

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

DECEMBER 1, 2024

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

1st Sunday OF ADVENT



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Hello,

Happy Advent. Somehow saying that seems a little wrong. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and Happy Easter seem right, but Happy Advent seems a little off. I think the reason for that is that Advent isn't really a goal of itself, but a period of preparation for a goal or an event that we are looking forward to, Christmas and the receiving of Christ.



That doesn't mean that we can't have a happy advent, but it would probably be more important to have a 'Good' Advent. This realizes that we are trying to do something during Advent, to be prepared for Christmas, and if we get to Christmas and we are prepared, that we are ready to receive Christ, then we can judge that our Advent was good.

A major way in which we normally consider preparing is getting rid of the barriers we have to receiving Christ, or sin. This is why the sacrament of Reconciliation is often a part of our Advent. We are having a Reconciliation Weekend on Friday December 13 and Saturday December 14. We also have First Reconciliation for our 2nd graders this week, and our grade school and PSR students have all had the opportunity for Reconciliation over the last few weeks. But we can also be a little more on the positive side too, as we also need to be ready to **see** Christ and recognize Him and His effects in the world around us. Those who have been generous, kind, thoughtful, sacrificing for us in different ways. Recognizing the different blessings that we have in our lives that enable us to do things for others and the opportunities that we may have.

This Friday is St. Nick's Day. A great opportunity to give and to be aware of others giving around us. Similar to many charities that have campaigns and collections during this season. It can seem to be a bit overwhelming at times when we consider all the different places we can contribute to, but hopefully it is also a great witness to us of all the generosity and sacrifice that people are willing to do for others. When people recognize the needs of others and place it above their own wants. It not only is great to see the joy of those receiving gifts, but also the joy involved in giving.

We also have numerous materials available in the Narthex after Masses this weekend that can help take time for prayer and meditation during Advent. And consider possibly using the Hallow app on your phone or Formed.org to get daily e-mail reflections. We have many different ways to help prepare for Christmas, I hope you find some that are good for you.

Peace, and have a Good Advent,

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 after the 8am Mass, 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 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.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul here at Assumption Church, thanks you for your generous outpouring of support of our 2024 Christmas Program.



This is the final weekend to drop off all gifts for adopted families, gifts purchased for Giving Tree gifts, and any donated new items for our Neighbors-in-Need.



Please place the wrapped and tagged gifts that you purchased in the pre-functions area of the Parish Center NO LATER THAN NOON ON DECEMBER 1.

Soon, our Neighbors-in-Need will enjoy picking up their Christmas gifts and shopping for other donated items and holiday treats for their families. Our volunteers will be sorting and organizing all the gifts, beginning at noon on December 1.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will bless over 100 families this year, bringing joy to their homes during this holiday season. May God bless you and your family abundantly for your generosity.

If you have any questions, please call Georgia at 717-919-7312 or Linda, 636-248-6385.

Join Us December 1
HOSPITALITY SUNDAY
IN THE PARISH CENTER
FOLLOWING 8 AM, 10 AM & NOON MASSES

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

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!

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.



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 Orf 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.



O'FALLON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2269
UPCOMING EVENTS

Toy and Coat Drive: Our Toy and Coat drive is accepting donations now through December 4. We are accepting new coats and toys to benefit local charities! You can donate any time you are at the Knights of Columbus Hall or drop-off at Pantera's Pizza (22 O'Fallon Square) and Excel Sports & Physical Therapy (1096 Tom Ginnever Ave N.)



Friday Fish Fry: Join us on Friday, December 6, 5-7pm for our delicious fish fry. Dine in or carry out available.



ATTENTION MEN OF ASSUMPTION PARISH

Our Church and our World needs you, man of God!



Join us **Saturday, December 7** in the lower hall of the Knights of Columbus building for another fantastic session of TMIY. Our start time is **7:15am** with breakfast, a short video, table discussion, and then we'll have you on your way by **8:30am**. **This will be our last fall session.**

This week's session: "Subjective Arguments for God's Existence" Speaker: Dr. Peter Kreeft

- ◆ The Human Heart was not designed in Harvard or Hollywood, but Heaven.
- ◆ The five most common psychological or subjective arguments
- ◆ Proving God through Aesthetical Beauty
- ◆ Heaven's Peace and Totality is Unimaginable
- ◆ A Thorough Examination of Pascal's Wager

If you have any questions, contact Deacon Richard at DeaconRichard@charter.net.

ADVENT SEASON MASSES AND EVENTS

Sunday, December 8: Christmas Choral Concert
3pm in the Chapel

Monday, December 9: Holy Day of Obligation
Feast of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass: 6:30am, 8am and 7pm

Sunday, December 15 and Wednesday, December 18: Knights of Columbus Christmas Pageant
Sunday, 1:30-2:30pm in the Church
Wednesday, 6:30pm in the Church

Tuesday, December 19 and Wednesday, December 20: Assumption School Christmas Program
Tuesday, 6:30-7:30pm in the Church
Wednesday, 9:30-10:30am in the Church

Christmas Masses

Tuesday, December 24: Christmas Vigil
4pm, 4:15pm (Chapel), 6pm and 10pm (musical prelude at 9:30pm)

Wednesday, December 25: Christmas Day
8am, 10am and 12pm

New Years Eve/New Years Day Masses

Tuesday, December 31: New Year's Eve
5:30pm

Wednesday, January 1: New Year's Day
Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
8am and 10am

Confessions Schedule

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

Reconciliation Weekend

Friday, December 13, 6-9pm (Chapel)
Saturday, December 14, 9am-3:30pm (Chapel)

	SUNDAY 12.1.24	MONDAY 12.2.24	TUESDAY 12.3.24	WEDNESDAY 12.4.24
Mass Times and Intentions	8:00am People of the Parish 10:00am Danny O'Donnell 12:00pm Bill Giblin 5:30pm Lillian Bathon	6:30am Donna Maschmann 8:00am Lindeman Family	6:30am William Rebello 8:00am Jiri W. Simon	6:30am Judy Buss 8:00am Blanche Manney
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

LADIES AUXILIARY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2269 COOKIE SALE DECEMBER 7 AND 8

Having company for the holidays? Going to Christmas parties and need a hostess gift? **Get your holiday cookies and leave the baking to us!** The Ladies Auxiliary of Knights of Columbus Council #2269 will once again host their cookie sale December 7 and 8 in the Parish Center, Hall A.



The ladies will help you select a custom box, then you can pick and choose which holiday cookies you want to purchase for \$10 a pound. The cookie sale will be from 4:30-6:30pm on December 7 and after 8am, 10am, and 12pm Mass on December 8 (or until gone.)

Questions? Contact Paula Thomson at 314-477-6488 or Sharon at 314-402-9979.

CHRISTMAS CHORAL CONCERT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 | 3PM



The Choral Arts Singers invite you to join us for our 53rd year of musical as we present our annual Christmas Concert here at Assumption Parish in the CHAPEL.

“Dona Nobis Pacem” (Grant Us Peace) features “And the Glory of the Lord” from Handel’s “Messiah,” “Fantasy on Five Christmas Carols” as well as other beautiful and fun holiday classics. We hope that you can join us for a fun and festive afternoon of music with our new director Dr. Jeffrey Heyl.

Admission is free, but donations are appreciated to help the Concert Arts Association continue their efforts of bringing musical enjoyment to our community.

For additional information and concert dates, contact Bonnie Lang at 636-887-2899 or visit concertarts.org and Facebook (Choral Arts Singers).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2269 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Sheep and Bell Ringers Needed: The Christmas pageant is looking for pre-K kids who would like to be sheep or bell ringers in this years show. The shows are Sunday, December 15 at 1:30pm and Wednesday, December 18 at 6:30pm. If interested please contact Ken Thornhill at gocurtis28@gmail.com or call/text 918-430-8035

Christmas Pageant: Make plans now to attend the annual Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 15 at 1:30pm or Wednesday, December 18 at 6:30pm. Come and watch kids from our Church bring the Joyous Mysteries to life! Lots of traditional Christmas music sung a capella by our wonderful kids. The show is free to attend and we hope to see you there!



SAVE THE DATE: LADIES WHITE HOUSE RETREAT FEBRUARY 27–MARCH 2, 2025



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, 7400 Christopher Dr. in St. Louis. **The ladies retreat begins on Thursday, February 27, 2025 with check-in from 4:30–6:30pm, and ends after lunch on Sunday, March 2.**

The cost of the retreat is \$425 per participant for retreat participation, lodging and meals. 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.

To reserve your spot, please contact Mary Keen, mlkeen155@icloud.com or 636-699-0407. Space is limited. No reservations taken after January 13.

THURSDAY 12.5.24

6:30am Patricia Luetkenhaus
8:00am Henry Prinster

7:30–7:50am Church
or by appointment

FRIDAY 12.6.24

6:30am Vocations to the
Priesthood and Religious Life
8:00am William Grumich

7:30–7:50am Church
or by appointment

SATURDAY 12.7.24

8:00am Frieda Horner
5:00pm Karl Schalk

4:00–4:45pm Church
or by appointment

SUNDAY 12.8.24

8:00am Jerry Schoenherr
10:00am Steven Uttecht
12:00pm People of the Parish
5:30pm Doris Fees

By Appointment

DECEMBER AND JANUARY PHOTO SESSIONS OPEN FOR CHURCH NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY

Schedule your professional photography session NOW with Universal Church Directories. It's free and there is no obligation to purchase anything. Every family photographed will receive a complementary 8" x 10" portrait and complementary 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. December and January reservations are available for the following dates and times:

- Tuesday: December 10 and January 14 from 2-8:30pm
Wednesday: December 11 and January 15 from 2-8:30pm
Thursday: December 12 and January 16 from 2-8:30pm
Friday: December 13 and January 17 from 2-8:30pm
Saturday: December 14 and January 18 from 10am-4:30pm

CLICK HERE to book your photo session - use Church Code: mo373 and Church Password: photos, and then follow the prompts.

PLEASE NOTE: As soon as the December and January dates are full, the appointment dates during the week of February 11-15 will be available.

If you need more assistance registering or need to change or cancel your photography session, contact Nancy Gomer, 636-240-3721 ext. 239.



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ASSUMPTION #IGIVE CATHOLIC APPEAL

Donors throughout the parish are encouraged to give online now through GivingTuesday, December 3 by scanning the QR Code. In addition to making a digital gift, donations can be placed in an envelope marked "Assumption iGiveCatholic" and dropped in the collection basket at Mass. Donors may also bring contributions to the Parish Office during regular office hours, or drop them in the mailbox out front.



SCAN ME

Without your unwavering commitment and support, our beautiful Church and Parish School would not be where it is today—serving the community for over 153 years. Thank you for your generosity! Every contribution counts and will assist with securing our legacy for future generations. May you find Christ here... May you bring Christ to the World.

JOIN US for #GivingTuesday Now Through 12.03.24. Includes Assumption School logo with text 'LEARNING... LOVING... LIVING... CHRIST!' and a photo of children sitting on a brick wall in front of the school.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (FORMERLY RCIA)

Blessed Advent. There will be no session this weekend due to Thanksgiving Holiday.

We are waiting. Quietly waiting for God to speak to our heart.

Isn't this what Advent is all about? Listening to the quiet in our hearts, waiting for the whisper of God? Isn't this what we do as we wait for the wonder of Christmas—the birth of Christ? Isn't this what we have been doing for centuries as we await the return of Christ at the end of times? Wonderful waiting! Listening.

With the chaos of our world and the busyness of the holiday season, isn't it time to wait in wonder for Emmanuel, God with us, to speak to our hearts? This is the wonder of waiting. We never know when we might feel the nudge or hear the voice of God speak to us—we wonder. Will we take the time to sit quietly, wait and listen?

During this season of Advent, We pray that you will take time away from the busyness and chaos of our world to sit in wonder waiting to hear the voice of God speak to your heart. "Be not afraid." God is waiting for you in the silence of your heart. Join our group as we wait and ponder.....

*I sit in quiet,
My mind races ahead of me.
I let those thoughts pass,
Waiting.*

*Listening in quiet
for that gentle voice of God.
Wondering when will I hear the whisper.
Waiting. Waiting.*

*Emmanuel, God with us
Come be with me as I sit, waiting.
Wondrous waiting.*



WHY CHOOSE ASSUMPTION?

Every parent wants the best for their child, so why not give them the best education. **A leader in education for 153 years, Assumption School offers a private school education in a faith-filled environment with smaller classroom sizes.**

With a separate Early Childhood Learning Center featuring a creative curriculum and a hands-on X-STREAM (science, technology, religion, engineering, art and math) classroom, our preschool and kindergarten students have the foundation for academic success, and continue that educational excellence at the elementary school level.

Grow with us! Come see all Assumption School has to offer children in pre-K through 8th grades. **Schedule a tour or shadow day today before open enrollment on Sunday, January 26, 2025.**

Financial assistance is available for students in K-8 through these three resources:

◆ **Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation (TTEF) Scholarships:** *The application process opens at 8am, Jan. 21 on a FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED basis. Many families will qualify!*

◆ **MOScholars Scholarships**



◆ **Parish Tuition Assistance** *(must apply through TTEF to qualify)*

For more information about Assumption School, enrollment and or scheduling a visit, contact us at 636-240-4474 or assumptionbvmschool.org.

Assumption Offers

- Faith-Based, Private School Education
- Safe, Nurturing Environment
- 8:1 Student-Educator Ratio, Including Learning Consultants
- Rigorous Curriculum - Exceeds Math and Reading National Average
- Early Childhood Program
- X-STREAM Classroom and Gifted Program
- STEM, Robotics, and Spanish
- Therapy Dog
- Free Before-School Care
- Certified Nature Explore Classroom
- State-of-the-Art Campus
- After-School, Summer, and Athletic Programs



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

OLD TIME CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

DECEMBER 7-8
DEC. 7 9:00AM - 6:00PM | DEC. 8 7:30AM - 12:00PM

ST. JOSEPH COTTEVILLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

KIDS! FIND YOUR CHRISTMAS TREASURES!

COOKIE SALE! KC LADIES AUXILIARY

COME SHOP *and* DONATE TO OUR HOLIDAY DECOR RESALE!

FELLOWSHIP * DONUTS * COFFEE
HOT CHOCOLATE * FREE GIFT WRAPPING

All donations go to the Society of St. Vincent De Paul

BRING CHRISTMAS RESALE ITEMS AFTER 6:00PM DEC. 6 AND 7:30AM - 12:00PM DEC. 7

* CONTACT KATHLEEN 636-279-0379 OR GERI 636-578-5213 *

Come to our Baby Jesus Party!

Date: Saturday, December 7
Time: 10am-3pm
(Christmas Program from 11:00 - 11:30)

Where: Pauline Books & Media
9804 Watson Road
St. Louis, MO 63126
314-965-3512 | stlouis@paulinemediamedia.com

Prepare for the birth of Jesus with the Daughters of St. Paul!

- picture-taking at the manger (costumes provided),
- refreshments,
- crafts
- Nativity Raffle
- Christmas treats

activities for ages 5 - 7

PRINCIPAL'S PEN



It seems hard to believe that Advent is upon us already. Yet, here we are, as we prepare for another Christmas season with all of the excitement that goes with it. It truly is a special time of year—a time of rush and bustle; of merriment and cheer.

But Christmas is also the season when we celebrate the One gift that is greater than all of these—Jesus Christ. The students at Assumption will be participating in Christ centered lessons and activities all throughout the month of December. We will

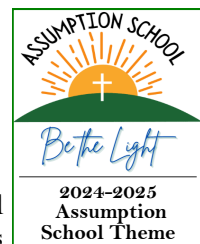
take part in many traditions and activities to prepare our hearts for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The Jesse Tree, classroom Advent wreaths, saint feast days, prayer services, and a traveling Holy Family are just some of the ways we wait with Mary in hopeful anticipation.

We encourage all of the families to make a commitment as a family to attend Sunday Mass together throughout this holy season and into Christmas. We hope this Advent season that everyone will keep their mind and heart on the reason for the season, Jesus Christ!

To conclude our Advent season as a school community we will have our Christmas Program which includes the Christmas Story and Christmas carols on December 19.

- ◆ 6:30pm: Preschool and Kindergarten Performance
- ◆ 7:30pm: 1st–4th Grade Performance

Advent Blessings,
Jamie Burbridge





HELLO FROM ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY!

Happy Thanksgiving & welcome to Advent from Assumption Youth Ministry! It has been a dynamic and powerful semester with both Edge and Life Teen—the Holy Spirit is on the move! 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. Please pray for us and know that we are praying for you!

Sunday, December 1 | No Life Teen: Thanksgiving Weekend

There is no Life Teen in observance of Thanksgiving Weekend. However, one of our teens, Mady Ludwig, will be sharing her testimony of her journey to Catholicism at Advent by Candlelight! Girls from Life Teen are welcome to sit at the Life Teen tables at Advent by Candlelight to enter into a night of fellowship, prayer, and joy.

Wednesday, December 4 | EDGE: Sculpted 6–7:30pm | Parish Center

All 7th and 8th graders are invited to an EDGE night focused on how we are all made in the image and likeness of God.

2025 EVENTS:

March 7–9: Luke 18 Retreat

June 1–7: Edge Camp Hidden Lake

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

Alejandro DeHerrera, EDGE Youth Minister (Middle School)

636-240-3721 ext. 333 or alejandrodereherra@abvmtech.org

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DURING DECEMBER

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

- ◆ **Christmas Day, December 25—Kenrick-Glennon Seminary:** The Archdiocese of Saint Louis is fortunate to have its own seminary, located in Shrewsbury. Your support helps form the seminarians into healthy, holy, joyful priests who are ready to engage in our own time and culture and accompany God’s people the same way Jesus did throughout His ministry.
- ◆ **Christmas Flowers**—Make our Church and Chapel joyous and bright for the Christmas season! Your contribution will help pay for the numerous poinsettias and other greenery that make our worship spaces more beautiful than ever!
- ◆ **Respect Life**—The Respect Life Apostolate (Pro-life) at Assumption strives to build a Culture of Life through prayer services and education on pro-life issues and events.
- ◆ **Education Fund**—Contributions to the Education Fund are used to provide tuition assistance to parents that want a Catholic education for their children but can’t afford it.

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Weekly Offertory	Nov 10, 2024	YTD 7/1/24 - 11/10/24	Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school
Actual Collections	\$42,187	\$737,753	Original Loan \$3,306,127
Budget Target	<u>\$40,000</u>	<u>\$760,000</u>	Current balance owed \$405,052
Surplus / (Shortfall)	\$2,187	\$(22,247)	Monthly payment \$20,923
			<i>Last expected payment will be in May 2026.</i>



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
 or scan the QR Code and create an account.



SCAN ME

OFFICE INFORMATION

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 636-240-4474

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
 636-272-4758 (Helpline)

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 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.