

# Ministry

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CATHOLIC CHURCH

# Guide

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As each one has received a gift, use it  
to serve one another as good stewards  
of God's varied grace.

1 PETER 4:10

My dear friends,

Our Church ministries serve an important role in our parish. As we continue to grow together as a faith community, I would like each parishioner to know about all the wonderful ministries we have at our parish. We are blessed to have over 30 active ministries at Assumption, with each contributing to the profound richness of the Church in a unique way.

This booklet contains a list of our ministries with their individual mission statement and leader's contact information. I invite you to reach out to them to learn more about their activities within our Church. Many parishioners will often speak about the positive benefits of joining in.

Fellowship and authentic friendship flow forth from the joy of being part of a ministry. May the Holy Spirit guide you as you discern how God is calling you to serve him in the Body of Christ!

Love,

Fr. Jason



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## Parish Ministries

### Adult Faith Formation

**Email: [AFF@assumptioncatholicchurch.org](mailto:AFF@assumptioncatholicchurch.org)**

Our Catholic Faith is so rich. No matter where we are at in our walk with Christ, we can always learn more and grow in the depth of our relationship with God. The goal of this ministry is to do that. We will discuss a variety of topics including: the Catholic perspective on modern issues, methods of prayer, how to read the Bible and Catechism more effectively, and so much more. Everyone is invited!

### Altar Rosary Society

**Email: [ARS@assumptioncatholicchurch.org](mailto:ARS@assumptioncatholicchurch.org)**

This ministry is open to all women of our parish. Our mission is to support the parish in prayer by regular recitation of the rosary and support the parish in service by maintaining the cleanliness and decoration of the altar and Adoration Chapel, including linens and plants/flowers.

### Altar Servers

**Email: [altarserver@assumptioncatholicchurch.org](mailto:altarserver@assumptioncatholicchurch.org)**

Altar Servers assist the deacons and priest with the celebration of the Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross, and funerals and are an integral part of the liturgy. A server must actively the Catholic faith and should have an ardent love for God and his Church. We accept altar servers who are currently in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade or higher.

### Assumption Charity Outreach

**Email: [outreach@assumptioncatholicchurch.org](mailto:outreach@assumptioncatholicchurch.org)**

The Assumption Charity Outreach provides love to each person we meet, by offering guidance to maintain self-sufficiency and restoring hope to anyone struggling or in need. We respond to all callers, with the same gentle care that Christ provides. Our team members assist families always protecting dignity and providing solutions to improve day to day life. We seek to solve the root cause and assist with information providing solutions for food, clothing, electricity, shelter, and financial aid. Our priority is to achieve the prevention of homelessness by maintaining employment and self-sufficiency.

### Assumption Ladies Book Club

**Email: [bookclub@assumptioncatholicchurch.org](mailto:bookclub@assumptioncatholicchurch.org)**

Join our friendly group of Assumption ladies as we deepen our faith and broaden our horizons by reading books that explore a variety of topics. From classic works of literature to contemporary popular novels, we meet periodically during the year to discuss the books we have read and decide upon our next book. All ladies are welcome!

### **Assumption Women's Club**

**Email: [AWC@assumptioncatholicchurch.org](mailto:AWC@assumptioncatholicchurch.org)**

The mission of the Assumption Women's Club shall be to develop spiritual and social life among the parishioners and to render service to the parish. Assumption women's club is comprised of several "circles" of women. Each circle may focus on one or more project. We were established assist the Pastor in whatever is requested. The AWC strives to practice the Spiritual & Corporal works of mercy within the parish & beyond.

### **Boy Scouts**

**Email: [boyscouts@assumptioncatholicchurch.org](mailto:boyscouts@assumptioncatholicchurch.org)**

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Boy Scout Oath and Law.

### **Burmese**

**Email: [burmese@assumptioncatholicchurch.org](mailto:burmese@assumptioncatholicchurch.org)**

To serve God and the people of God through personal sanctity and devoted service to everyone.

### **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

**Email: [cliturg@assumptioncatholicchurch.org](mailto:cliturg@assumptioncatholicchurch.org)**

Children's Liturgy of the Word serves all Assumption parish children from kindergarten through 4th grade during the 10:00 am Mass on Sundays during the school year. Through this ministry the children better understand the readings of the Mass and how they can apply them on a basic level. Any parishioner can serve as a Catechist to help instruct the children.

### **Cub Scouts**

**Email: [cubscouts@assumptioncatholicchurch.org](mailto:cubscouts@assumptioncatholicchurch.org)**

The aim of Cub Scouting is to help young people build character, train them in the responsibilities of citizenship, and lead them to develop physical, mental, and emotional fitness.

### **Divine Mercy**

**Email: [divinemercy@assumptioncatholicchurch.org](mailto:divinemercy@assumptioncatholicchurch.org)**

The Divine Mercy message is simply remembering ABC. A: Ask for God's Mercy, B: Be Merciful, and C: Completely Trust in Jesus. You are invited to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy along with our Assumption Divine Mercy Group.

### **Evangelization**

**Email: [mschmidt@assumptioncatholicchurch.org](mailto:mschmidt@assumptioncatholicchurch.org)**

Our purpose is to fulfill the words of Christ to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:20) and lead others into or back to the Catholic Church through dialogue, outreach, and speaking the truth in love. All are invited to join this ministry.

### **Gift Shop**

**Email: [giftshop@assumptioncatholicchurch.org](mailto:giftshop@assumptioncatholicchurch.org)**

The mission of Assumption's Catholic Gift Shop is to provide all age levels of our parish community with spiritual, functional, and beautiful religious articles. We are open before and after the weekend mass times and are always looking to add volunteers to join our family. Volunteers earn school service hours for their time!

Do you have a crafty talent? If you have the gift of Catholic crafting of any kind and love making unique Catholic items, become a vendor for the shop! We are looking to offer more unique Catholic items right from our very own parish.

### **Grief Share Ministry**

**Email: [griefshare@assumptioncatholicchurch.org](mailto:griefshare@assumptioncatholicchurch.org)**

The Grief Share Ministry's mission is to help those individuals who have recently lost a spouse, parent, or child through death. The Ministry uses healing Scripture passages and videos that will encourage attendees to identify and share their feelings.

### **Hospital Ministry**

**Email: [hospital@assumptioncatholicchurch.org](mailto:hospital@assumptioncatholicchurch.org)**

The Hospital Ministry visits the Catholic patients at the downtown Baptist Hospital. We offer prayers for them, give them a Rosary, and bring them the Eucharist if they are a practicing Catholic.

### **Hospitality Ministry**

**Email: [WC@assumptioncatholicchurch.org](mailto:WC@assumptioncatholicchurch.org)**

Through our love of the Church and desire to serve the Lord, the Hospitality Ministry's mission is to welcome, guide, and assist the Church and all who participate in their weekly worship.

### **Little Flowers Girls' Club**

**Email: [LFG@assumptioncatholicchurch.org](mailto:LFG@assumptioncatholicchurch.org)**

Little Flowers Girls' Club® is a Catholic program for girls ages 5 and up based on learning Catholic virtues through the lives of Catholic Saints, Scripture, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

### **Liturgical Ministry**

**Email: [LiturgicalMin@assumptioncatholicchurch.org](mailto:LiturgicalMin@assumptioncatholicchurch.org)**

This ministry serves the Church in three ways: as Sacristans, Lectors, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EM). The Sacristan prepares the Church for Holy Mass. Lectors read scripture for the day. EM's help distribute the Eucharist. The ministry is a direct involvement with the Holy Mass and a profound service to the Lord.

### **Men's Club**

**Email: [mensclub@assumptioncatholicchurch.org](mailto:mensclub@assumptioncatholicchurch.org)**

All men of Assumption Catholic Church are eligible to become part of the Men's Club. You do not have to be Catholic. Our mission statement is to, "Do good and have fun". We serve the Lord by serving our families, our Church, our community, and through fellowship with each other. There are no membership fees, and admission is free.

### **Music Ministry**

**Email: [music@assumptioncatholicchurch.org](mailto:music@assumptioncatholicchurch.org)**

The primordial song of the Liturgy is the canticle of victory over death." Our goal is to encourage active participation in song whether in the pew or as a participant in a choir or musical group. Music ministry is open to people of all ages to lead the gathered Faithful through music.

### **Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration**

**Email: [adoration@assumptioncatholicchurch.org](mailto:adoration@assumptioncatholicchurch.org)**

The Assumption Adoration chapel is the place where heaven meets earth. It is where you can experience greater inner peace and joy by spending time silently with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Our chapel is open every day from 9 am-6 pm for those with a card. We encourage all to spend one hour with the Lord throughout the week. You will not regret any amount of time you spend in the adoration chapel, even just a few minutes, countless miracles have come from it.

To sign up for an adoration card and/or a holy hour please call the Church Office at 904-398-1963.

### **OCIA**

**Email: [mschmidt@assumptioncatholicchurch.org](mailto:mschmidt@assumptioncatholicchurch.org)**

The Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA) is a program for non-Catholics to enter the Catholic Church. Through teaching, prayer, and personal witness the RCIA team seeks to help all those who are not Catholic to learn more about the Church and enable them to become a full member our faith community.

### **Religious Education**

**Email: [sistersshm@assumptionjax.org](mailto:sistersshm@assumptionjax.org)**

The Servant Sisters came to the Assumption parish and school in 2006 to answer a need for religious sisters in Catholic schools. Here we help supplement religious education in the classrooms, plan school-wide retreat days and activities, and teach CCD classes. Outside of the school we also put on summer camps, retreats, pilgrimages, mission trips and other activities.

### **Respect Life**

**Email: [respectlife@assumptioncatholicchurch.org](mailto:respectlife@assumptioncatholicchurch.org)**

Every life is made in the image and likeness of God with intrinsic value, despite stage of development or social condition. We promote the dignity of all life from conception to natural death. The scope of participation in our Respect Life group is for: the Unborn (abortion), Post Abortion Healing, Special Needs, End of Life, and Capital Punishment. We attend the annual "March for Life". We "Stand for Life" by holding pro-life signs and praying near an abortion facility.

### **Senior Luncheon**

**Email: [SR@assumptioncatholicchurch.org](mailto:SR@assumptioncatholicchurch.org)**

Each month our ministry offers a free lunch to all seniors at the Parish that are at least 62 years old. The luncheon is held in Kohls Hall and the Pastor usually comes by to greet everyone and pray with us before the meal. Please check the bulletin or call the Church Office for the date. We look forward to seeing you!

### **Sisters of the Home of the Mother**

**Email: [sistersshm@assumptionjax.org](mailto:sistersshm@assumptionjax.org)**

The Servant Sisters came to the Assumption parish and school in 2006 to answer a need for religious sisters in Catholic schools. Here we help supplement religious education in the classrooms, plan school-wide retreat days and activities, and teach CCD classes. Outside of the school we also put on summer camps, retreats, pilgrimages, mission trips and other activities.

### **Teams of Our Lady**

**Email: [wnelms@assumptionjax.org](mailto:wnelms@assumptionjax.org)**

Teams of Our Lady is a movement focused on married spirituality. Connect with other couples and experience spiritual growth with Christ at the center of your marriage. Attend our upcoming Informational Meeting to learn about Teams of Our Lady.



### **Walking with Purpose**

**Email: [WWP@assumptioncatholicchurch.org](mailto:WWP@assumptioncatholicchurch.org)**

Walking with Purpose at Assumption is an official local Parish program of the national organization which provides Bible Studies for women with the aim of helping every Catholic woman in America encounter Christ through the study of scripture. Locally at Assumption, we aim to provide relevant, reflective, and powerful personal encounters with our Lord for our participants through community and companionship. Additionally, we seek opportunities to pay back our local community annually through service projects and donations.

### **Welcome (CRHP 2.0)**

**Email: [welcome@assumptioncatholicchurch.org](mailto:welcome@assumptioncatholicchurch.org)**

Our mission is to inspire parishioners, build community, and transform the parish through a weekend retreat.

### **Yarning for Jesus**

**Email: [yarning@assumptioncatholicchurch.org](mailto:yarning@assumptioncatholicchurch.org)**

Our ministry has crocheted and knitted special designed blankets for the Early Childhood Learning Center at Assumption Parish, and Morning Star School. We also made Baptismal Bibs, and one-decade Rosaries for the new members of the parish. Our present focus is crocheting baby blankets, and scarfs for the Women's Help Center. In addition, we crochet scarfs for the homeless shelter. We welcome all parishioners to join us and would appreciate donations of yarn or supplies.

### **Youth Ministry**

**Email: [jkollasch@assumptioncatholicchurch.org](mailto:jkollasch@assumptioncatholicchurch.org)**

Assumption Youth Ministry (AYM): Edge & Life Teen has a mission to provide Eucharistic driven youth ministry to 5th through 12th grade teens, inviting them to encounter Christ and empowering them to share their faith with others, through multifaceted experiences laden with Gospel messages. Our vision is for the AYM: Edge & Life Teen teens to be the driving force of growth within the parish community as they bring the Eucharistic message home and to their schools.

## School Ministries

### **Assumption Athletic Association**

**Email: [tpolster@assumptionjax.org](mailto:tpolster@assumptionjax.org)**

Assumption Athletic Association is a ministry committed to facilitating athletic activities within Assumption School. They oversee the purchasing of uniforms, sports equipment, and concession items as well as communicate with families on all activities available.

### **Assumption Catholic School**

**Email: [mjimenez@assumptionjax.org](mailto:mjimenez@assumptionjax.org)**

The Assumption Catholic community, united in the Eucharist, provides a challenging academic education where living a Christ-centered life comes first.

### **Assumption Early Childhood Learning Center**

**Email: [tlittle@assumptionjax.org](mailto:tlittle@assumptionjax.org)**

Founded in Christ, the Assumption Early Childhood Learning Center creates a safe, nurturing and stimulating environment for children beginning at infancy. The teachers and staff care for and value each child, as a gift from God, and entirely promote their physical, intellectual, social, emotional, and spiritual growth. In partnership with families, children leave Assumption with the skills that provide them with a seamless transition into kindergarten. Each child develops a sense of confidence, autonomy, self-discipline, respect, and love of God and neighbor.

### **Home and School Association**

**Email: [HSA@assumptionjax.org](mailto:HSA@assumptionjax.org)**

Parental support and participation are key components to any school's success. While Assumption Catholic School has some of the best educators in Jacksonville, it is the combined efforts of teachers and parents/guardians that afford our students the quality education they deserve! The goal of the Home and School Association is to make Assumption School a phenomenal experience for students and parents.

## **Diocesan Ministries**

### **Catholics in Recovery**

**Lisa Murphy: [lisamurphy85@comcast.net](mailto:lisamurphy85@comcast.net)**

### **Cursillo**

**Carl Ludwig: [cl2465@att.net](mailto:cl2465@att.net)**

### **Knights of Columbus**

**Larry Ward Jr.: [lwardjr1@yahoo.com](mailto:lwardjr1@yahoo.com)**

### **Red Bird Ministries**

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