welcoming community of faith where every child, including those with special needs is supported and nurtured in their spiritual journey.*

**Duties:** Catechists play a vital role in helping children grow in their relationship with Christ through out parish religious education program. They guide students in learning the truths of the Catholic faith, fostering prayer, worship, and a love for Jesus and His Church. All Catechists are provided with a teaching manual, a clear scope and sequence, and ongoing training and support. A willingness to grow in personal faith and to collaborate with fellow catechists, families and parish leadership is essential.

**Time:** Approximately 1-2 hours preparation time per week; class time is 1.5 hours weekly.

**Special Skills:** Must attend 'Protecting God's Children' workshop prior to working with children. A love for the Catholic faith and a desire to share it with children are essential. Catechists should demonstrate strong communication skills, patience, reliability and a general commitment to the mission of the PSR.

**Contact:** Holly Woytus, 636-240-1020, hwoytus@abvmtech.org

## Parish School of Religion (PSR) Volunteers (Pillar of Formation)

**Duties:** Assist the Parish School of Religion faculty and administration by assisting in the classroom, monitoring hallways, traffic control, or office assistance.

**Time:** As much time can be spent as desired - from once a year to a more regular basis.

**Special Skills:** Must attend 'Protecting God's Children' workshop prior to working with children. Love of your faith and a willingness to be a role model to the children of our parish.

**Contact:** Holly Woytus, 636-240-1020, hwoytus@abvmtech.org

## Prayer Tree

### (Pillar of Worship/Prayer)

*Mission Statement: We share in the joys or burdens of fellow parishioners by being available to receive prayer requests via phone call or email, daily in the morning, or late afternoon, and pass them on to the next person on the list, and we take time to pray for the intentions received.*

**Duties:** Be home to receive prayer requests and pass them on to the next person. Pray for intentions expressed.

**Time:** 10-15 minutes a day.

**Special Skills:** A concerned and prayerful person; be open to miracles.

**Contact:** Pat Smith, 636-352-9306 or psmith515chad@gmail.com

## Ranger Rosaries:

### (Pillar of Prayer/Worship)

*Mission Statement: Guided, inspired and supported by our Blessed Mother, it is our mission to assemble rosaries to be distributed to military men and women who are serving our Country. Supported by the generosity of our Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary and donations from generous volunteers.*

**Duties:** Remembering Mary's plea at Fatima to pray the rosary daily for peace, the rosaries made and sent to service men and women will hopefully promote this prayer and bring protection for our troops and peace to our troubled world.

**Time:** Our small group meets in the Parish Center on the last Thursday of the month, after 8AM Mass.

**Contact:** Phyllis Rahe 636-699-7167 or 636-240-5285, phyllisannrahe@gmail.com



# Ministry Opportunities Cont.

## RENEWAL (Formerly CRHP)

### (Pillar of Formation)

*Mission Statement: A RENEWAL Retreat weekend is designed to help the faith community and individuals grow spiritually and deepen their relationship with God and with one another.*

**Duties:** assist with creating an exciting weekend of faith building, fellowship, reflection, song, and prayer for parishioners. The Women's and Men's retreats are held once a year, and given by fellow parishioners who have participated.

**Time:** One weekend, Saturday morning through Sunday afternoon held in our Parish Center.

**Special Skills:** An interest in refreshing your relationship with Christ and your parish.

**Contact:** Mike Vohsen,  
mike.vohsen@gmail.com,  
Amy Whitelaw-VanLeuve,  
amywhitelaw4@gmail.com

## Respect Life Apostolate:

### (Pillar of Hospitality/Service)

**Duties:** Participate in and support various pro-life activities throughout the year including school, Church, and archdiocesan activities. Attend prayer services and provide education on pro-life issues and events. Respect Life Apostolate meets on Saturday mornings on selected months, or attends the Helper of God's Precious Infants Mass at the Cathedral Basilica.

**Time:** 1-2 hours a month

**Contact:** Sylvia Kiphart, 636-978-8803

## Rosary Leaders

### (Pillar of Worship/Prayer)

*Mission Statement: In a loving devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and to support the devotional life of the parish, we offer our voices to publicly lead the prayers of the Rosary.*

**Duties:** Willingness to come and lead the rosary prayer in the Church 1/2 hour before each Sunday Mass. All are invited to come and pray for peace.

**Time:** Your committed scheduled day of a 1/2 hour. Living Rosary once in May and October

**Special Skills:** A desire to lead the rosary and a somewhat strong speaking voice.

**Contact:** Sylvia Kiphart, 636-978-8803

## Sacristans

### (Pillar of Worship/Prayer)

*Mission Statement: We are the host, the server, and the guest for the banquet of the Eucharistic celebration, prepared so that our parish community may experience Christ's love and bring Christ to the world.*

**Duties:** Prepare the church for all services (Daily and Weekend Liturgies, Funerals, Baptisms, Holy Days, Stations of the Cross, Prayer Services, etc.). Preparation includes opening & closing of church, preparing the bread, wine and cruets, and ensuring all ministries (Eucharistic ministers, servers, lectors, etc.) are prepared.

**Time:** Arrive 1 hour prior to Mass to set up.

Duties are complete when working sacristy, and sanctuary have been prepared for the next service, and church is closed when necessary.

**Special Skills:** A desire serving our parish community with moving liturgies and the most reverent sacraments of the Holy Eucharist, and Baptism; ability to climb stairs with reasonable assistance.

**Contact:** Mary Keen, 636-699-0407.  
mlkeen155@icloud.com

## Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP)

### (Pillar of Hospitality/Service)

*Mission Statement: SVdP is dedicated to helping our neighbors in need, regardless of faith. In the word of our founder, Frederic Ozanam, the vision of the Society of St. Vincent is "to embrace the world in a network of charity." In doing this work, we enrich our lives & neighbors lives spiritually.*

**Caseworker Duties:** Check the Help Line for calls requesting assistance. As needed, make a home visit with one of our other members. Assess the needs and make decisions regarding the help we are able to give; work with other agencies to provide additional help when necessary.

**Time:** Attend 2 meetings each month (1st and 3rd Wednesday) at 7PM lasting about one hour and check the help line, approximately one day, every three weeks.

**Special Skills:** Willingness to listen and understand the requested need(s) and work to provide assistance, along with a computer and basic computer skills.

**Contact:** Tom Reichert, 630-405-3935 or  
SVdP Help Line at 636-272-4758

# Ministry Opportunities Cont.

## School Board

### **(Pillar of Administration) (by Nomination Only)**

*Mission Statement: To advise the pastor and principal in formulation and evaluation policies for Assumption Catholic School students.*

Members are nominated, discerned and then drawn randomly. Parishioners from Assumption act in an advisory capacity to the principal and pastor by formulating and evaluating policies for the school. The board provides the parish with a representative body for determining the educational needs of the school and for establishing its philosophy and policies.

**Time:** Members serve for a three year term; attending one meeting per month.

**Contact:** Scott Dillon,  
sjdillon32360@gmail.com

## School Tuition Committee

### **(Pillar of Administration)**

*Mission Statement: Through our faith and fellowship in God, we discreetly provide monetary tuition assistance to those families in need so their children may continue their Catholic education.*

**Duties:** Parishioners, appointed by the pastor, to monitor the payment of tuition in the interest of fairness to all families using the school. Meet with families with special financial needs.

**Time:** One quarterly, 2-hour meeting; meet with families throughout the year as needed.

**Special Skills:** A listening ear and a desire to help.

**Contact:** Cindy Laboube, 636-219-5790,  
cindylaboube@yahoo.com

## Small Church Communities

### **(Pillar of Formation)**

*Mission Statement: Guided by a belief that in a community as large as ours everyone needs to be known by someone, we gather in small groups to explore our faith, pray together, & share our lives.*

**Duties:** Small groups gather in parishioners' homes, or in the Parish Center on a regular basis to share faith and discuss the Sunday readings.

**Time:** One hour or so per week

**Special Skills:** An interest in the scripture

**Contact:** Carlene Grivois, 636-544-4924,  
cgrivois@live.com

## Socials Committee

### **(Pillar of Hospitality/Service)**

*Mission Statement: We serve Christ by providing a welcoming atmosphere that fosters community in a social setting.*

**Duties:** Organize Parish fellowship gatherings.

This would include setting out the tables and chairs, decorating, setting out and serving the food and drinks, and cleaning up afterwards. Functions include: Parish Appreciation Dinner, Easter Vigil reception, All Souls reception.

**Time:** One to two hours' time required before and after functions for setup and clean up.

**Special Skills:** A willingness to serve; a welcoming heart and attitude.

**Contact:** Carol Woerheide, 314-488-7642,  
cmwoerheide@gmail.com

## Sound/Slide Technicians

### **(Pillar of Worship/Prayer)**

*Mission Statement: God's message of love is meant for all people, so we serve at the soundboard in church to help make sure that the messages projected on the walls above the altar are visible during worship.*

**Duties & Skills:** A desire to learn the sound mixing board during week-end Masses and, if available, also for funerals, weddings, and other special events. This ministry requires aptitude and willingness to learn how to work the sound, lights, DVD, and PowerPoints used at Mass. Also required is a good ear for music.

**Time:** Varies 2-4 times a month.

**Contact:** Parker Bishop, 636-240-3721 ext. 326,  
music@abvmtech.org

# Ministry Opportunities Cont.

## Stewardship/Evangelization Committee (Pillar of Administration)

*Mission Statement: We, the Stewardship Committee, believe in Jesus Christ, His teachings and His Catholic Church. Through prayer, we become aware of the many gifts bestowed upon us. We enthusiastically seek to foster A Stewardship Way of Life and furthering Christ's work and service in our community. As discerning Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.*

**Duties:** Assist with planning of annual Stewardship Drive; help organize communication with ministries for various needs, make phone calls to parishioners and encourage others to share their Time, Talent and Treasure.

**Time:** Several planning meetings prior to Stewardship Awareness Weekend, and then one hour per week; more if individual wants to give more.

**Special Skills:** Encourager; organized; and friendly.

**Contact:** Father Nick Kastenholz, 636-240-3721, [nicholaskastenholz@archstl.org](mailto:nicholaskastenholz@archstl.org)

## That Man is YOU (TMIY) (Pillar of Formation)

*Mission Statement: Becoming a man after God's own heart - the vision of man fully alive through an interactive men's program, combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints.*

**Duties:** meet for breakfast at 7:15AM at O'Fallon Knights of Columbus lower hall, and stay for small group and video discussions.

**Time:** 1 hour 15 minutes, Saturdays, Sept. - Nov. and Jan. - April

**Special Skills:** Desire to address the pressures and temptations men face in our modern culture.

**Contact:** Deacon Richard Tadlock, 314-397-2433 or [deaconrichard@charter.net](mailto:deaconrichard@charter.net)

## Usher/Greeters (Pillar of Worship/Prayer)

*Mission Statement: We create a welcoming safe atmosphere for worship and help to make sure liturgies run smoothly.*

**Duties:** Greet and welcome all; to ensure that the environment is conducive to worship; assist the presider in any special request; help families carry gifts at offertory procession; pass baskets at collection time; ensure orderly flow at communion time; pass out bulletins after Mass. This is open to men, women, young adults and teenagers.

**Time:** Two to three Masses per month; arrive 15-30 minutes before Mass time.

**Special Skills:** To be truly concerned for the well-being of all who attend Mass.

**Contact:** Gerry Prinster, 636-577-5548, [gerryprinster@gmail.com](mailto:gerryprinster@gmail.com)





# Ministry Opportunities Cont.

## Vacation Bible School Volunteers (VBS) (Pillar of Formation)

*Mission Statement: to bring God's word to children through age-appropriate music, crafts, stories, and hands-on activities. We aim to create a welcoming and faith-filled environment where children experience the love of Jesus, build friendships rooted in faith, and grow as joyful members of our parish community.*

**Duties:** Help inspire our children during a week of educational faith and fun! Utilizing the provided curriculum and teaching materials, volunteers work in a specific area as part of a team—such as games, crafts, snacks, Bible stories, or music—to lead meaningful, age-appropriate activities rooted in God's Word. Each year features a new theme, and all resources for planning are supplied in advance. During the week of VBS 'Counselors in Training' (CITs- our teen helpers) will assist our adult volunteers in guiding the children around campus to different activities.

**Time:** 9AM-12:15PM Monday through Friday during the second week in June. Some roles, such as crafts, decorations, or music, may require advanced planning beginning in February, with preparations continuing through May.

**Special Skills:** Must attend 'Protecting God's Children' workshop prior to working with children. We need many volunteers with skills and talents including: teaching, spiritual sharing, music, games, theater, arts, crafts, and organization. Training is provided to all new or interested volunteers. Creativity and new ideas are always welcome!

**Contact:** Holly Woytus, 636-240-1020,  
[hwoytus@abvmtech.org](mailto:hwoytus@abvmtech.org)

## VBS CIT's (Counselor In Training)

**Duties:** Assist classroom teacher. Must have completed 5th grade up through 12th grade. Mandatory completion of CIT training and completion of Minor Volunteer Application form.

**Time:** 9AM-12:15PM Monday through Friday a week in June

**Special Skills:** We need many skills and talents including: organization, music, teaching, spiritual sharing, games, theater, arts, or crafts.

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[hwoytus@abvmtech.org](mailto:hwoytus@abvmtech.org)

## Wedding Assistants (Pillar of Worship/Prayer)

*Mission Statement: Serving couples by thoughtfully and reverently taking care of church detail. Assistants also help 'Keep the Main Thing, the Main Thing'—the bridal couple's expression of love and commitment to one another before God and the gathered community.*

**Duties:** To work with engaged couples, guiding them in their marriage preparation and helping answer questions and coordinate wedding. Help prepare church before wedding, run the rehearsals and help with the wedding procession during the ceremony.

**Time:** As many weddings as desired!

Approximately 4-10 hours per wedding; can be done on a substitute basis.

**Special Skills:** Patience; able to speak in front of a group; enjoy working with people.

**Contact:** Sue Snyder, 314-496-7790,  
[suzannegremaudsnyder@gmail.com](mailto:suzannegremaudsnyder@gmail.com)

## Welcoming Committee (Pillar of Hospitality/Service)

*Mission Statement: Guided by the Holy Spirit, we greet, welcome, educate and inspire the newest members joining our church family to share their gifts, talents, and love.*

**Duties:** Assist at monthly gathering for newcomers to Assumption, or make follow-up phone calls to welcome newly registered parishioners.

**Time:** Approximately 2 hours per month to help with Newcomer's Registration on the first Sunday of the month after the Noon Mass; or 1-2 hours per month for phone calls.

**Special Skills:** A warm and welcoming spirit; a willingness to reach out to welcome and encourage new parishioners.

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