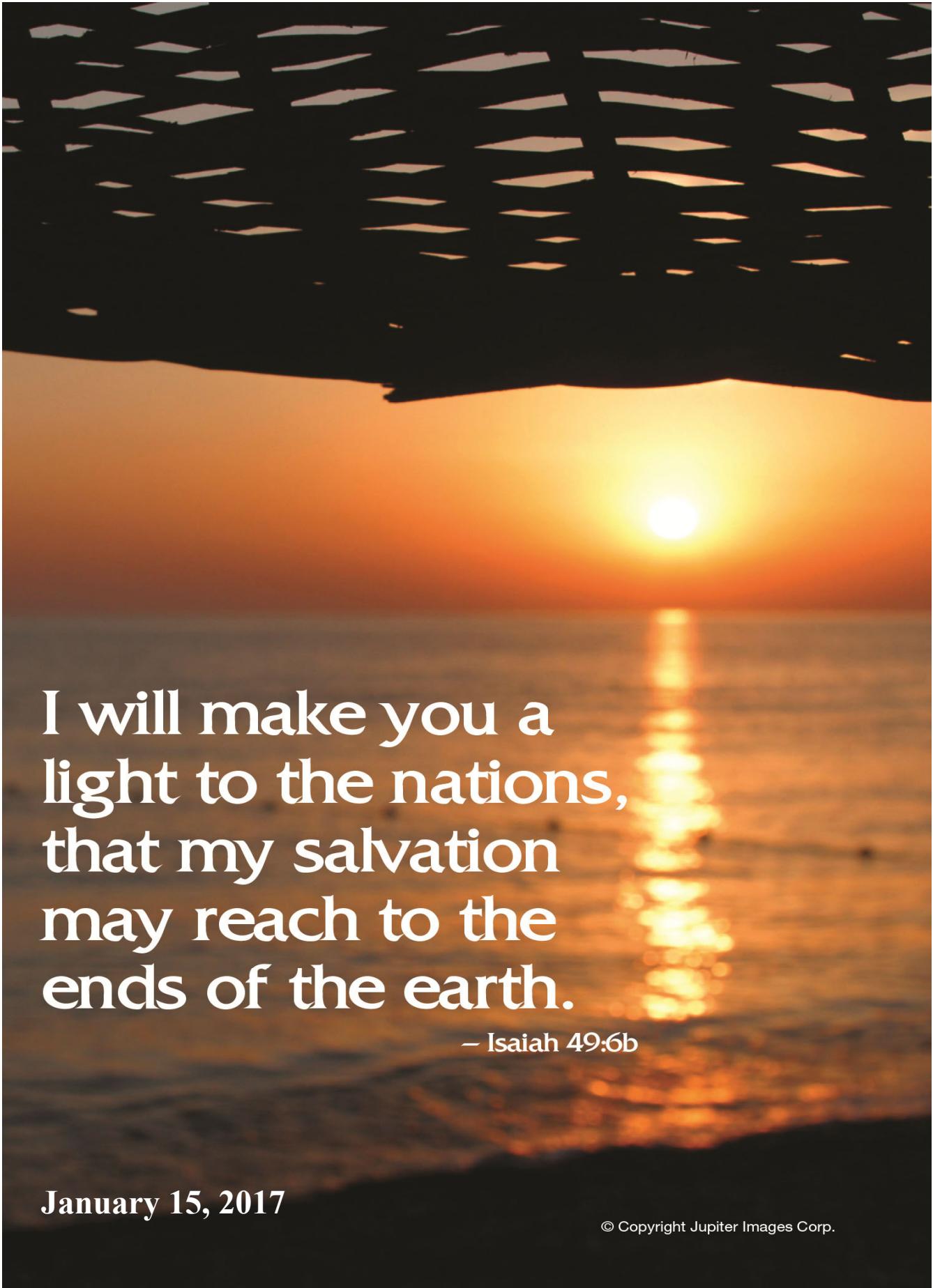


ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

A photograph of a sunset over a body of water. The sky is filled with a grid-like pattern of white clouds against a dark background. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a bright orange glow that reflects off the calm water below.

I will make you a
light to the nations,
that my salvation
may reach to the
ends of the earth.

– Isaiah 49:6b

January 15, 2017

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HOPE



God chose Israel to be the revelation of God's glory to the ends of the earth, to be the light to the nations. God has called prophets to proclaim God's vision of the Kingdom in particular seasons and circumstances. God continues to reveal Himself, in Christ, through signs and wonders and through prophets in our midst.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is a prophet. Dr. King's faith in Jesus was a source of strength for his ministry. His vision of communion for all God's children transcended the Civil Rights Movement in 1960's USA. Perhaps now, more than ever, we need to heed his call to follow Christ's example of healing, of un-dividing, of non-violence, of hope for meaningful progress in the building up of God's Kingdom, even to the ends of the earth.

As we pause this Monday to honor a leader in our nation, let us also pledge ourselves to be true disciples of Jesus. We are on the verge of something very beautiful. There is more hope on the horizon than we have imagined in a long time. We know this because we just celebrated the breaking of a new dawn. The dawn breaks from the darkest of night; communion emerges from the deepest divisions; before truth is known, lies attack us like flies. So let us not despair if all we can see is division, if all we can feel is a lingering fear. Our hope comes from a deeper place; our faith is most firm when our other foundations are shaken. Now is the time for us to embrace God's Kingdom revealed in the many glimpses of glory all around us. Dr. King gave his life for that Kingdom which is eternal. Let us now surrender our lives for that same purpose, following Mary's mission to bring Christ to the world. **-Fr Mitch**





This Week At Assumption

Sunday, January 15

RCIA

8:00am Hall C

Sunday Preschool

10:00am School

Monday, January 16

CRHP Men

7:00pm Sophia House

Tuesday, January 17

PSR

6:00pm Church

Perpetual Help Devotions

6:30pm Chapel

Athletic Association

7:00pm Room D/E

Wednesday, January 18

Bible Study (Fr Mark)

10:00am Sophia House

PSR

6:00pm Church

Thursday, January 19

24/7 Amen

7:00pm Hall A/B

Friday, January 20

CHRP Women's Retreat

6:00pm Parish Center

Saturday, January 21

Children's Liturgy of the Word

5:00pm Mass

CHRP Women's Retreat

8:00am Parish Center

Sunday, January 22

CHRP Women's Retreat

8:00am Parish Center

RCIA

All Masses Hall A/B

Baptism

1:15pm Church



Christ Renews His Parish Winter Retreats

Christ Renews His Parish

is a process designed to make us more aware of God's presence in our daily lives.

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

"I went to Mass on Sundays, I prayed, especially when I needed God's help. Although I had friendships in my life, none were friends from Assumption (or even faith based). My faith was more of a private matter. I was certainly not unhappy. After Mass one Sunday in 2009, a parishioner (barely an acquaintance) invited me go on the women's retreat. I said "Sure! I'll think about that!" – then I walked away without giving it another thought. Six months later, the same woman invited me again. Although I still wasn't sure, I did like the prospect of getting away for a day and someone else cooking for me. I entertained the fleeting thought "maybe..." My reluctant "yes" came one day before the deadline to register.

I truly understand why it is called a renewal weekend. Participating in the Christ Renews His Parish Women's Retreat was the impetus for forming many new friendships, strengthening my existing relationships especially with my husband and children, and rejuvenating my spiritual life. I no longer feel as though God is "out there somewhere."

If you are unsure whether God is calling you to attend, then He is. Accept His invitation. I give it my strongest endorsement! -- Mickie McCool

If you have never been (or if it has been many years and you are in need of a spiritual renewal), call and register today.

Women's Retreat – Jan. 21/22: Contact: Diane Reynolds – 314.941.8331 or dianereynolds03@gmail.com

Men's Retreat – Feb. 11/12: Contact: Jason Thomas – 636.332.8191 or jthomas1027@gmail.com

Reserve your spot – TODAY!

Assumption Athletics Through the Years Mouse Races

It's the end of an era

Join us for the last Assumption Mouse Races
Prize for Best Team (Table Décor & Attire)

More Information & Registration:

www.assumption-mouse-race-2017.eventbrite.com

Saturday, January 28, 2017

Doors Open at 6:30 PM - Races Start at 7 PM



MIDDLE SCHOOL



HIGH SCHOOL

2017- MARK UR CALENDARS

- Annual Winter Retreat for High School Teens – February 17 & 18
- Luke 18 – March 31-April 2 Applications for the TEAM available at YM Events
- Catholic Heart Work Camp –South Carolina. June 17-25
- World Youth Day or Pilgrimage to Rome –2019???
More info coming soon...

January

- 18 – GREASE THANK YOU DINNER – Parish Hall 6pm
No Bible Study – Come and help – we need you!
19 – PROLIFE TRIP MEETING – ProLife Trip Meeting
6pm – Parish Hall
25-29 – PROLIFE MARCH – pray for all those attending
the pilgrimage to Washington DC

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Just A Reminder

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration every week **in the chapel from Sunday at 1pm through Thursday at 7pm.** (Enter the chapel through the north side door and enter code 3721)

The Sacrament of Confession will also be available in the chapel on Thursday evenings from 6-7pm, followed by Benediction.

Please consider signing up to spend an hour of prayer before our Lord in the Eucharist; the Church asks that at least two people be present anytime the Eucharist is exposed. You can sign up for a slot in the binder in the narthex of church.

Assumption Youth Ministry



Attention all boys & girls in 5th through 8th grade

The next Altar Server training will be on January 29, 2017 at 4:00pm in church. This will give you a chance to participate in the liturgy and help people pray during the Mass! If you are unable to attend the January training, the next one will be February 19, 2017 also at 4:00pm. Both trainings will last about an hour.

Parents, need something to do while your child is in server training? We now have extended hours of Eucharistic Adoration! Please consider spending a holy hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament! If you don't know already, it is a beautiful and personal time to spend with Jesus.

Please RSVP to
Kathy Hicks at khicks527@yahoo.com.

Lenten Bible Study

There will be several bible studies to begin the week of February 6 and continue for 6 weeks. We will be reading The Parables: Stories of the Kingdom.

For more information please contact Liz Allmeyer at:
Lizallmeyer @ gmail .com



Catholic Schools Week/Open House and Registration

We begin our week long celebration with an Open House New students ages 6weeks to 8th grade registration on Sunday, January 29 immediately following all masses. Families, please join us for the children's mass at 10:00am.



Catholic Moments

SUNDAY MASS – WHAT WE ARE CELEBRATING?

From the beginning of the Church the Eucharist has been at the center of Christian life. The Church has recognized that it in the celebration of the Eucharist that we identify who we are, and rediscover with every celebration who we are called to be.

In celebrating the Eucharist at Sunday Mass, we are celebrating the presence of the Risen Jesus Christ in our midst. Christ is present through the ministry of the priest, who presents the gifts of the people to God. Christ is present in his Word, since it is Christ who speaks through the reading of Scripture. He is present in the prayers and songs of the assembly as he promised when two or three gathered in his name. Christ is present in the Eucharistic species, the bread and wine that will be transformed into his Body and Blood. (CCC 1088). As Matthew Kelly writes in *"Rediscover Catholicism"*

“We don’t go to Mass to socialize. We don’t go to be entertained. We go to receive. We go to Mass to be fed and nourished by the Word of God – both in Scripture and in Sacrament. Open your heart, open your mind, and open your spirit.”

The Eucharist is our food for the journey as we await the return of our Savior Jesus Christ. So as we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, they are also celebrating a preview of the glorious celebration of all who enter heaven where Christ sits at the right hand of the Father. There we will join in fellowship with the communion of all the saints with all singing the eternal hymn of glory to the Lord. (CCC 1090)

The celebration of the Eucharist at Sunday Mass actually begins during the preceding week. God is preparing to share his infinite graces with us. But we will not receive these graces if we do not cooperate with the Holy Spirit and prepare ourselves to receive them. Matthew Kelly shares some ideas as to how we may become more open to the Holy Spirit.

Get yourself a missal and just follow the opening prayer, the readings, and the closing prayer, and your experience in Mass will increase exponentially. Then during the week, make a habit of going to Mass one day or two days. This more intimate experience of the sacrament will truly fan the fire of your soul. On the other days when you don’t attend Mass, use the prayers and the readings of the day from the missal during your time of prayer.

~Excerpts taken from: DynamicCatholic.com - Be Bold. Be Catholic.

Prayer Service – All Are Invited

*“The dignity of human life must never be taken away, even in the case of someone who has done great evil. Modern society has the means of protecting itself, without definitively denying criminals the chance to reform.” --Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae**

On the second Monday of every month the Precious Blood Sisters host a prayer for an end to violence and the death penalty. Our next prayer service will be on January 15. We will meet at 7:00pm in the second floor Chapel. Enter from the main entrance on the southeast side of their campus. Please join us!

Thank You

The beautiful people of Assumption parish, as is their custom, have extended Christ’s powerful love and compassion. Thanks for ALL the ways you reached out in; prayer, support, empathy, counsel, your visits to the hospitals, your visits to the house, your attendance at the funeral, etc., for Patricia (Wehde) Mitchell. The family cannot thank you enough for the continued network of love that surrounded Patty through it all.

The wake held in the Church was so perfectly arranged. (Thank you Jeannette for staying so late.) The funeral Mass was so HOLY. (Thank you Fr. Mitch – what a powerful and heart-felt homily!)

Patty was a faithful member of our parish and we are missing her so much, but we know this world cannot contain the Love that you have shone her. Thank you. The Prize Family



With Loving Sympathy

*Please pray for the repose
of the soul of:*

Bernice Beck
Mother of Donna Cate



Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 15

8:00am Mary Ann Mehegan
10:00am Ed Griesenauer
12:00pm People Of The Parish

Monday, January 16

6:30am Margaret May
8:00am Jack Teson

Tuesday, January 17

6:30am Victor and Rose Scholten
8:00am Virginia Frankosky

Wednesday, January 18

6:30am Charles Feldwert
8:00am Pat Morley

Thursday, January 19

6:30am Deceased Sisiters of the Most Precious Blood
8:00am Jerry Phillips

Friday, January 20

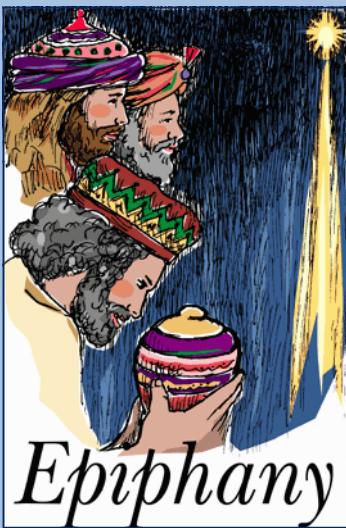
6:30am Vocations
8:00am Respect Life Apostolate

Saturday, January 21

9:00am Steve Reller
5:00pm Donald Goeke

Sunday, January 22

8:00am Helen Klein
10:00am Norma Payton
12:00pm People Of The Parish



Catholic Moments

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Liturgy of the Word includes the readings from the Old Testament, the psalms, the Epistles and the Gospel. It also includes the prayers, two of the collects, the recitation of the Gloria and the Creed which draw their inspiration from Scripture.



Jesus speaks of being open to hearing the Word of God in the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13: 1 – 9). He relates the hearing of the word of God to a Sower who goes out to sow his seed. Some of the seed falls on rocky ground and fails to grow. Some falls among the shrubs and brambles, begins to grow, but ultimately to be choked by the surrounding plants. Some seed falls on fertile ground and flourishes. Jesus explains,

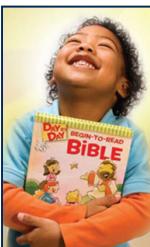
'But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.'

(Matthew 13:15)

Matthew Kelly has concrete suggestions on how we can be open to God's word in the Sunday readings.

Go out and buy yourself a new writing journal sometime this week. Next Sunday, as you go into Church, ask God, *"Lord, show me one way I can become a better person this week."* When you get home, take a page and write that one point God revealed to you in the journal. Each day, when you take your ten minutes in the Classroom of Silence, use this one thought as your starting point. Talk to God about how you can apply it to your life.

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Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word. (CLW) is an age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word offered for ages 3 – 1st grade at the 5:00pm Mass. No pre-registration is necessary. All children are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Just before the Liturgy of the Word begins for the assembly, the children are invited to come up to the front of church by the presiding priest. Father will then formally dismiss them to go with the weekly leaders from the church to Hall C. During this special time, our leaders will share with the children through prayers, songs and readings that are simplified for children.



To Be a Christian Steward

A Summary of the U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10).

What identifies a steward? Safeguarding material and human resources and using them responsibly are one answer; so is generous giving of time, talent, and treasure. But being a Christian steward means more. As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

DISCIPLES AS STEWARDS

Let us begin with being a disciple—a follower of our Lord Jesus Christ. As members of the Church, Jesus calls us to be disciples. This has astonishing implications:

- Mature disciples make a conscious decision to follow Jesus, no matter what the cost.
- Christian disciples experience conversion—life shaping changes of mind and heart—and commit their very selves to the Lord.
- Christian stewards respond in a particular way to the call to be a disciple. Stewardship has the power to shape and mold our understanding of our lives and the way in which we live.

Jesus' disciples and Christian stewards recognize God as the origin of life, giver of freedom, and source of all things. We are grateful for the gifts we have received and are eager to use them to show our love for God and for one another. We look to the life and teaching of Jesus for guidance in living as Christian stewards.

STEWARDS OF CREATION

The Bible contains a profound message about the stewardship of material creation: God created the world, but entrusts it to human beings. Caring for and cultivating the world involves the following:

- Joyful appreciation for the God-given beauty and wonder of nature;
- Protection and preservation of the environment, which would be the stewardship of ecological concern;
- Respect for human life—shielding life from threat and assault, doing everything that can be done to enhance this gift and make life flourish; and
- Development of this world through noble human effort—physical labor, the trades and professions, the arts and sciences. We call such effort “work.”

Stewardship Our Gifts to God and Parish

We are grateful to you for your presence, your participation,
and your financial support of Assumption Parish.

	Dec 11, 2016	Jul 3, 16 - Dec 11, 2016
Envelopes (346) & On Line	\$ 24,291	\$ 806,549
Loose	\$ 556	\$ 26,933
Total	\$ 24,847	\$ 833,482
		Budget 837,224

Loan Balance as of 11/30/16: \$2,089,506

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

*"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another
as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1Peter 4:10*



A Big Thank You!



A most sincere Thank You goes out to everyone who took part in providing 108 families a wonderful and heartwarming Christmas. The families were so very grateful. Thank you to the Boy Scouts Food Drive, the 24/7 Men's Group Food Drive, the Parish Office Staff for toys, the School Staff and School Children for toys and "Stock the House" items, the Parishioners for the turkey, ham, monetary and gift card donations, the Parishioners who adopted families and those that took ornaments from the giving tree and provided gifts, the Giving Tree Ministry, the O'Fallon Fire Protection District for all the toys they donated, the volunteers who helped distribute the food and gifts and Father Mitch and his Associates for all their support and prayers. So you can see it takes many many people to make Christmas happen for 108 families, but you did it and we thank you all so very much.

Saint Vincent DePaul Society
Assumption Conference



MEN OF ASSUMPTION PARISH

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A SPECIAL AND UNIQUE GUEST SPEAKER SPONSORED BY
ASSUMPTION 24/7 MEN'S GROUP

ST. LOUIS POST DISPATCH COLUMNIST **JOSE DE JESUS ORTIZ** WILL BE SPEAKING AT
ASSUMPTION 24/7 MEN'S GROUP'S JANUARY MEETING.

JESUS WILL BE SHARING WITH US HOW HIS CATHOLIC FAITH JOURNEY HAS IMPACTED HIS CAREER AS A SPORTS WRITER. HE WILL ALSO SHARE STORIES ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCES AS A BEAT WRITER FOR THE HOUSTON ASTROS, NEW YORK METS AND TAMPA BAY RAYS.

ALL MEN OF THE PARISH ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THURSDAY JANUARY 19TH AT 7PM FOR THIS
UNIQUE PRESENTATION!**



Readings for the Week

Mon: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22

Tue: St. Anthony

Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28

Wed: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6

Thu: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12

Fri: St. Fabian (Pope), St. Sebastian

Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19

Sat: St. Agnes

Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21

Sun: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13,

17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

Server Schedule

Saturday, January 21

5:00pm Casey Sachs
Aidan Kelley
Rebecca Gentry

Sunday, January 22

8:00am Joey Friedel	12:00pm Elisha Butryn
Henry Staebell	Braeden Penrod
Emily Swain	Alexis Greene



Around Town

St. Joachim and Ann celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Monday, Jan. 16, 6:00pm. Please call 636.441.1302 ext. 350 to RSVP

St Joseph (Cottleville) Trivia Night, Jan 21, 7:00pm, for reservations: stjoemensclub@gmail.com

Immaculate Conception (Augusta, MO) All you can eat breakfast Jan. 22, 8:00am-12:00pm

St. Patrick (Wentzville) Quilt Social Bingo 1:00pm any questions please call Valerie 636.332.9225 x222

Immaculate Conception (Old Monroe) A Night at the Mouse Races Benefitting the ICOM Class of 2018 Prolife Trip. Friday, February 3. Doors open at 6:30pm, First Race begins at 7pm. Old Monroe Knights of Columbus Hall. MUST BE 21 or over!! Contact Amy @ 636.290.6044 or FunForNails@gmail

Pro-Life Mass

Cathedral Basilica. Saturday, January 21 9:30am. This a beautiful mass of remembrance. For more information call Sylvia 636.978.8803.

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

Thursday	6-7pm (Chapel)
Saturday	4:00-4:45pm

BAPTISM

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

636.272.4758 (Helpline)

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

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



Club 50+ News

We are having a winter break in January, therefore no meeting on January 23. Instead, we plan to attend the Fort Zumwalt North High free dinner and play for seniors February 9, in the cafeteria at 5:30pm. The young people make it enjoyable. Please call 272.4447 and they will connect you to the proper office to sign up. They take around 100 people so don't delay in calling. Any questions, please call Martha 294.3367

Save the Date!

Assumption will host the 5th Annual Day of Reflection on Saturday, March 4, 2017 in the Fr. Joe Kempf Parish Center. This popular "mini retreat" grows each year and is sure to give your faith a powerful boost. Whether you seek community or communion, you will find it here. Mark your calendar!

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

For one-on-one grief support, contact Kris Bohn at 636.795.2611, and for information regarding our grief support series, which is held twice per year, contact Lynn Crews at 294.0821.

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