

THE PARISH FAMILY OF ASSUMPTION

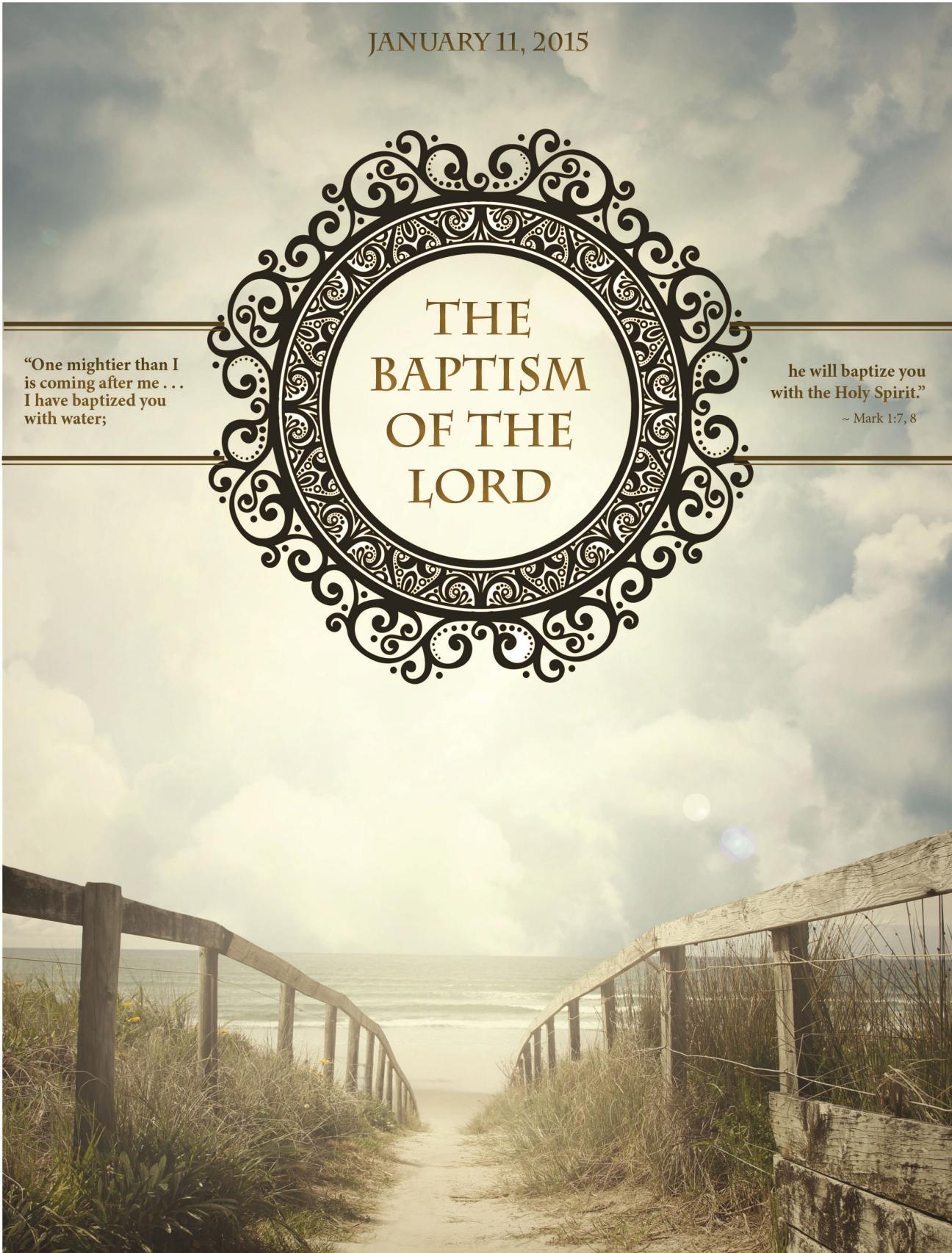
JANUARY 11, 2015

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"One mightier than I
is coming after me . . .
I have baptized you
with water;

"he will baptize you
with the Holy Spirit."

~ Mark 1:7, 8



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Welcome

January 11, 2015

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Fr. Joe's Final Days as our Pastor

As Fr. Joe announced last weekend, his final day as Pastor of Assumption will be February 1, 2015. After nearly 16 years of loving service and humble leadership to this community, it is time for Fr. Joe to be reassigned as Pastor. He included details of this transition in his Epiphany homily, which you can view on the homepage of our website, assumptionbvm.org. You can leave a comment for Fr. Joe on our website as well. As of February 2nd, we are blessed to know that Fr. Mitch will be assigned as Parochial Administrator prior to being named Pastor at some point (which is typically the process the Diocese uses to handle such transitions).

As a parish, we will have several opportunities to honor, thank, and bless Fr. Joe as he begins a new season in his ministry journey.

Farewell opportunities are as follows:

Tuesday, January 20 Fr. Joe's Final Prayer Service with Tuesday PSR families, 6:00pm, Church

Wednesday, January 21 Fr. Joe's Final Prayer Service with PSR families, 6:00pm, Church

Saturday, January 24 **Parish-wide** Thank You and Farewell to Fr. Joe, immediately following Mass in the Parish Center

Monday, January 26 Fr. Joe's Final Evening with Day School Families, 6:00pm, Hall C

*This is what God asks of you, only this:
That you act justly, love tenderly,
and walk humbly with your God.*

Michael 6:8



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

A sampling of three thank you notes that came to us because of the help received by these families from our St. Vincent DePaul Society:

"Thank you so much for thinking of my family, for the giving tree it means so much to me. Thank you for all that the church has done for us. Thank you and God bless."

"Thank you so much for the Christmas help. In advance I was out of work for over a year and recently found a job. When I felt I was at my lowest, SVDP called and gave me a dinner for Thanksgiving and helped with Christmas. Thank you so much for helping restore my faith in humanity."

"Thank you for paying my electric bill when it was going to get shut off and fix my broken A.C. The bill was more than I get for a whole month. Then God allowed your church to bless us with a whole car. I had never received such a gift that allowed my family to get to the store for food, make doctor appointments, school meetings, or to the park to watch my baby play. You gave me faith and are my angels on earth."

This Week At Assumption

Sunday, Jan 11

Nursery

7:45am and 9:45 am

RCIA

8:00am Hall C

Blood Drive

9:00am Hall A/B

Preschool

9:45am School

Baptism

1:15pm Church

Monday, Jan 12

School Board

7:00pm Conference Room

Tuesday, Jan 13

PSR

6:00pm School

PHD/Benediction

6:30pm Chapel

Liturgy Committee

7:00pm Conference Room

Wednesday, Jan 14

MOP's II

9:15pm Parish Center

PSR

6:00pm School

Extreme Teen

7:00 pm Hall C

St Vincent DePaul

7:00pm Meyer Room

Thursday, Jan 15

First Communion Parents

7:00pm Church

24/7 Steering Committee

7:00pm Meyer 1

Saturday, Jan 17

CRHP Retreat - Women

Sunday, Jan 18

CRHP Retreat - Women

Nursery

7:45am and 9:45 am

Preschool

9:45am School

RCIA

8:00am Hall C



Blood Drive

Today is the day!!!

Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is in the Parish Center today between 9:00am and 1:30pm to accept whole blood donations. **There is a shortage of 'O negative' blood, so we extend a special invitation to those who have O negative blood to consider making a donation.** Please stop by and donate the Gift of Life! If you have not donated anywhere else since November 16, 2014, you are eligible to donate at this drive. WALK-INS WELCOME!

Mark your calendars for the upcoming blood drives scheduled at Assumption: May 31, 2015 and November 8, 2015. Please plan to join us!



Food Pantry Needs

Today is St. Vincent De Paul Food Sunday. At this time the pantry would appreciate grocery store gift cards. Thank you for all your support.

PRAYER • PARTICIPATION • GENEROSITY

STEWARDSHIP

"After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie." – Mark 1:7

We are put on this earth to love God, love our neighbor and make disciples. How many times does our own pride and ego get in the way of fulfilling God's plan for us? Humbling ourselves before God and putting Him first in all things should be our top priority.



Life, Peace and Justice: Living the Gospel of Joy

January – Protecting the Unborn Life

What have you done today to promote the life of the unborn?

Expectant parents, especially very young parents, face an uncertain world of war, violence, anger, racism, domestic abuse, pregnancy difficulties, health care inequalities, declining advancement opportunity, cyber bullying, corrupt institutions, rising costs of child care, education, cost of living, etc.

What are we doing to proclaim the Gospel of Joy, the Gospel of Hope, the Gospel of LIFE? If a couple facing an unplanned pregnancy were to look to us for help, what about our life would inspire them to choose life for their unborn child? What would they see in how we approach life, in our relationships, in how we view the world around us? It is almost impossible to respect the life of another when we have not first learned to love ourselves... so what have we done to encourage the children and young adults in our world to respect themselves?

Protecting the unborn is not a task that falls only to the parents of unborn children. It is a responsibility of faith that we all share because the Church is first and foremost a community of love.

As with all major life issues, when faced with choices about abortion, neglecting children or the elderly or the infirmed, physical abuse, addiction, pornography, human trafficking, suicide, etc. it is our conscience that guides our choices... and it is our faith that informs our conscience. Every choice we make comes with consequences.

In the Catholic Church, the human conscience is the most privileged tool in our decision-making. We make time for scripture, for the teachings of the Gospel, for prayer, for church, for our understanding of the love of God so that we can develop our conscience. In scripture, Christ never commands people to think the same way He thought. But with a well-formed conscience Christ lived with absolute integrity, and people were changed by His actions. This is our mission as followers then: to live in a way that inspires others to love more deeply... to live in a way that inspires others to choose life.



On January 22, 1973, the decision of the federal Supreme Court case, Roe v. Wade, made abortion legal in the U.S. January is often marked by activities to promote life. With it being the start of a new year, it is also a good time for us to recommit ourselves to developing our conscience... to living in a way that inspires love.

On Saturday, Jan. 17, 9:30am the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis (4431 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108) will celebrate its annual Roe v. Wade Memorial Mass. This is open to the public. Contributions are being collected for the Lifeline Coalition and will be presented at this Mass. Cash/check donations can be submitted to the Parish Office through 3pm on January 16. If you would like more info about this Mass, contact Sylvia at 636.978.8803.

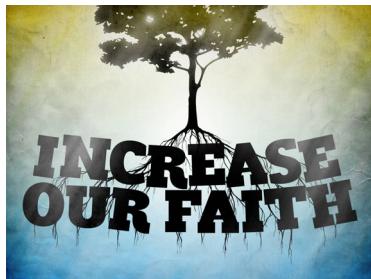
On Thursday, Jan. 22, please come over to our Chapel after the 8am Mass to share a Rosary for Life.



Prayer for Life:

God of all life –born and unborn, created and uncreated, seen and unseen – mold us into Your image of Love. Guide and direct the hearts of all those faced with a decision about life. Show us how to reshape our world into a place that welcomes children and makes them safe, a place where all life is valued, a place where we honor Your presence in all LIFE. Remind us that when we choose life, we choose You. **Amen.**

Assumption Youth Ministry
Serving the teens of Assumption Church



Hey Teens,

Make 2015 your year to check out Assumption Youth Ministry. Find a place to be yourself, make friends, share faith and feel loved! You won't regret it and we can't wait to meet you! Cathy, Ania & Jake

January

11 – PROLIFE TRIP Meeting for chaerones, parents and teens attending Generation Life 2015. Sophia House 7-8 pm.

14 – Xtreme Teen - Make a FAITH RESOLUTION – check out how and make this year a time to become more of the young man/woman God is calling you to be !

7-9pm Hall C

18 – ProLife Meeting - for teens who are going on the ProLife Trip (Generation Life) 7-8pm Sophia House

21 – Bible Study 7-8:30pm Sophia House

Also group leaves for GENERATION LIFE – please pray for them on their pilgrimage of Washington DC!

28 – Xtreme Teen – Life Matters – YOURS ESPECIALLY come to hear more. 7-9pm Hall C

LUKE 18

MARCH 20-22 8th GRADERS SAVE THE DATE !!!

HIGH SCHOOLERS - Applications will be out soon to be a part of the Luke 18 Retreat Team. Keep watching here to be part of something amazing.

ACYG RETREAT

February – more info coming soon

CHWC 2014

Get ready for the time of your life this summer!
Catholic Heart Workcamp Memphis. June 7-13 2015
Pick up the registration form at any Youth Group event

Limitless - Steubenville Sign Ups coming soon...keep watching here for more details!!!!

Like us on Facebook: Assumption Church Youth Group
Follow us on twitter



Happy New Year and welcome to 2015 from 24/7 Men's Group!

As the new year begins it's out with the old and in with the new! The men's group at **ASSUMPTION 24/SEVEN** Assumption is changing our name from **MEN'S GROUP** 24/7 AMEN Men's Ministry to 24/7 Men's Group. New name and new logo but same great ministry and mission - Men of

Assumption parish working together to serve our parish, families and community through works and faith gatherings.

We would like to kick off 2015 by inviting all men of the parish to join us on January 22, 7:00pm, Hall C for an evening of fellowship and comradery. We will provide chili, beer and soda, and most importantly, an opportunity to fellowship with and meet other men of the parish. We will also be discussing what the mission of 24/7 Men's Group is about and discussing ideas on serving our parish community through service and spirituality.

Taking Time for Prayer

Now is a blessed time reminding us to make space for God in our lives and in our hearts. Therefore, it is so right that we would take time to be with God in prayer. Please know that Assumption offers a quiet place to pray – day or night – in our 24 hour prayer chapel. You can enter the chapel through the handicap access door on the north side of the building. You must use the key pad to enter and the code is 3721. May God use all our prayer time to recognize new ways to give birth to love!

CPPS Dinner Auction

The Sisters of the Most Precious Blood are preparing for their 170th Birthday Celebration Dinner Auction on March 28, 2015 at Old Hickory Golf Club (St Peters). Proceeds from the auction benefit the Sisters and their missions. The success of the auction is dependent upon your attendance and donations. There will be an Oral Auction/ Silent Auction, Wine & Dine, and raffles. Their wish list for auction items includes themed gift baskets, tickets to sporting or cultural events, travel related services, iPad, wine and gift cards for restaurants, golf, services or stores. To donate, call the Mission Advancement Office at 636.240.6010.

Mass Intentions**Sunday, Jan 11**

8:00am Oscar Taveras
 10:00am Sr. Eloise Jarvis, SL
 12:00pm People of the Parish

Monday, Jan 12

6:30am Elmer Siesennop
 8:00am Barb Ronchetto

Tuesday, Jan 13

6:30am Rose & Victor Scholten
 8:00am Larry Shepard

Wednesday, Jan 14

6:30am Deceased Sister of the
 Most Precious Blood
 8:00am Loretta Wilson

Thursday, Jan 15

6:30am Community Benefactors &
 Prayer
 8:00am Barb Ronchetto

Friday, Jan 16

6:30am Rose Enright
 8:00am Bernice Meyer

Saturday, Jan 17

9:00am Sr Rose Rita Orf
 5:00pm Miller family

Sunday, Jan 18

8:00am The Rothermich Family
 10:00am Rose Ann Johnson
 12:00pm People of the Parish



We pray for the repose of the soul of:

Lula May Vinson
 Mother of Carl Gentry

Harold Schlitt
 Brother of Mary Stoverink

Ray Bolte
 Brother of Kathy Conley

Mary Ruhland
 Mother of Catherine Hackman

June Muretich
 Mother of Frank Muretich

Michael LaBoube
 Nephew of Donna Albers
 and Cindy LaBoube

Clayton Risinger
 Father of Shain LaGrotta

Gabriel Hagner

Infant Son of Larry & Jessica Hagner

*May God welcome them home,
 fill them with peace, and bless those
 who will miss them.*

Eucharistic Adoration and Winter Weather

Please Note: If Assumption Day School is cancelled on Tuesday due to weather conditions Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction and Devotions will also be cancelled.

Year End Contribution Statements

The parish will be mailing 2014 contribution statements to all parishioners. This will be mass mailing and by law the parish has until January 31 to mail these statements. Please **do not** call the Parish Office to request statements as you will automatically receive one in the mail.

Readings for the Week

Jan 12 - Jan 18

Mon: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9;
 Mk 1:14-20
 Tue: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9;
 Mk 1:21-28
 Wed: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9;
 Mk 1:29-39
 Thu: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk
 1:40-45
 Fri: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-
 8; Mk 2:1-12
 Sat: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
 Mk 2:13-17
 Sun: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2,
 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17
 -20; Jn 1:35-42



The family of Joan Pieper wishes to thank their Assumption Family for helping celebrate Joan's life.

Especially Fr Joe for the inspiring liturgy, Fr Andy for his visit and blessing, Fr Mitch and Fr Mark for their consoling words. Special thanks to Amanda for planning such a beautiful liturgy and to the choir, soloist and everyone involved. Thanks for the wonderful meal put on by the funeral lunch crew. We are blessed to have so many friends and wish to thank you all for your support and prayers.

School Uniform Sweatshirts

Purchase now and throughout the school year at A.M. PRINTS, 717 Sonderen St, O Fallon, MO 636.272.1825 Hours: Tues, Wed, & Fri, 9am - 5pm.

Around Town

Quilts of Valor, Jan 19, St Vincent's (Dutzow), 8-3, Bring a sandwich, info call 636.456.3980

St Barnabas (OFallon) Quilt Social, Feb 7, 10:30 doors open, noon bingo.

Stewardship
Our Gifts to God and Parish

	Dec 6 - 7	Year to Date
Envelopes (837)	\$ 43,214	\$ 691,997
Online Giving	\$ -	\$ 99,169
Loose	\$ 1,155	\$ 26,271
Total	\$ 44,369	\$ 817,437
		Budget 791,708

It takes an average weekly collection of \$36,000 to sustain our parish mission.

"Every man according as he purposes in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity . . ." 2Cor 9:7



CRHP Retreats are a Great Way to Begin the New Year!
You are invited to attend the 2015 Winter Retreat

Women's Retreat: January 17-18
Call Angela Dowdy at 314.605.9852

Men's Retreat: February 21-22
Call Matt Markelz at 815.557.9251

All too often we become creatures of habit and allow our busy schedules
to crowd out the time needed for spiritual growth.

This renewal experience allows us to discover how our walk of life is interwoven
with our journey of faith. Call today!

Alive in Christ 2015 Scholarship Applications

Applications will be accepted beginning January 26, 2015 for the 2015/2016 Alive in Christ Scholarship Program. Your schools will have access to the applications beginning Sunday, January 25, 2015. Alive in Christ scholarships provide financial assistance to families who would like their children to attend a Catholic elementary school in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Scholarship award amounts are based upon financial need and will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis.

This program is open to families with new students entering Kindergarten through 4th grade or Catholic families with students currently attending an Archdiocesan elementary school. Applications will be available at your school office or online at www.archstl.org/ttef beginning January 25, 2015. For more information please call Laura George at 314-792-7735 or laurageorge@archstl.org.

Meals For the Homeless

The Peace & Justice committee prepares and serves food to the working poor and homeless twice a month at the Economy Inn (Wentzville). If interested in helping in this effort contact LaVina Eickoff 314.323.3501.

Single Again

Singles again is a support group for separated, divorced and widowed. Singles Again meets at St. Cletus Church (St Charles) on January 29 at 7:15pm for their general meeting. Come and meet for friendship and support. All faiths are welcome. Contact: Rick Pass 618.520.0966.

Care and Share is on the 1st and 3rd weekend of the month. Steps to Wholeness is starting up again Feb 6 . Contact is Lee Schellert call him for any questions on these two great events.636.946.7782.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25 will soon be upon us. Each year during this time, as Christians deeply committed to Christian unity, we pray in a special way with Jesus who prayed “that they may be one” (John 17:22). On Sunday, January 25, 7:00pm an ecumenical prayer will take place at St Justin Martyr (Sunset Hills).

The theme for this year’s observance is, Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink” (John 4:7). Just as Jesus himself is crossing cultural, social, political and religious boundaries, we are called by Christ to work toward unity.

Winter Bible Study

In these frosty days of winter, come warm your soul through an informal scripture study with others in the community.

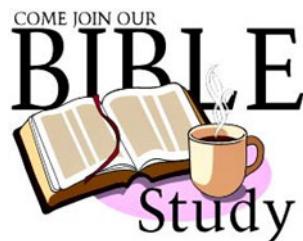
The next session begins the week of Feb. 2.

We'll spend this 7-week session exploring six specific experiences of Mary in the Gospels of Luke and John.

All experience levels welcome to attend. The cost is \$8 for the study guide. Financial assistance can be arranged – please don't let cost stand in your way.

Two meetings will be offered: Group A (Meyer Room) – Monday evenings, 7pm-8:15pm and Group B (Room D/E) – Wednesday evenings, 6pm-7:15pm.

Space in both groups is limited. Call the parish office to register 636.240.3721 or you can go to our website and register online.



Baptismal Preparation Class

All parents are required to participate in a class of Pre-Baptismal instruction before having their child/children baptized at Assumption. For expectant parents it is often better to attend this class before baby is born. Call the Parish Office at 240.3721 to schedule a class.

Single Stream Recycling

“God looked at everything He had made and He found it very good...(Gn 1:31)”. One of our New Year’s Resolutions is to effectively implement single stream recycling for all of the activities which take place on our parish property. We are working with Progressive, our waste management contractor, to provide training, signage and procedures which will enable us to recycle up to 80% of all our “trash”. You will find helpful hints in our bulletin, including an invitation to a training the weekend of January 24-25.

Thank you for taking care of the beautiful creation which God has entrusted to you.



St Louis Review

We want everyone in the parish to receive a weekly copy of the St Louis Review, and ask every house hold to subscribe. The annual subscription rate through the parish is \$30.

Please use the subscription renewal envelope in your envelope packet (or write your check for \$30 to the parish and mark it Review) and return it in the Sunday Collection.

The parish will be billed for every household that **does not subscribe**. You can save the parish this cost by sending your subscription to the parish office or placing it in the collection basket. **If you do not wish to receive the Review please return your subscription envelope marked “cancel”. Deadline: January 26.**

Looking for help to create a Will or Trust?

If you would like a list of Attorneys who could help you establish a Will or Trust, just call or stop by the Parish Office. The list also includes their typical fees, discounts, and contact information.

Children's Worship Bulletin

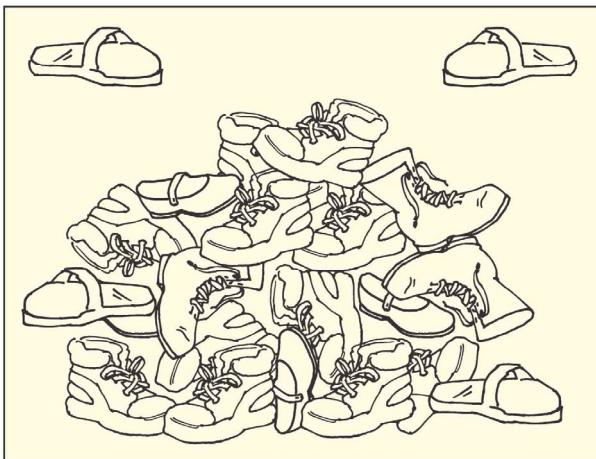
Ages 3-6

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John said that he was not worthy to untie the sandals of the One who would come after him.

Draw a line from each sandal to the one it matches in the pile of shoes.



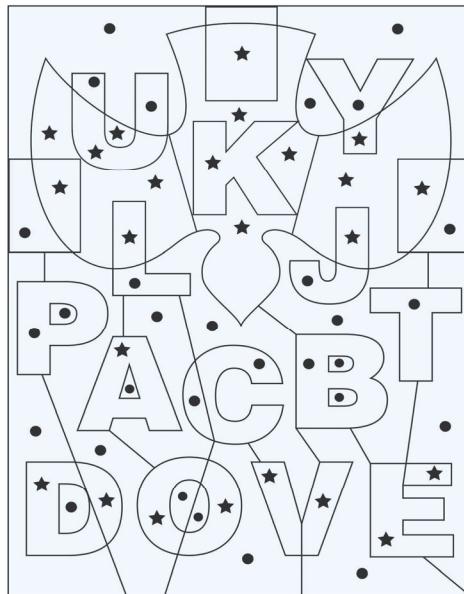
John said, "I baptize you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Circle the items that will hold water.



What did the Holy Spirit come down as when Jesus was baptized?

Shade in the shapes with a ★ to find the answer.



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Jesus came to see John.

Use the code to fill in the missing letters.

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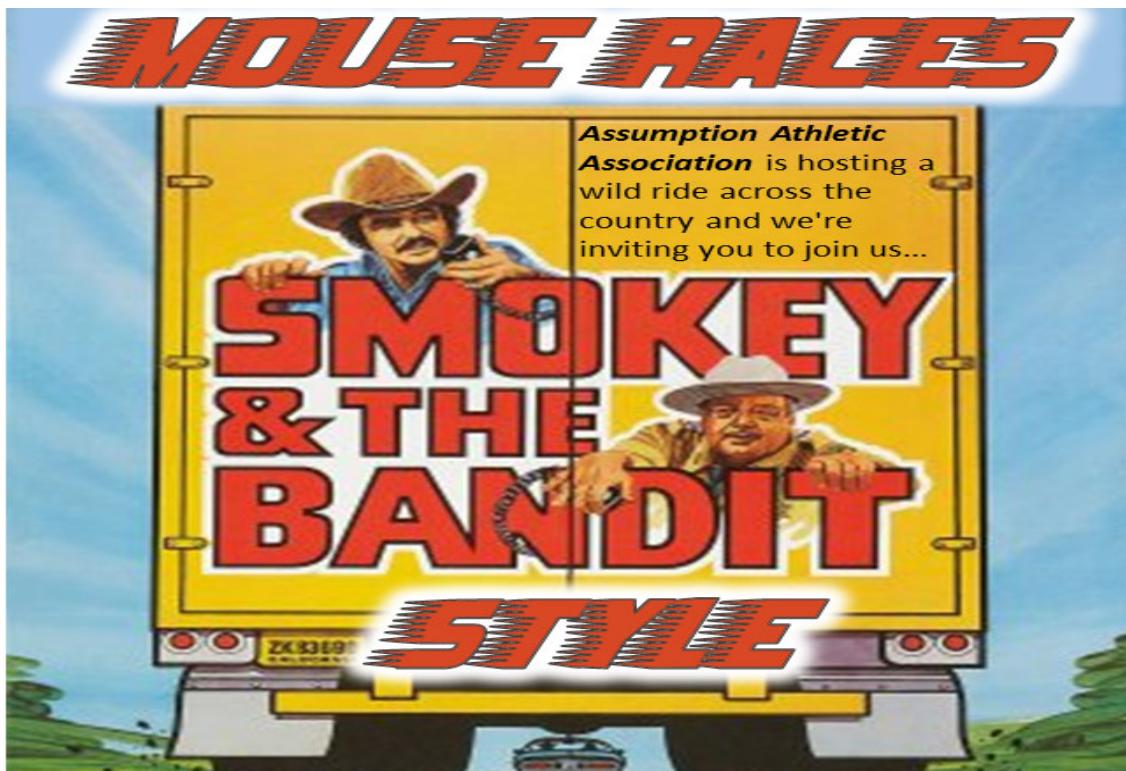


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Saturday, January 31st @ 6:30 PM

Your Ticket Includes:

- Beer & Set-Ups • 50/50 Drawings
- Poker Table • Valuable Door Prizes
- Silent Auction • Awards for Best Dressed



Register at: AssumptionMouseRace2015.eventbrite.com

Early-Bird Pricing (in December): \$15

Ticket Price in January: \$20

**CELEBRATION
OF THE MASS**

Weekend Masses

Saturday 9:00am
(Motherhouse Chapel)
Vigil 5:00pm
Sunday 8:00am
10:00am
12:00pm

Daily Mass

Weekdays 6:30am
(Motherhouse Chapel)
8:00am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00-4:45pm

BAPTISM

2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at
1:15pm. Required Preparation Class.
Call 240.3721 to register.

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Those preparing for marriage should contact the rectory at least one year in advance. One party must be a registered member of Assumption and living an active, practicing Catholic life. Contact Janet at the Parish Office.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION
OF ADULTS**

(RCIA) Process through which adults are initiated into the Catholic Church by Baptism or Profession of Faith. For information Missy Lowrey 314.630.3983.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Religious instruction in the Catholic faith. Call Derlene Hirtz, 636.240.1020 for information or to register.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

For inactive Catholics returning to Church. For more information call Steve King, 699.9961 or Dee King 734.3437.

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

For one-on-one grief support, contact Kris Bohn at 379.8567, and for information regarding our grief support series, which is held twice per year, contact Lynn Crews at 294.0821.

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