

# THE PARISH FAMILY OF ASSUMPTION

January 25, 2015 | Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:*



This is the time of fulfillment.  
The kingdom of God is at hand.

*Repent*  
and believe in the gospel.

*~Mark 1:14-15*



# Welcome

January 25, 2015

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## VOLUNTEER FOCUS

### Congratulations . . .

. . . to our own Chloe Steyer and Keenan Bross, members of Assumption Youth Group who were among 37 young people to receive this year's "Martin Luther King, Jr. Model of Justice Award" from the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Keenan and Chloe attended a Liturgy honoring Dr. King at the Cathedral Basilica last Sunday; they received their awards from Archbishop Robert Carlson in a beautiful ceremony after the Liturgy. The new Director of the Human Rights Commission, the Superintendent of Education, the Director of Interreligious and Intercultural Affairs and the Executive Director of the St. Charles Lwanga Center were also on hand, together with Chloe and Keenan's proud parents, to honor them.

Keenan Bross "has been actively involved in Catholic Heart Workcamp mission trips, the Pro Life March and Model UN...He has served the poor, stood up for those with no voice and promoted equality and justice in our world."

Chloe Steyer "has compassion for others, a concern for the needy and a desire to change lives...She is an incredible leader who allows her Christian values to shape her ideals in programs such as Positive Peer Influence and Make a Difference Day."

We are proud of Chloe and Keenan, who represent the mission of Assumption Parish so well.





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

Dear Parishioners of Assumption Parish,  
On behalf of our clients and staff at Catholic Charities, please accept our gratitude for your generous donation of \$1,200 through your monthly gift to our agency. Our small office relies heavily on grants to assist our clients with their housing issues. Often a client's need doesn't qualify for the grant funds we have. Your donation of private funds allows us to assist those who would otherwise have to be turned away. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness. God Bless!"



*It Is Hard To  
Imagine That There  
Could Be Any Life  
At The Other End  
Of Our Grief*

The Ministry of Consolation Grief Support Group of Assumption Parish cordially invites those of you 18 years of age and older who are grieving the death of a loved one to our Spring Grief Support Series. Our first session will begin Thursday, February 19, 7:00pm, Meyer Room. Fr Joe's video series, "No One Cries the Wrong Way" will be incorporated into each session along with prayer, personal sharing, biblical reflection and social time.

To register or for any additional information please contact: Lynn Crews 636.294.0821 or [lynncrews721@gmail.com](mailto:lynncrews721@gmail.com). Registration deadline is Monday, February 16.

## Prayer Team Ministry

Next weekend, Jan 31/Feb 1, and each month on the first weekend of the month, you are invited to come forward for prayers after any Mass. Whether you are in need of prayers for yourself or a loved one, we will have prayer teams available in the front of church after the closing song.

## This Week At Assumption

### Sunday, Jan 25

**Nursery**  
7:45am and 9:45 am

**RCIA**  
8:00am Hall C

**Day School Open House**  
9:00 - 1:30pm

**Preschool**  
9:45am School

**Baptism**  
1:15pm Church

### Monday, Jan 26

**Fr Joe Thank You/School Families**  
6:00pm Hall C

### Tuesday, Jan 27

**PSR**  
6:00pm School

**PHD/Benediction**  
6:30pm Chapel

### Wednesday, Jan 28

**MOP's II**  
9:15am Parish Center

**PSR**  
6:00pm School

**Extreme Teen**  
7:00 pm Hall C

**St Vincent DePaul**  
7:00pm Meyer Room

### Saturday, Jan 31

**Mouse Races**  
6:30pm Parish Center

### Sunday, Feb 1

**Hospitality Sunday**  
All Masses Hall A/B

**Prayer Team Ministry**  
All Masses Church

**Nursery**  
7:45am and 9:45 am

**Preschool**  
9:45am School

**RCIA**  
8:00am Hall C

**New Member Registration**  
Noon Mass



## 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.

PRAYER • PARTICIPATION • GENEROSITY

STEWARDSHIP

*"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." – Mark 1:17*  
Jesus' call to "Follow me" is a call to all Christians! Jesus asks us to help Him build his church on earth by generously sharing all our gifts of prayer, talent and treasure. Remember, Jesus calls us to generously develop and share all our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose.



## Life, Peace and Justice: *Living the Gospel of Joy*

**Thank you, Youth Ministry – and everyone who participated in this week's Pro-Life trip...**

whether by marching through the streets of Washington, D.C., helping to pay travel costs, holding the **Generation Life** travelers in prayer, signing a Rose for Life, joining in the Rosary for Life this past Thursday, contributing to the LifeLife Coalition or other organization dedicated to life, by loving and respecting your life and the life around you....

**THANK YOU for choosing LIFE!!!**



### A Prayer to Conclude this Month of LIFE

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world,  
Mother of the living,  
to you do we entrust the cause of life:  
Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers  
of babies to be born,  
of the poor, whose lives are made difficult,  
of men and women, who are victims of brutal violence,  
of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference  
or out of misguided mercy.

Grant that all who believe in your Son  
may proclaim the Gospel of life  
with honesty and love to the people of our time.  
Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel  
as a gift ever new,  
the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their  
lives and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely,  
in order to build, together with all people of good will,  
the civilization of truth and love,  
to the praise and glory of God,  
the Creator and Lover of life. Amen

– Pope John Paul II, *Encyclical Letter "The Gospel of Life"* (1995)

## 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](http://www.archstl.org/ttef) beginning January 25, 2015. For more information please call Laura George at 314-792-7735 or [laurageorge@archstl.org](mailto:laurageorge@archstl.org).

### Come Pray With Us . . .

The rosary is a beautiful prayer and we encourage its holy recitation. We invite everyone to join us for this prayer for peace, as invited by Mary; for religious freedom, as invited by the Archbishop, and for this Church, named in Mary's honor, that we might be known for our Christ-like love.

In addition to our other times to pray the rosary, we also process over to our chapel on Thursday mornings after Mass. We begin the Rosary at 8:45am. A golf cart will be available for those who might need transportation between church and chapel.

We are indeed blessed to have a chapel for devotional prayer. It is our commitment to continue to utilize this beautiful asset in holy and productive ways. Again, we invite you to join us for the recitation of the rosary on Thursdays. And we thank you for all the ways you pray; and for all the ways you are open to let that prayer help you to love.

You are also invited to pray the rosary prior to the start of Mass each Sunday. We meet in the chapel and begin at 7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am.

If anyone is interested in being a leader, please call Amanda at the parish office 240.3721.

**Assumption Youth Ministry**  
Serving the teens of Assumption Church

**JANUARY**

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

**LUKE 18**

**MARCH 20-22 8<sup>th</sup> 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**

**New Member Registration**

If you are attending Mass here but have not yet formally registered, we invite you to do so. So that we might welcome you personally, we invite you to attend noon Mass Sunday, February 1, for new member registration.

**ALL Are Invited... to invite a friend to Mass**

Each and every first weekend of the Month, you are invited to invite someone you know who may not be church-going on a regular basis to: Come to Mass.

Pope Francis said, “Those who have opened their hearts to God’s love, heard his voice and received his light, cannot keep this gift to themselves. Since faith is hearing and seeing, it is also handed on as word and light.”

Let's be inexplicably kind, patient, compassionate, and thankful. Let's let our unconditional, unwarranted goodness and joy take others by surprise and stir them to wonder why we're like that. Then, let's be ready to extend the gentle invitation: “Come with me and find out.”

**Prayer** – Jesus, may others know You through me.

**Tuition Assistance Applications**

Assumption school families wishing to apply for tuition assistance for the 2015-16 school year MUST submit a FACTs application online. You begin that process by going to:

[online.factsmgt.com/aid](http://online.factsmgt.com/aid)

This one process will actually start two applications – one to the Archdiocese for “Catholic Family Tuition Assistance” and another to Assumption Parish for local tuition assistance. If you have a student at St Dominic high school, it will initiate that application also. While it is one process, please note that each institution has its own due date: March 15 for the Archdiocese and St. Dominic, May 15 for Assumption.

**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.

**Mass Intentions****Sunday, Jan 25**

8:00am Bessie M Simen  
 10:00am Glen & Rose Ohmes  
 12:00pm People of the Parish

**Monday, Jan 26**

6:30am Victor Bauer  
 8:00am Helen Benson

**Tuesday, Jan 27**

6:30am Don Aubuchon  
 8:00am Caroline Wolf

**Wednesday, Jan 28**

6:30am Mary Ann Ziegler  
 8:00am Jerri Tabers

**Thursday, Jan 29**

6:30am 2015 50th Jubilarians  
 8:00am Marge Wolf

**Friday, Jan 30**

6:30am James W Schaeffer  
 8:00am Special Intentions

**Saturday, Jan 31**

9:00am Sr Helen Keeven  
 5:00pm Dorothy Drummond

**Sunday, Feb 01**

8:00am Marie O'Brien  
 10:00am Joan Pieper  
 12:00pm People of the Parish



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

Frances Basmajy  
of Our Parish Community

Dolores Merz  
Sister of Geri Sachs

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

**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.

**Hospitality Sunday**

Join us next Sunday Feb 1 for Hospitality Sunday after all Masses in Hall A/B.

**Save the Date!**

The Third Annual Day of Reflection will be held from 8am – 4pm on Saturday, March 7. All adults in the parish are invited to attend this awesome one-day retreat, which will include presentations by Fr. Mitch and Fr. Joe! We'll have more information in upcoming bulletins, but if you'd like to register for this special day, contact Mary Ann Schaller at maschaller1@gmail.com.

**Around Town**

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

St Theodore KC (Flint Hill) Euchre Tournament, Feb 7, 7:00pm

Immaculate Conception (Dardenne) Sausage Dinner, Feb 15, 11:30 - 6

United Services (St Peters) Love and Logic, Feb 18-Mar3, for info 636.926.2700

St Paul (St Paul) Trivia Night, Sat, Feb 28, Reservations: call Carol at 314.800.5702

**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 20 - 21	Year to Date
Envelopes (660)	\$ 32,509	\$ 753,564
Online Giving	\$ 12,310	\$ 111,479
Loose	\$ 1,310	\$ 28,871
Total	\$ 46,129	\$ 893,824
Budget		853,492

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*

## Lector Workshop

All Lectors are invited to the 2015 Lector Workshop, February 7, Hall C, from 8:45am-1:15pm. Bring your lecturer workbook and a potluck dish to share.

Lectors will meet in Hall C for an inspiring talk by Fr Andy, we will practice methods to make our proclamation of the Word of God more lively, inspiring and effective, and review emergency procedures. We will end our morning with a commissioning ceremony and a potluck lunch. Please make every effort to attend; you don't want to miss this!

RSVP to Barbara Stettner 636.978.5930

## Media Table News

Help share the Beautiful Message of Jesus with one of Father Joe's DVD's or signed books: The Gospel Values, Inc. Media Table will have all products available for purchase downstairs in the Parish Center after the 5pm Mass, Saturday evening, January 31 and during all Mass times, Sunday, February 1.

For information about purchasing a Gospel Values, Inc. product at any time, please contact Lynn Crews at 294.0821 or email:[lynncrews721@gmail.com](mailto:lynncrews721@gmail.com).



## Catholic Schools Week/Open House:

During Catholic school's week, January 25-30, we remember with gratitude all those who have gone before us...we celebrate our current blessings...and we continue to look to the future with great hope. Assumption School is a vibrant, faith-filled, educational environment where children are able to grow into whom God calls them to be. We begin our week long celebration with an **Open House, today, January 25, from 9am-1:30pm**. All are welcome to check out our new facilities, what's happening in our classrooms, and visit briefly with our amazing faculty and staff. Maybe you are wondering how your children can experience the rich tradition of a Catholic education - come and see! Come on over any time between 9am-1:30pm on this day and take a tour and visit a few minutes with our principal. We look forward to having you spend some time with us!

## St Louis Review

We want everyone in the parish to receive a weekly copy of the St Louis Review, and ask every household 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.**

## Steps To Wholeness Workshop

Are you, a friend, or a loved one Divorced or Separated? Come heal from the pain of Divorce or Separation, and learn to move forward in a positive direction. "Steps to Wholeness" workshop is starting February 13, 7-9pm at All Saints (St Peters). Advance registration is required by contacting Leo at 636.946.7782. Divorced and Separated of all faiths are welcome!

## Assumption School Registration

Today, January 25, from 9am-1pm, Assumption School will have registration for families who do not have a Pre-K or Kindergarten child **currently** enrolled in our program. (Registration will be sent home for currently enrolled Pre-K and/or Kindergartener prior to this date.) All **new** families of Pre-K and Kindergarten aged children, interested in enrolling their child in a Pre-K or Kindergarten classroom will need to go to the school gym to fill out paper work.

Please also bring with you your child's baptismal record, birth certificate and registration fee (*current*

*registration fee: Pre-K is \$100 and Kindergarten is \$200.*)





## YOUNG ADULT GROUP! COFFEE HOUSE NIGHT!

### Attention Young Adults:

Join us for coffee and socializing after the 5:00 PM Mass.



SATURDAY,  
JANUARY 31ST

6:00 P.M.

SOPHIA HOUSE

COFFEE AND HOT  
CHOCOLATE



### \*Sign up TODAY!\*

Calling all adult men of our Parish...  
*Come & Experience*

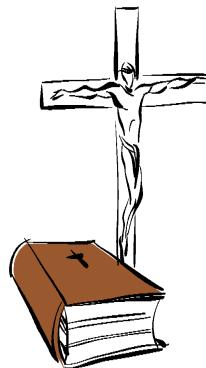
## Christ Renews His Parish Retreat

Do you feel that your family needs you to be the best spiritual leader possible? If so, ask yourself this: "Is my spiritual life in crisis management, maintenance or creative growth?"

- Crisis Management – "I talk to God *only* when I am struggling"
- Maintenance – "I am active, yet idle"
- Creative Growth – "I look for ways that helps me grow closer to God."

Which one of these categories do you fall in? The Assumption: "Christ Renews His Parish" retreat will help you recognize the spirituality that you have in yourself... and you will see God in others.

- Prayer
- Community
- Spiritual Growth
- Scripture
- Renewal
- Values
- Awareness
- Fellowship



Feb. 21-22

*Men's Retreat*

\*To sign up, call\*

**Men's Retreat – Matt Markelz: 815.557.9251**



### Mark Your Calendars – Assumption Vacation Bible School!!

This summer, at SonSpark Labs, children will explore God's life-changing plan as they find out the answers to life's most important questions. They will discover that God loves them and that through Jesus they can be members of God's family and personally experience God's plan for each of us! Mark your calendars for June 15 – 19 and watch the bulletin for more details. Volunteers needed! Contact us at: vbsassumption@gmail.com.

### CYC Chess Qualifier Tournament

Open to all students grade K-8. Event takes place January 31 at St Dominic HS. \$10 entry fee. For more info or to register and join the team contact Jennifer Martin, Assumption School STEM Enrichment coordinator at 636.240.4474 ext 329.

## Prayer Team Ministry

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## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, begins this week. 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). Today, 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.

Registration for our Monday evening group is closed.

We still have room in Group B (Room D/E) – Wednesday evenings, 6pm-7:15pm.

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



# Catholic Men for Christ

## 8th Annual St. Louis Conference

Saturday, February 7, 2015

Peabody Opera House Downtown St. Louis 1400 Market St., St. Louis, MO 63103

*The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Luke 10:2*

7:00 AM DOORS OPEN • 8:30 AM CONFERENCE BEGINS • 4:00 PM CONFERENCE CONCLUDES WITH VIGIL MASS

Assumption Church's 24/7 Men's Group is once again sponsoring the Catholic Men for Christ Conference.

Registration Fee is normally \$45 and includes lunch. We have a limited number of discounted tickets available for just \$35. High School and College Men tickets are just \$15.(age 15-25)

**Deadline for discounted tickets is January 27th**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

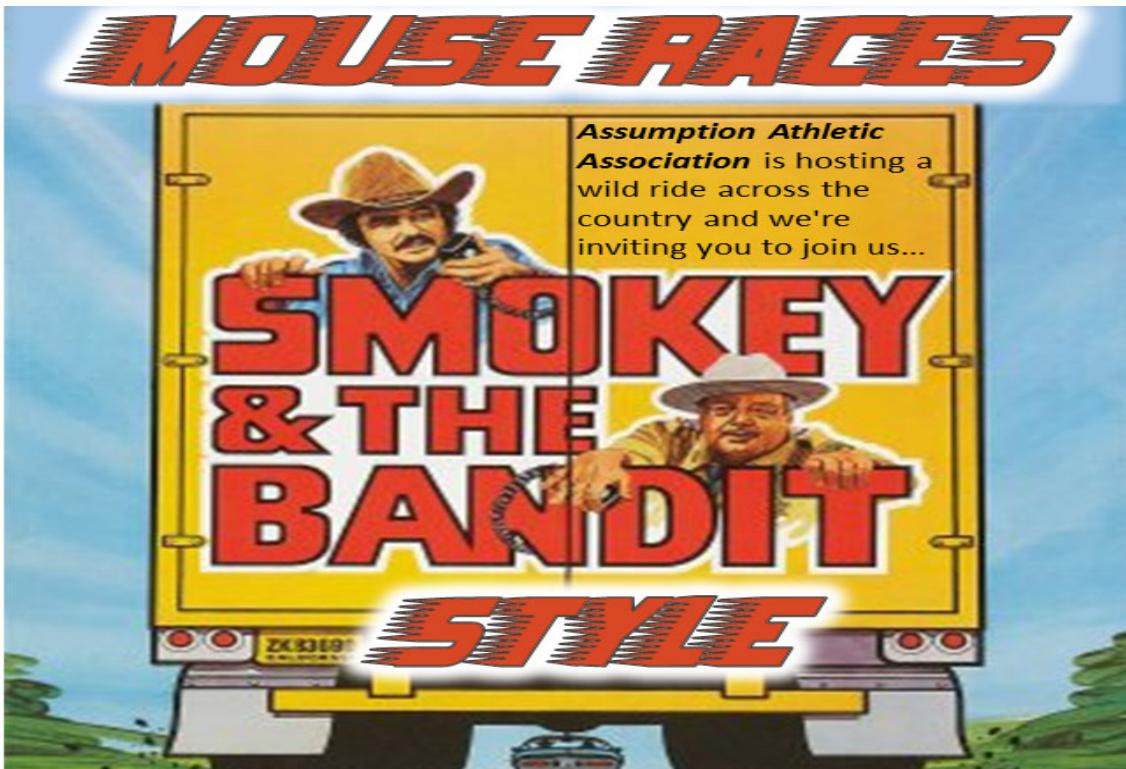
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To get your tickets, just fill out this form and send the form and your check made out to Assumption Church to:

Assumption Church  
c/o Bob Neuner  
7119 Dardenne Prairie Dr.  
O Fallon MO 63368

Your ticket(s) will be mailed to you.

We will carpool from Assumption. Email will be sent with carpool meeting time and details



**Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> @ 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](http://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.

**OFFICE INFORMATION**

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**ASSUMPTION SCHOOL**

Principal: Genny Callier  
636.240.4474

**BULLETIN NOTICES**

Submit to Parish Office  
by Tuesday 9:00am

**WEBSITE**

[www.assumptionbvm.org](http://www.assumptionbvm.org)

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