

# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

SEPTEMBER 20, 2015 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*Whoever receives  
one child such as this  
in my name,  
receives me;*

*and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.*

~ Mark 9:37

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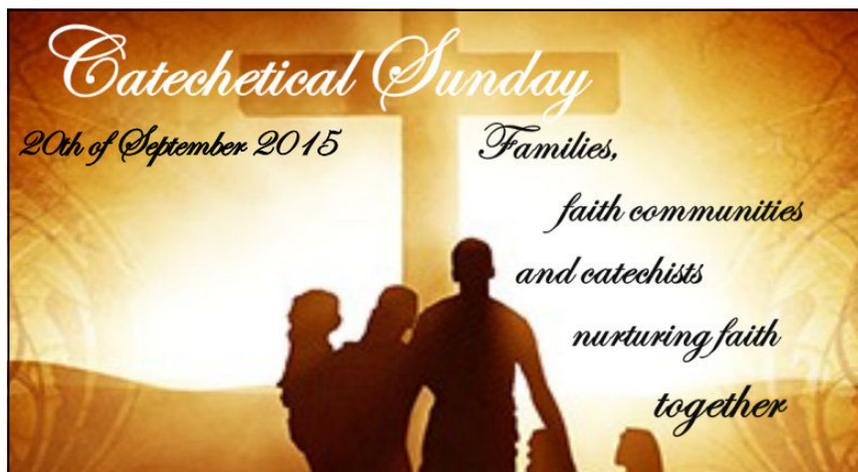
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## Catechetical Sunday

Today the Church invites us to honor all our catechists who are dedicated to forming young people in the faith. This includes parents, Godparents, family and friends, all who love our children and share this faith journey with them. In a particular way, though, we lift up our catechists who serve in our elementary school and our parish school of religion.

We know little of Jesus' journey before his public ministry began around the age of 30. But we can with confidence say that others helped Mary and Joseph to form Jesus' understanding of the Kingdom. Someone taught him how to read the scriptures. Someone taught him how to prepare the Passover meal. Someone taught him the deeper meaning of family, the purpose of community which extends beyond the domestic church of the nuclear family. Our teachers spend their lives in formation, taking courses and seeking ever better ways to bring our faith alive in the lives of our children. We cannot be the Church God has called us to be without faithful and talented catechists. We owe more than a debt of gratitude to them for this most important ministry.

Our only obligation in this world is to nourish the souls of young people, continuing the mission of proclaiming the Kingdom through our love of the next generation. If we hold fast to this deep purpose in our lives, the world will find its way into heaven. Our catechists stand with our children at the center of this mission. Indeed, they are the heart of our mission. Please pray for them and offer your words of personal gratitude to them as you are able. Let us commend them to our Mother, Mary, who, together with Joseph, is the first teacher of Jesus in the ways of faith. *Fr Mitch*



## How to Use Our Membership & Ministry Directory 2015-2016

You may have received your Membership & Ministry Directory in your homes – if not – you will soon! The directory offers a wealth of information that you will find useful. Be sure to check it out! You might be saying to yourself: “Why should I USE the directory?” Here are just a few highlights that will help you navigate through this awesome booklet:

“Who is on Staff at Assumption?” – Assumption Parish Staff & More. Pg 3.

“I’m trying to find a parish meeting location?” – Campus Map. Pg 4.

“What special accommodations do we have?” – Did You Know This About Assumption Parish? Pg 5.

“What if I need resources and/or support?” – When In Need. Pg 7.

“I wonder when the retreat is this year?” – Scheduled Parish Events. Pg 7.

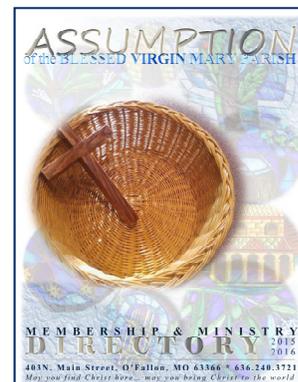
“What day does Christmas fall on this year?” – Our Liturgical Calendar. Pg 8.

“Discovering Your Gifts”: A discernment guide to help you discover the Gifts that you possess given by God! This is truly an exciting adventure which may help you to know how to best utilize your gifts for the good of all! Pg 10–14.

Ministry Categories: You will see that all of our ministries are separated within five categories. These ministry category descriptions might lead you to a particular ministry/ies that you may feel an energy or passion around. Pg 15 & 16 .

Stewardship Opportunities at Assumption: Listed in alphabetical order are all of our ministries; which category they fall in; and their descriptions. You will see details about the duties involved; an estimated time commitment; special skills needed; and the ministry contact person. Pg 17 - 30

Church Membership Directory: Here are the names and addresses of each of our registered members of our parish (last updated July 2015). Pg 31- 63.



### This Week At Assumption

**Sunday, Sep 20**  
Sunday Pre School  
10:00am School

**Monday, Sep 21**  
Bible Study  
9:00am Meyer Room

**Parish Council**  
7:00pm Hall C

**Bible Study**  
7:00pm Meyer Room

**Tuesday, Sep 22**  
PHD/Benediction  
6:30pm Chapel

**PSR**  
6:00pm School

**Wednesday, Sep 23**  
MOP's  
9:15am Parish Center

**PSR**  
6:00pm School

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

**Wednesday, Sep 23 (con't)**  
St Vincent De Paul  
7:00pm Meyer Room

**Bible Study**  
7:00pm Room D/E

**Thursday, Sep 24**  
24/7 Men's Ministry  
7:00pm Hall C

**Ministry of Consolation**  
7:00pm Meyer Room

**Saturday, Sep 26**  
Stewardship Weekend

**Sunday, Sep 27**  
Stewardship Weekend

**RCIA**  
8:00am Hall C

**Sunday Pre School**  
10:00am School

**Baptism**  
1:15pm Church

**PSR Family Mass**  
6:00pm Church

PRAYER • PARTICIPATION • GENEROSITY

S T E W A R D S H I P

*If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” (Mark 9:35)*

Jesus teaches us that we are called to serve one another. Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear.

We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is “to make holy,” from the words “sacer” = sacred and “facere” = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

## A Message from Father Mark

Over the past several weeks you have been hearing about a Parish Planning and Viability Study taking place throughout the Archdiocese for the purpose of discerning future staffing of parishes and how to best utilize the resources available to continue the mission of parish life. The main reason for this study comes from the realization that within the next 10 years there will be nearly 60 fewer priests to staff parishes as pastors and associate pastors. With this in mind, it is vitally important for us as a Church community to come together to discern how we will continue the work and mission of the Body of Christ.

As you know, I have taken on additional responsibilities serving the people of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in St. Charles, participating in a structure of parish staffing that will become more prevalent throughout our Archdiocese. Deacon John Schiffer is the Administrator of St. Robert's, serving as a Parish Life Coordinator. Deacon John is responsible for the day to day running of the parish, managing the financial and temporal needs that have normally been reserved for pastors. My main responsibilities at St. Robert's have been meeting the pastoral and sacramental needs of the parish, working with Deacon John and the parish staff. I can tell you that it has been exciting breaking new ground in parish ministry. I have been renewed in my vocation playing an integral part in serving both Assumption and St. Robert's, striving to fulfill one ministry in two parishes.

I ask that you prayerfully consider participating in the Viability Study being held on Saturday, October 3 from 8:30am to 10:30am to offer your insights and observations as to how Assumption Parish is living the mission of the Church and how we may continue this work, given the reality of declining priestly presence in the area of administrative and temporal leadership that is now opening up to our Deacons and professionally trained lay people. The Holy Spirit is at work in all of this. How do you want to continue the work of the Church and bring Christ to the world?

**Viability Study  
Parish Wide Gathering  
Saturday, October 3  
9:00am - 10:30am  
Parish Center  
Must be 21 to participate**



## Life Peace Justice

Over the next several weeks, we will together attempt to break open Pope Francis' Encyclical: *Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common*

*Home*. As described by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops in a Hill Briefing we will move through our Integral Ecology, then Challenges for Everyone, and finish with a Time to Act.

### Integral Ecology

The encyclical is about integral ecology: "We are faced not with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental. Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature" (139).

### The encyclical is about the poor:

"The poorest areas and countries are less capable of adopting new models for reducing environmental impact because they lack the wherewithal to develop the necessary processes and to cover their costs" (52).

### The encyclical is about work:

"Helping the poor financially must always be a provisional solution in the face of pressing needs. The broader objective should always be to allow them a dignified life through work" (128). "In order to continue providing employment, it is imperative to promote an economy which favours productive diversity and business creativity" (129).

### The encyclical is about the common good:

"Human ecology is inseparable from the notion of the common good...," "the sum of those conditions of social life which allow social groups and their individual members relatively thorough and ready access to their own fulfilment" (156). "Society as a whole, and the state in particular, are obliged to defend and promote the common good" (157).

### The encyclical is about our children and grandchildren:

"Once we start to think about the kind of world we are leaving to future generations, we look at things differently; we realize that the world is a gift which we have freely received and must share with others. Since the world has been given to us, we can no longer view reality in a purely utilitarian way, in which efficiency and productivity are entirely geared to our individual benefit. Intergenerational solidarity is not optional, but rather a basic question of justice, since the world we have received also belongs to those who will follow us" (159).

## Assumption Youth Ministry

## UNITED

An Event for the Youth of St. Charles



**TEENS** – It's not too late! Join us today after Noon Mass. We'll meet by the Sophia House and carpool to IHM in New Melle. Or have your parents bring you. Bring \$10 and we will have permission slips to sign.

**September**

**20** – Come to UNITED today....it's going to be a blast!

See above

**20** – Mary Poppins Rehearsal – Hall B 6-8pm

**21** – Mary Poppins Rehearsal – Hall B 7-9pm

**23** – Xtreme Teen – Love Grows Here – come check out this incredibly special night about connecting, miracles and how what we do can reach others. Hall C 7-9pm

**24** – Mary Poppins Rehearsal – Hall B 7-9pm

**27** – OFF – No Mary Poppins Rehearsal

**30** – YM Road Trip – We'll head to the movies to see 90 Minutes in Heaven. More details about place & time as the date gets closer.

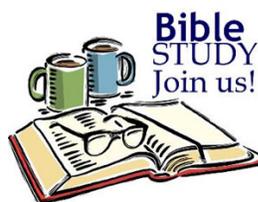
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Like us on Facebook: Assumption Church Youth Group

Follow us on twitter: [@ACYG\\_Youth\\_Ministry](https://twitter.com/ACYG_Youth_Ministry)

WE NOW HAVE INSTAGRAM: [acyg.youthministry](https://www.instagram.com/acyg.youthministry)



As Catholics, we are GREAT at living the WORD! Now is the perfect time to begin to STUDY the WORD OF GOD!

Join a Bible Study Group at Assumption.

7 Weeks of Scripture study per session. We will be studying the book of John, chapters 1-10. There is a small book fee.

Study begins: (choose one)

Monday – Sept. 21: 7-8:15 pm

Wednesday – Sept. 23: 7-8:15 pm.

Wednesday – Sept. 30: 1:45-2:45 pm

(just in time to pick the kids up from school!)

To register: Contact Derlene Hirtz 636.240.3721 ext. 241 or [Assumptionpsr.derlene@gmail.com](mailto:Assumptionpsr.derlene@gmail.com).

**Opportunity to pray with the entire Church!**

United with all the faithful, we will offer an additional time of Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday, September 23 from 9:00am-6:30pm in our Chapel. We will conclude Adoration with Benediction and a prayer service. Please come and join us in praying for our Holy Father and his intentions as he visits the United States.

**Live-Stream of the Canonization****Fr. Junípero Serra!**

With the Communion of Saints, come join us in church on Wednesday, September 23, at 3:15pm and witness the Canonization of Fr. Junípero Serra. What a beautiful and powerful moment to experience in real time, together as a parish community! We hope that you will join us!

**Server Schedule****Saturday, Sep 26**

5:00pm Addison Koenig  
Aden Benedick  
Jacob Moore

**Sunday, Sep 27**

8:00am Rebecca Gentry  
MacKenzie Darrah  
Austin Long

10:00am Alex Fluhr  
McKenzie Nelson  
Devyn Herron

12:00pm Braeden Penrod  
Nate Voshen  
Gwen Agler

**Missouri Catholic Conference**

Saturday October 3, Jefferson City MO. 50th Anniversary of the Closing of Vatican II. Registration online at [MOCatholic.org](http://MOCatholic.org) or call 800.456.1679.

**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, Sep 20**

8:00am Stella Marie Campbell  
 10:00am Francis & Alice McHugh  
 12:00pm People of the Parish

**Monday, Sep 21**

6:00am Respect Life Apostolate  
 8:00am Lester Wood

**Tuesday, Sep 22**

6:30am Francis Melliere  
 8:00am Intentions of Henry & Norma Prinster

**Wednesday, Sep 23**

6:30am Deceased Sisters of the Most Precious Blood  
 8:00am Marie Sharp

**Thursday, Sep 24**

6:30am James & Catherine Ziegemeier  
 8:00am Marianne Adamson

**Friday, Sep 25**

6:30am Gene Schaeffer  
 8:00am Mary Twellman

**Saturday, Sep 26**

9:00am Vocations  
 5:00pm Arnold & Claire Emge (50th Wedding Anniversary)

**Sunday, Sep 27**

8:00am Gene Schaeffer  
 10:00am James Barry  
 12:00pm People of the Parish



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

**Virginia Jurgens**  
 Sister in Law of Toni Dressel

**Richard Hoffmann**  
 Father of Mary Jo Ghirardi

**David Dunn**  
 Brother of Elaine Schmersahl

**Richard Metz**  
 of Our Parish Community

**Lucille Kasper**  
 Mother of Sue Barklage

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

**St Dominic HS Open House**

Sunday, October 25, 10am-1pm.  
 Come tour the school, meet our students, teachers and parents. The Jazz Band, Robotics Team, Theater Group, and many sports teams will be present and performing.



**Banns of Matrimony**

I Ashley Kaltenbach/  
 Greg Carley  
 II Kristen Swagman/  
 Gray Stamulis

**Readings for the Week  
 Sep 21 - Sep 27**

Mon: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13  
 Tue: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21  
 Wed: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3- 4abe fghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6  
 Thu: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9  
 Fri: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22  
 Sat: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45  
 Sun: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**Club 50+**

Join us on Monday, Sep 28, 7:00pm, Hall C. Quest Speaker: April Esquivel. Topic: Hospice - supporting the patient and family. In addition a couple will discuss planning end of life decisions. We will end the meeting with our annual ice cream social. Questions call Martha 294.3367.

**Crusader Run**

Thank you to all of the participants, sponsors, volunteers, and committee members who made last weekend's Crusader Run a great success, we hope you all enjoyed the day and will join us again next year

**Around Town**

St Theodore (Flint Hill) Fall Festival Sunday, Sept 20. 11:30am- 7:00 pm  
 Immaculate Heart of Mary KC (New Melle) BBQ & Car Show, Sep 27, 11-4  
 St Vincent DePaul (Marthasville) Fall Festival, Sep 27, 11-6  
 St Joseph (Josephville) Fall Festival, Sep 27, 11-6  
 Our Lady Queen of Peace Shrine (O Fallon) Mass for Life, Sep 30, 6:00pm  
 Immaculate Conception (Augusta) Turkey & Ham Dinner, Oct 4, 11-6

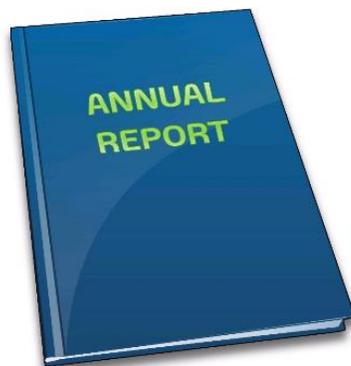
**Stewardship  
 Our Gifts to God and Parish**

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

	Aug 23	Jul 1, 15 - Aug 23, 15
Envelopes (500)	\$ 23,621	\$ 231,273
Online Giving (1xMonth)	\$ - - - -	\$ 25,426
Loose	\$ 967	\$ 7,943
Total	\$ 24,588	\$ 264,642
		Budget 257,966

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, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2Cor 9:7"*



We are so very grateful to you for your ongoing support of our mission. Your generosity poured out in time, talent and treasure is bringing Christ to the world and making the kingdom fully present in our community.

You will notice in this year's annual report that we are making progress toward satisfying our obligations for the beautiful expansion of our Religious Education facilities. Please pray for our mission and our capacity to accomplish all that God has called us to do. God bless you!

**CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION O'FALLON**  
**INCOME AND EXPENSES**  
**JULY 1, 2014 TO JUNE 30, 2015**

	PARISH	SCHOOL	TOTAL
<b>OPERATIONS REVENUE</b>			
Sunday Offertory & Unrestricted gifts	1,892,743	1,750	1,894,493
Restricted Gifts	35,860	101,375	137,235
Tuition - Elementary School	-	1,383,873	1,383,873
Tuition - Pre School	238,646	-	238,646
Tuition - PSR	56,488	-	56,488
Votive & Stole Income	9,150	-	9,150
Cemetery	21,300	-	21,300
Investment Income	43,755	-	43,755
Grants	47,541	99,357	146,898
Sale of Property	99,469	-	99,469
Fundraising	70,300	103,611	173,911
Endowed Gifts	4,559	-	4,559
Other Revenue Sources	169,482	22,522	192,004
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>2,689,293</b>	<b>1,712,488</b>	<b>4,401,781</b>
<b>OPERATIONS EXPENSES</b>			
Personnel costs	837,945	1,461,805	2,299,750
Supplies - Textbooks	8,730	51,484	60,214
Supplies - All Other	190,207	63,999	254,206
Professional Fees & Services	278,240	42,223	320,463
Contract Services & Rent	51,855	88,373	140,228
Utilities	105,338	54,078	159,416
Repair & Maintenance	99,721	6,749	106,470
Archdiocese (includes insurance)	443,641	147,342	590,983
Capital Expenditures	69,887	58,567	128,454
Bad Debt Expense & misc	-	3,028	3,028
Loan Interest Payments	95,963	-	95,963
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,181,527</b>	<b>1,977,648</b>	<b>4,159,175</b>
<b>OPERATIONS REVENUE LESS EXP</b>	<b>507,766</b>	<b>(265,160)</b>	<b>242,606</b>
Capital Campaign	380,804	-	380,804
Forward In Faith Fund	202,103	-	202,103
Construction Borrowing	-	-	0
Loan Principal Payments	585,203	-	585,203
<b>OPERATIONS AND FINANCIING</b>	<b>505,470</b>	<b>(265,160)</b>	<b>240,310</b>

ENDOWMENT BALANCES	EDUCATION	CEMETERY	DABEL
JUNE 30, 2015	\$703,178	\$138,517	\$17,186

LOAN BALANCE	
June 30, 2014	3,169,255
June 30, 2015	2,584,052

*Prayers For  
Healing and Hope*

Would you like prayers  
for healing and hope  
for yourself? or  
For someone you love?

Do you know someone with cancer,  
financial hardship, or heartbreak?

Join us in Church  
Thursday, October, 7:00pm.

This brief but beautiful service will include  
scripture, beautiful music and healing prayers for  
illness, heartache or struggle of any kind.

We will also offer the Sacrament of  
the Anointing of the sick for those  
who would benefit.



The golf cart will be running from the  
Chapel parking lot (Lot C) to the Church.

### **Walk For The Poor**

**Saturday, September 26**

Come join us or donate to the Walk for the Poor at Quail Ridge Park (Wentzville). Registration starts at 9am and the walk is at 10am. Food and refreshments will follow. All proceeds will come back to the Assumption Conference of St. Vincent dePaul .

To walk or donate go to [www.svdpusa.net/walkteam/1326](http://www.svdpusa.net/walkteam/1326). Our team is Assumption Parish Conference. For any questions call JeanMarie at 636.294.4763.

### **Spanish Teacher:**

St. Dominic High School is in need of a long-term Spanish teacher substitute, November, 2015 through early January, 2016 for Spanish I and Spanish II. Prior high school level teaching experience preferred. Please contact Janet Eaton @ [jeaton@stdominichs.org](mailto:jeaton@stdominichs.org)

### **Halloween Howl for the Homeless**

**5k Run and Monster Mile Fun Run**

Saturday, October 31, 9:00am

Sponsored by Sts Joachim and Ann Care Service

For more information or to register:

636.3441.1302 ext 263 or [www.jacares.org](http://www.jacares.org)

# FALL FESTIVAL

### **Holiday House –**

#### **Calling Craft Vendors & Volunteers!**

We need YOU to help us in the Holiday House at this year's Fall Festival!! Workers are needed Sunday, 10/18, 11am-5pm... would you have some time to spare?

The Holiday House is also a great opportunity for independent arts & crafts vendors! Vendors interested in arranging space to sell their goods and those who would like to help out in the Holiday House should call/text Krystal at 636.345.0522 or send her an email: [krystal012679@yahoo.com](mailto:krystal012679@yahoo.com)



#### **Fall Festival Donations Needed!!!!**

We are need of donations for the kids games for the Fall Festival. New or gently used stuffed animals or small toys can be placed in the bin marked Fall Festival in the Guadeloupe Room or if you prefer to make a monetary donation and let us shop for you please place the envelope marked Fall Festival Kids Games in the weekly offering.

#### **Country Store**

Country Store: is in need of donations of new, handmade craft items, homemade jams, jellies, breads, cakes etc. Donations may be dropped off Sat, Oct 17 from 9am -12 pm and on the morning of the Fall Festival in the Parish Center. Contact Lisa Serino 314.479.1097 or email: [mylobstern96@yahoo.com](mailto:mylobstern96@yahoo.com).

#### **Raffle Tickets**

Grand Raffle and Quilt Raffle tickets are now available in the bulletin. The Grand Raffle chances are \$5 each or 6 for \$25. The quilt chances are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. If you would like to enter these raffles, please fill in the tickets and return them either in the Sunday collection basket or by dropping them off at the parish office. Thank You.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities**

To sign up to volunteer at the Fall Festival go to: <http://www.assumptionfallfestival.com>.

#### **Cakes and Pies:**

It is time to think about making cakes and pies for the Fall Festival on Oct 17 - 18. We are asking that each family donate two pies and one cake. Please bring them to the Parish Center on Saturday Oct 17 or Sunday Oct 18. Mark your calendar now and thank you for your generous support

*Assumption Fall Festival Raffle  
Sunday -18 October 2015*

**\$5.00 each or 6 for \$25.00**

*1st Prize - \$1000.00  
2nd Prize - \$ 500.00      3rd Prize - Quilt  
Autographed Cardinal Baseballs*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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## A SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR TIME:

### Breaking Open *Laudato Si'*: Care for Our Common Home

October 14, 7-8:30pm  
in Halls A, B, and C

Please welcome Sister Barbara Jennings, CSJ, Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, and a St. Louis native and who has ministered in high schools, universities, parishes and in social justice. Sister Barbara will lead us in prayer, reflection, and discussion in efforts to break open this new Encyclical. All those who are in 8<sup>th</sup> grade or older are invited to attend and participate in this inter-generational workshop!

Sister Barbara is also an active member of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility ([www.iccr.org](http://www.iccr.org)) in NYC. ICCR is a national coalition of faith-based and values driven organizations which harness their collective influence as shareholders in Fortune 500 corporations and beyond. We work with corporations and help them improve their environmental, social, and governance practices. Sr. Barbara has a MA in theology from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, with a concentration in Catholic Social Teaching and Scripture.

Drawing extensively from the teaching of his predecessors, the Pope teaches that care for the things of the earth is necessarily bound together with our care of one another, especially the poor. This interdependency extends from the deep respect due every human person, to all living beings, and to the earth where we make our home. "Each creature has its own purpose...and the entire material universe speaks of God's love." The Pope uses the term "integral ecology" to draw our attention to a rich treasury of thought that people of faith bring with them to conversations about the human person and our environment. He states, "We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it."

#### 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.

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#### 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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