

# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

JANUARY 12, 2025

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



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.

- Lk 3:21-22a

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### 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 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.

#### **CONFESSION**

Weekdays 7:30-7:50am; Saturdays 4-4:45pm; or by appointment.

#### **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.

#### **FUNERALS**

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

#### **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.

# Welcome

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**School Board**  
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Hello,

As I write this letter, it is Saturday before the Feast of the Epiphany (last Saturday), and I need to write this before I go out of town for a retreat this coming week (I will be back before this bulletin comes out). Right now, everyone is looking to tomorrow and the snowstorm that we are expecting, oh yeah, and freezing cold after that. Right now I am expecting a packed Mass tonight at 5pm before any of the snow gets here, and then snow all day tomorrow with few people at all of the Masses, less at each Mass as we get through the day. Likely school will be called off for Monday, and then a very cold week where most of us will not go out any more than we have to.



I remember a previous Feast of the Epiphany in 2014, I was at St. Joseph parish in Clayton, we didn't have as much of a prediction, but we had a horrible snowstorm that started early Sunday morning and just grew through the day. There was about half the normal number at the early Mass, about a quarter the normal amount at the next and I think eight people at our final Mass that morning. We also had a tradition of having our donut Sunday on the Feast of the Epiphany in the rectory. Since the storm was a surprise, we had all the donuts, food, and drinks ready. While the Mass attendance was very low, everyone who came to Mass did come over for donuts since they didn't have anywhere else to go or do that day. (We know about Sunday's storm, so I stopped our order of 500 donuts and milk.) It was actually the best 'donut Sunday' I have probably experienced because people sat, and talked, and ate, and shared stories of past snowstorms. Not as many people overall, but those who were there were able to get to know each other better and build our parish community.

We are past the Epiphany now, and actually at the end of the Christmas Season today with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, and Ordinary time begins tomorrow. Over Christmas, we have many celebrations and gatherings in the church and in our homes that I imagine we also remember and shared many memories from our past. That is one of the reasons we set apart these special times, to grow in the specific celebrations of those moments, but also to form memories that will not only stay with us, but draw us together with others in the future.

I hope you all had a great Christmas Season this year, having moments that tied you closer to God and to one another, recognizing that is why God was born as a child among us. In addition, I hope it can continue to help each of us as we go forward to be open to our baptism that unites us as a Church, and as the children of God. I hope that any negative effects that came from the snow and cold have melted away by now with the warmth of the sun, but we can also take some positive experiences with us to share and help us in the future.

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. **Please note: the doors will be locked from 11am-2pm on Tuesdays for safety protocol.**

EXPOSITION is on Tuesdays 9am-10pm, and available through the Rosary at 6:15pm, followed by our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions and Benediction to close.

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, visit [assumptionbvm.weadorehim.com](http://assumptionbvm.weadorehim.com) to sign up and choose a time. Thank you!

### PRAY THE ROSARY BEFORE WEEKEND MASSES

Please join us in Church 30 minutes before each weekend Mass for the Rosary (except 5:30 pm Mass on Sundays.) We gather and pray before the Holy Family Statue.



### IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**Patricia Frey**  
wife of Guy Frey

**George Dames**  
husband of Millie Dames

**Steve Benton**  
brother of Linda (John) Oates

**Iona Walter**  
mother of Ron Walter

**Eugene Thornhill**  
husband of Rita Thornhill  
father of Ken (Kim) Thornhill



### JANUARY CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS AVAILABLE

For those who have not scheduled an appointment, the January shoot dates are filling up fast, so register now!

- ◆ Tuesday, January 14 from 2-8:30pm
- ◆ Wednesday, January 15 from 2-8:30pm
- ◆ Thursday, January 16 from 2-8:30pm
- ◆ Friday, January 17 from 2-8:30pm
- ◆ Saturday, January 18 from 10am-4:30pm

The photos will be taken in the Meyer Room of the Parish Center, and parishioners should check-in at the table before meeting with the photographer. An email reminder with these details will be sent to all who have a January appointment. **As soon as the January dates are full, the appointment dates for the week of February 11-15 will be available.**

Assumption would love to have all 3,200 families participate in the **NEW** Church Photo Directory! There is no charge to participate and no obligation to purchase anything. Every family photographed will receive a complimentary 8" x 10" portrait and complimentary printed directory, as well as the opportunity to win a raffle for participating. Pets are welcome and multi-generation photos encouraged! Families with 6 or more members should book two back-to-back sessions.

Go to **ucdir.com** and click on the red banner, "Photography Session Sign Up" to book your photo session and use:

- ◆ **Church Code: mo373 and Church**
  - ◆ **Password: photos**
- And then follow the prompts.

If you need more assistance registering or need to change or cancel your photography session, contact



### ASSUMPTION BLOOD DRIVE SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 | 9AM-1:30PM

ImpactLife is in the Parish Hall today! We look forward to welcoming you and accepting your donation of the Gift of Life! If you have not donated blood since Nov. 17, you are eligible to donate at this drive.

Donations are by appointment, however, if we have any open appointments today that fit your schedule, we will welcome your donation. Please feel free to stop by and check! Please be sure you have a picture ID available, and you have eaten and are well hydrated.

### 50 PLUS CLUB MEETING JANUARY 27 | 6:30PM



Join us for our next 50 Plus Club meeting on Monday, January 27 at 6:30pm in Hall C.

We are in need of a refreshment organizer for the monthly meetings. This person would coordinate volunteers to bring desserts and handle set-up of the paper goods before the meetings. We also need 5-6 volunteers to bring desserts to the January meeting.

Interested in helping? Contact Kim Thornhill at 918-381-7459. or [thornhillproductions@gmail.com](mailto:thornhillproductions@gmail.com)



### WINTER WEATHER ALERTS

When severe weather hits our area, look for cancellation information about Assumption using the following:  
 Assumption Website: [assumptionbvm.org](http://assumptionbvm.org)  
 Social Media Pages: [facebook.com/assumptionparish/](https://www.facebook.com/assumptionparish/) and <https://www.instagram.com/abvmofallon/#>  
 Email Enewsletter Blast: sign up at [bit.ly/AssumptionEnewsRegistration](http://bit.ly/AssumptionEnewsRegistration)

**Please know that it is highly unlikely that we will cancel Mass.** For more information, contact Nancy Gomer at 636-240-3721 ext. 231.



### O'FALLON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2269 UPCOMING EVENTS

**Queen of Hearts raffle:** Join us every Tuesday for our weekly raffle. Doors open at 5pm with drawing at 7pm. Food and beverages available for purchase.



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**Fish Fry:** Join us on Friday, February 7, 5-7pm for our delicious fish fry. Dine in or carry out available.

Cod and Catfish Fish dinner with three sides. Chicken Strips, Fish sandwich, or Kids plate with one side. Dessert with every dinner.

Sides: potato salad, cole slaw, green beans, and a rotation of spaghetti or mac n cheese.

Thirsty? Full cash bar is also available!

- \$16 Dine in/carry out meals
- \$15 Dine in senior meals
- \$11 Fish sandwich/Chicken strips/Kids plate

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**SAT  
FEB  
8TH**

# 2025 MOUSE RACES

*Sponsored by the O'Fallon Knights of Columbus #2269*

**DOORS OPEN AT 6PM**

**RACES START AT 7PM**

**202 W. Third St  
O'Fallon, MO 63366**

Scan Here for Ticket Info

[kofc2269.com](http://kofc2269.com)

Tickets:  
 -Table of 8: \$260  
 -Individual: \$35  
 Tickets Include Open Bar

*You are welcome to bring your own food...No outside beverages*

	SUNDAY 1.12.25	MONDAY 1.13.25	TUESDAY 1.14.25	WEDNESDAY 1.15.25
<b>Mass Times and Intentions</b>	8:00am Priests Intention 10:00am People of the Parish 12:00pm Mary Ann Brakensick 5:30pm Robert E. Matonis	6:30am Ana Vilma Carcamo 8:00am Kevin Schneider	6:30am Priests Intention 8:00am Janet Whitelaw	6:30am Priests Intention 8:00am Special Intention
<b>Reconciliation</b>	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



# LITURGICAL COMPOSERS CONCERT

**JANUARY 30**  
**7:00 - 8:30PM**  
**MERCY CENTER CHAPEL**

*In-person or live stream*

*Preferred Seating Ticket \$50*  
*Ticket includes invitation to reception after the event with the composers*

*General Admission Ticket \$25*

*Individual Live Stream Ticket \$15*

*Party of Two Live Stream Ticket \$30*  
*Ticket for two individuals viewing in the same house or apartment*

*House Viewing Live Stream Ticket \$40*



**LITURGICAL COMPOSERS FORUM**  
 Concert benefits Mercy Conference and Retreat Center and the Liturgical Composers Forum.  
**MERCY CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER**  
 2039 NORTH GEYER ROAD - SAINT LOUIS, MO 63131 - 314-966-4686 - MERCYCENTERSTL.ORG

## WORLD MARRIAGE DAY FEBRUARY 9 | 12PM



Archbishop Rozanski will celebrate a Mass for World Marriage Day at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, (4431 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis). All married couples are invited to attend and celebrate the gift of marriage.

World Marriage Day honors married couples as the foundation of the family. It emphasizes the faithfulness, sacrifice and joy of daily married life.



A reception, sponsored by Gateway Worldwide Marriage Encounter, will follow in Boland Hall.

THURSDAY 1.16.25	
6:30am	Priests Intention
8:00am	Dennis Schepker
7:30-7:50am Church or by appointment	

FRIDAY 1.17.25	
6:30am	Priests Intention
8:00am	Godar Family
7:30-7:50am Church or by appointment	

SATURDAY 1.18.25	
8:00am	Cecil Bess
5:00pm	Judy Grieshaber
4:00-4:45pm Church or by appointment	

SUNDAY 1.19.25	
8:00am	Priests Intention
10:00am	Ruth Kurtz
12:00pm	Priests Intention
5:30pm	People of the Parish
By Appointment	

## ST. VINCENT de PAUL FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP



The St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry is running very low or has run out of several items.

- ◆ Jelly
- ◆ Pancake syrup
- ◆ Mayonnaise
- ◆ Cookies
- ◆ Shampoo
- ◆ Paper towels
- ◆ Instant oatmeal and cereal (we use a lot during the winter)
- ◆ Beef stew
- ◆ Canned pears
- ◆ Canned peaches
- ◆ Canned mixed fruit
- ◆ Liquid dish soap
- ◆ Laundry detergent
- ◆ Facial tissues

Please check expiration dates before donating.

You can drop off your donation in the wooden container in the Narthex. The donation box is for food items only. Clothing may be donated at the SVDP Thrift Store in St. Charles.

Thank you for your generous and continued support!

Your Assumption St. Vincent de Paul Team.

## CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (FORMERLY RCIA)

Blessed New Year! We return today excited to continue our sessions on the sacraments. Before our holiday break, we talked about the Sacrament of Baptism. This weekend we cover the Sacrament of Confirmation, Pentecost, The Gifts of the Holy Spirit and Saints.

May the Lord guide your steps and bring you peace in 2025.

**CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (FORMERLY RCIA)  
CLASS OF 2025**



Brittni Boyer: Catechumen  
Kendal Lowrey: Sponsor



Alexis Dickherber: Candidate  
Jake Dickherber: Sponsor



Brennen Dinolfi: Catechumen  
Amanda Russell: Sponsor



Armando Fuentes: Candidate  
Carrie Fuentes: Sponsor



Meradith Gutermuth: Candidate  
Payton Niedringhaus: Sponsor



Alexandra Hudelson: Candidate  
Cindy Bunge: Sponsor



Christopher Jones: Candidate  
Brian Peterson: Sponsor



Logan Jordan: Candidate  
Ryan Austin: Sponsor



Abigail King: Candidate  
Laurie Maassen: Sponsor

**CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (FORMERLY RCIA)  
CLASS OF 2025**



Travis Kundel: Candidate  
JoAnn Kundel: Sponsor



Karen Leukenhaus: Candidate  
Derek Menne: Sponsor



Roberto Martinez: Candidate  
Steve Foppe: Sponsor



Dustin Mercer: Candidate  
Rick Schen: Sponsor



Lindsay O'Neill: Catechumen  
Sally Logsdon: Sponsor



Tyler O'Neill: Candidate  
Scott Logsdon: Sponsor



Mike Steevens: Candidate  
John Fairhurst: Sponsor



Shannon Vohsen: Candidate  
Mike Vohsen: Sponsor



Lauren Weber: Candidate  
Kyle Weber: Sponsor



Davis Young: Candidate  
Tyler Steitz: Sponsor

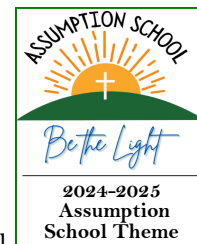


### PRINCIPAL'S PEN

#### Catholic Schools Week Open House

Join us as we start Catholic Schools Week with Mass and Open House!

Sunday, January 26 | 11am-12:30pm (following 10am Mass)  
at Assumption Catholic School



Come and experience what makes our school a special place to learn and grow! This is a wonderful opportunity for prospective families, current families, parishioners, and community members to:

- ◆ Tour our classrooms and facilities
- ◆ Meet our dedicated teachers and staff
- ◆ Learn about our faith-based education and academic excellence
- ◆ Explore extracurricular programs and student activities
- ◆ Take a look at our future plans for the new outdoor activity phases



Whether you're a prospective family looking for a new school home or a community member who wants to see our students' achievements, we welcome you to join us for this special event. We will have student ambassadors and staff available to give you a tour of the school and answer any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you at Open House!

Tuition assistance is available, ask us how we can help you apply and join our school community for the 2025-2026 school year. For more information or to schedule a tour, contact us at 636-240-4474 or visit [assumptionbvmschool.org](http://assumptionbvmschool.org).

Blessings,  
Jamie Burbridge



Catholic Schools  
United in Faith and Community

# Catholic Schools Week 2025

JANUARY 26 – FEBRUARY 1, 2025

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## HELLO FROM ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY!

**Happy New Year from Assumption Youth Ministry!** We are so excited to begin a new year of ministry, expectant for all that God has for us! We are so proud of the ways the young Church here at Assumption enters deeply into prayer, welcomes others, and is embracing their call to holiness as young people. Come see what we're about!

**Sunday, January 12**

**Life Teen Kick Off: Bunco Bonanza**

**6:30–8:45pm | Parish Center**

All teens are invited to join us for as we kick off our spring semester! Expect dinner, fellowship, fun, community and powerful prayer.

**Wednesday, January 15**

**EDGE**

**6:15–7:30pm | Parish Center**

All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to continue their journey of faith formation with EDGE! Expect the beauty of our Catholic faith, presented in a dynamic and youthful way for our middle schoolers.



### **2025 EVENTS:**

March 7–9: Luke 18 Retreat

June 1–7: EDGE Camp Hidden Lake

June 23–27: Life Teen Leadership Conference

July 18–20: Steubenville Youth Conference

July 27–August 2: Life Teen Camp Covecrest

### **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 Minister; Life Teen Youth Minister  
636-240-3721 ext. 243 or [beckywhitaker@abvmtech.org](mailto:beckywhitaker@abvmtech.org)

**Alejandro DeHerrera**, EDGE Youth Minister (Middle School)  
636-240-3721 ext. 333 or [alejandroherrera@abvmtech.org](mailto:alejandroherrera@abvmtech.org)

## NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED

Is God calling you to serve as a member of the Assumption Parish Council? If so, please consider nominating yourself or someone else by filling out the nomination form below and returning it to the Parish Office or the church collection basket, or you can email Father Nick Kastenholtz at [nicholaskastenholtz@archstl.org](mailto:nicholaskastenholtz@archstl.org). We need nominations for parishioners to serve on our Parish Council over the next three years. The Parish Council is comprised of 12 people who serve three-year terms each, requiring four new people each year. The Parish Council assists the pastor in fostering pastoral activity; they provide communications with the parish commissions and other committees, as well as providing consultative advice at monthly parish council meetings.

Once we have received our nominations, the nominees will be contacted and we will have an evening where the nominees can find out more specifically about what is involved as a Parish Council member to help them discern if this is appropriate for them. New council members will be drawn from those accepting their nomination at Mass. If you have any additional questions, please contact Fr. Nick or any of our current Parish Council members.

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### Parish Council Nominee

I am nominating \_\_\_\_\_ for Assumption Parish Council.

Their contact information is: Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

My name is (if not nominating yourself) \_\_\_\_\_

My contact information is: Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Weekly Offertory	Dec 22, 2024	YTD 7/1/24 - 12/22/24	Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school
Actual Collections	\$39,485	\$984,492	Original Loan \$3,306,127
Budget Target	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$1,020,000</u>	Current balance owed \$386,152
Surplus / (Shortfall)	\$(10,515)	\$(35,508)	Monthly payment \$20,923

*Last expected payment will be in May 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/Our-Parish/Online-Giving](https://assumptionbvm.org/Our-Parish/Online-Giving)  
or scan the QR Code and create an account.



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## 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

636-272-4758 (Helpline)

### BULLETIN NOTICES

Submit to Parish Office  
[Bulletin.assumption@gmail.com](mailto:Bulletin.assumption@gmail.com)  
by 9am on the Tuesday before Sunday's  
edition (five days prior)

### SOCIAL MEDIA

Website: [assumptionbvm.org](https://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.