

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN  
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Christ to  
the world!

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
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Issue 1

## Welcome!

It is truly beautiful to witness the adults on campus during the day and evening joyfully forming children's hearts and minds in faith. With that perspective, we decided we shouldn't keep all of that goodness to ourselves! So, whether you are parents of children who attend our day school program or parents of children who attend our parish school of religion program, we are going to share with you monthly and weekly, the good news that is occurring in the school building at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary parish.

Each week you can expect a short, up-to-date publication; it is our way of friendly reminding you of all that is happening on the school campus as well as parish events. Once a month, you will be sent a longer, more-in-depth publication; it is our way of conveying upcoming and near future events that are going to be happening at the school and parish.

It is our deepest hope, with this new format, we are able to keep all of our families informed with what is occurring at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. If there is something that you would like to see in the weekly or monthly publication we would like to hear from you. Please submit your request, in writing, to Janet Schwendemann at [janetschwendemann@abvmtech.org](mailto:janetschwendemann@abvmtech.org)



### When school is in session...

Tuesday, Wednesday, &  
Friday  
Mass 8:00am - Church

Tuesday & Wednesday  
Prayer Service  
6:00pm - Church

Recitation of the Rosary  
Every Friday in October &  
May 2:30pm - Church

Prayer Service -Every  
Monday 2:30pm in  
Church

First Tuesday of the month  
- Perpetual Help Devotions  
Church (following Mass)

First Friday of the month -  
Exposition of the Eucharist  
Church (following Mass)

Third Friday of the month  
Recitation of the rosary  
Church (following Mass)



# Trunk or Treat

Assumption School - October 28, 2016 - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Join us on Friday, October 28th, for a safe and fun event for the whole family. Decorate your trunk, pass out treats, enjoy some pizza and Monster Mash along with the D.J. Prizes awarded for Best Dressed Adult, Best Dressed Family and Best Decorated Car (nothing too scary, please).

### Friday, October 7, 2016

Faculty Meeting,  
12:00pm dismissal

### Monday, October 10, 2016

No School

### Thursday, October 13, 2016

1st Reconciliation Parent Mtg.  
7:00pm Hall C

### Monday, October 24, 2016

All Saints Prayer Service  
1st Grade - 2:30pm

### Wednesday, October 26, 2016

8th Grade REAP Retreat  
Hall C

### Thursday, October 27, 2016

Parent Teacher Conferences  
School dismissal at 12:00pm

### Friday, October 28, 2016

No School

Parent Teacher Conferences  
8:am - 2pm

Trunk or Treat

6:00 - 8:00pm

### October 31 & November 1

No School

### Thursday, November 10, 2016

Confirmation Sponsor/  
Candidate Prayer Service  
7:00pm Chapel

### Thursday, November 17, 2016

6th grade coalition  
7:00pm Church

Cost: **\$5 per car and \$8 per large pizza**

Complete the registration form below and send it in with payment with your child by **Friday, October 14th**. Parking is not assigned and spots are based upon arrival time. First come, first to park! Spaces are limited, so register now to secure your spot.

**What to bring?** Chairs, drinks (non-alcoholic and no glass, please) and plenty of candy to hand out to all the Trunk or Treaters! Sorry, no pets allowed.

Assumption Gives Back! Donate! : A station will be available for candy donations to Operation Gratitude, for the troops. [www.operationgratitude.com](http://www.operationgratitude.com) Kiddos can donate a handful of their loot, a change bucket will be available as well for those that want to give to help cover the shipping costs.

### Schedule:

- 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Arrivals and set-up
- 6:00 p.m. Pizza (distributed in front of Parish Center)
- 6:30 p.m. Parade, Trunk or Treating, D.J.
- 7:45 p.m. Costume Contest winners announced
- 8:00 p.m. Dismissal and clean up



## Trunk or Treat

Family Name - \$5 per car: \_\_\_\_\_

# of children Trunk or Treating: \_\_\_\_\_

Pizza Order - \$8 per large pizza from Papa John's (indicate quantity of each type):

\_\_\_\_\_ Cheese \_\_\_\_\_ Pepperoni \_\_\_\_\_ Sausage

TOTAL DUE: # of pizzas \_\_\_\_\_ X \$8 + \$5 parking fee = \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Grade/Teacher (for distribution of confirmation and pizza tickets):

\_\_\_\_\_ Submit form with payment to School Office - c/o "Trunk or Treat" by **Friday October 14th**. Checks should be made out to **Assumption P.T.O.**

Questions? Send a message via Fast Direct to **Sarah Szachnieski**.

## PSR Family Service Project

Families, come one, come all! Parents, you have an opportunity to work with your children and put one of the corporal works of mercy into action. On November 9th PSR is not in session, however, time has been set aside for you come up to school between 6pm-7pm to learn about a very important corporal work of mercy: "bury the dead". A walk through the cemetery has been planned as well as other activities such as learning how a baptism and funeral are similar, what it means to become a saint, praying for the dead and more. Please plan on visiting Mrs. Kruper, Mrs. Schwendemann and Mrs. Kenkel in classroom 37 for a self-paced, thought-provoking evening.

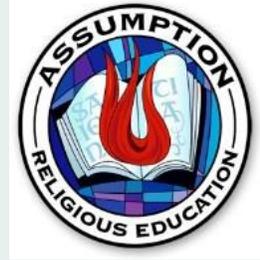
Families: please bring in one bouquet of artificial flowers for our family service project. You may bring them in any time between now and October 25-26 at parent/teacher conferences. Thank you for your help to provide materials for our family service project!

The Wednesday night 7<sup>th</sup> grade PSR students participated in an International Day of Peace Prayer Service sponsored by the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood on Wednesday Sept 21 during PSR class time. It was a beautiful service and one of our parents stated, "Several of our students had the privilege of carrying the peace pole in leading the pilgrimage; Others, passed out pledges for nonviolence to attendees. Awesome experience all around".



## On the same day our faith celebrates the Feast of Saint Martin of Tours our country also celebrates Veteran's Day

On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in the eleventh month during the year 1918, a cease fire was proclaimed in Europe. This ended a "war to end all wars." The students are inviting all veterans to attend the November 9<sup>th</sup>, Monday afternoon prayer service at 2:30pm, so they can honor all the men and women who have served through the Armed forces throughout our history. Also, on Veteran's Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>, our Friday 8:00am liturgy is going to celebrate the Feast of St. Martin of Tours, who is the patron saint for soldiers, as well as show our gratitude for the service of veterans. If you are a veteran or know a veteran, please join us for either or both events!



**Tuesday, October 11, 2016**

All School PSR Mass - 6:00pm

**Wednesday, October 12, 2016**

All School PSR Mass - 6:00pm

**Thursday, October 13, 2016**

1st Reconciliation Parent Mtg.  
7:00pm Hall C

**Tuesday, October 18, 2016**

4th Grade Parent Night  
Hall C - 6:00pm

**Wednesday, October 19, 2016**

4th Grade Parent Night  
Hall C - 6:00pm

**Tuesday, October 25, 2016**

8th Grade REAP Retreat  
Hall C - 6:00-9:00pm

**Tuesday, October 25 &  
Wednesday,**

**October 26, 2016**

Parent Teacher Conferences  
No PSR Classes

**Tuesday, November 8, 2016**

No PSR classes

**Wednesday, November 9, 2016**

Family Service Project

**Thursday, November 10, 2016**

Confirmation Sponsor/Candidate  
Prayer Service  
7:00pm Chapel

**Thursday, November 17, 2016**

6th grade coalition  
7:00pm Church



### Usher/Greeter Training

Following Mass on Tuesday, October 11 and Wednesday, October 12 there will be usher/greeter training for the 8th grade PSR students.

### October is Rett Syndrome Awareness Month

This month is dedicated to raising awareness about Rett Syndrome. What is Rett Syndrome? Well, Ellie McCool wants you to know! She would tell you it's a postnatal neurological disorder that occurs almost exclusively in girls.



She would also tell you that though she struggles with using her voice and body, she has a lot more in common with you than you may think! The students at Assumption have been eagerly waiting to get to meet Ellie in person in their classroom. During the week of October 17-21, 2016, the students will have their chance to talk with Ellie and find out more about her and her connection to the garden that shares her name, Ellie's Garden.

### Donuts... Go Nuts!

The Assumption 7-8th grade FTC robotics team is going to be selling donut holes on second Thursdays of each month. This could be used for the student's morning snack or even at lunch. Three donut holes will be packaged for one dollar and sent to the child's homeroom. By pre ordering, we will be able to determine the amount to order. Thank you for supporting our robotics team, FTC 8287.

There are 4 types of donuts. You can order any of these. Just give us your child's name and room number below and send in \$1 per order.

The order is due by Tuesday, October 11th to be delivered to the classrooms on Thursday, October 13th. Please sign and return to your child's homeroom teacher.

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom teacher \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ glazed donut holes
- \_\_\_\_\_ glazed cake donut holes
- \_\_\_\_\_ powdered sugar cake donut holes
- \_\_\_\_\_ cinnamon donut holes

Please print this form off and return with your child to school.



## Ellie's Garden

Third graders in the day school had a very exciting field trip on Monday, October 3, 2016. During their science class they went over to Ellie's Garden and learned about the mystery of sweet potatoes: they do not grow above ground like many other vegetables, instead, they remain hidden by their large leaves and hide under the dirt. Lucky for the third graders, it was time to harvest the sweet potatoes. So they donned gloves and went to work finding as many sweet potatoes as they could. By the time the harvest was finished, 75 pounds of sweet potatoes were gathered and will go to feed the hungry!



## Attention Assumption Parish Parents!!!!



Dear Assumption Parents,

Assumption's Annual Fall Festival is less than two weeks away! This year's festival will be held the weekend of October 15 & 16 and will again include carnival rides, live bands, kid's & adult games, haunted hayrides and delicious food! Festival Hours are 1:00pm – 11:00pm on Saturday and 11:00am – 6:00pm on Sunday.

Our greatest need each year is for volunteers to work the festival. We are currently still in need of 350 volunteers for the weekend. If you have already signed up to work a shift, we'd like to take a moment to thank you; we truly appreciate your support! If you haven't already volunteered, please consider donating a few hours of your time to help make our parish's festival a success. To sign up online, please visit [assumptionfallfest.com](http://assumptionfallfest.com) and click on the "Volunteer Signup" button, or contact Joe and Aimee Huff directly at 636-294-5064 to sign up over the phone.

Thank you again for your support and we look forward to seeing you at the festival!!

God Bless,  
2016 Fall Festival Committee

Please Join Us



**Saturday, Oct. 15 • 1 to 11 p.m.**  
**Sunday, Oct. 16 • 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

Live Music • Haunted Hayrides • Crafts  
 Carnival Rides • Tasty Food • Inflatables  
 Games of Chance • Traditional Hayrides  
 Wine & Beer Garden • Barrel Rides • Bingo

*Live Performances by Music by Manda,  
 El Scorcho, & Shangri-La*  
*Pork Steak Dinner Served Saturday*  
*Turkey & Sausage Dinner on Sunday*

Volunteers needed! Visit [www.assumptionfallfestival.com](http://www.assumptionfallfestival.com)  
 Or contact [assumptionfallfest@gmail.com](mailto:assumptionfallfest@gmail.com) for more info

*carryout service available*

**Assumption**  
 BLAST THROUGH THE PAST  
 DECADES TRIVIA NIGHT

Games	50/50 Raffle	Attendance Prizes	Cash Prizes
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**Saturday  
 November 5th**  
 Fr. Joe Kempf Parish Center  
 Doors open at 6pm  
 Trivia begins at 7pm

Dress up in your team's favorite decade themed costumes.  
 Best dressed group wins a prize!

**\$25 per person  
 \$200 per table of 8**  
 Soda, Water & Beer Provided  
 (feel free to bring your own snacks)

**Reserve Your Table**  
 Online: [assumption-trivia.com](http://assumption-trivia.com)  
 email: [assumption.trivia@yahoo.com](mailto:assumption.trivia@yahoo.com)  
 phone: contact Beth Anth at 636-379-2384

Credit card payments available online. If paying by check, please include your name and phone number. Make checks payable to "Assumption School" and send to:  
 Assumption School - Trivia Night  
 203 West Third Street  
 O'Fallon, MO 63366



## Assumption Growing Project

Our farm partners in Kansas sent a note telling us about a trip some of them took to Kenya.

Our family wanted to send the supporters of the FEB Wea Growing Project a short note to let you know your funds are being used in amazing ways. We had the opportunity to join FRB on a learning visit to Kenya this summer. During the visit we interacted with Kenyan farmers who have benefited from the programs that FRB supports. The programs ranged from water management, dairy cooperative start-ups, conservation tillage education and tree seedling nursery. Going into the trip we had no idea how much we would have in common with these farmers. But a farmer shares the same joys (family, good yields) and fears (drought, low prices) no matter what side of the world they live on! They were the most hospitable and gracious people we have ever met.

On behalf of the Kenyan's we visited, thank you for your support. The old Chinese Proverb, "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a life-time." could truly be used to describe the programs that FRB supports. These farmers are gaining knowledge that will help ensure their food security for years to come! Mike and Jodi Guetterman

Please be generous. Donate in October with your corn bags, at the office or on-line.

Your giving truly makes a difference in the lives of people. Thank you.



Interested in sending information for the monthly newsletter: Contact Janet Schwendemann in writing at:

[janetschwendemann@abvmtech.org](mailto:janetschwendemann@abvmtech.org) by the 20th of month.