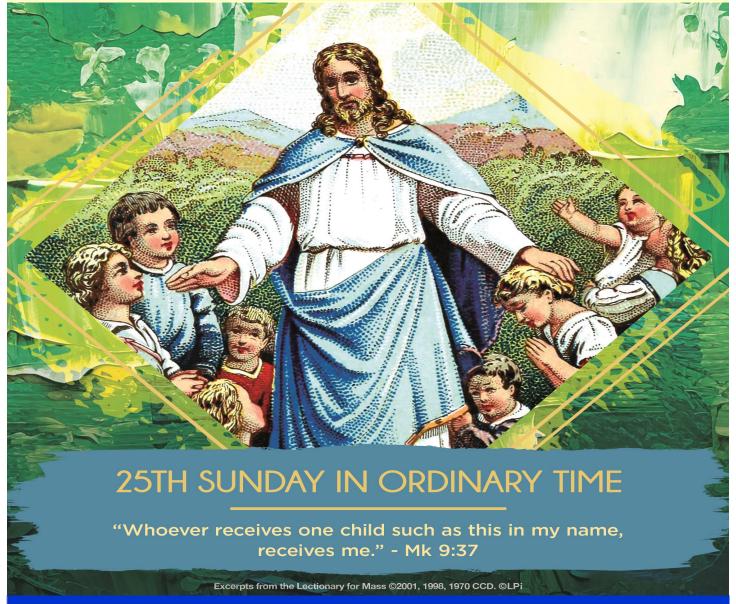
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

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



SACRAMENTS AND PARISH INFORMATION

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Please call the Parish Office, 636-240-3721. Select Option #2.

BAPTISM

Baptism is scheduled every Sunday at 1:15pm. Baptism preparation class is required. Call Angie Gloriod, ext 235.

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Contact the Parish Office six months in advance. One party must be a registered member of Assumption and living an active, practicing Catholic life. Contact Angie Gloriod at the Parish Office, ext 235.

CONFESSION

Weekdays 7:30-7:50am; Saturdays 4-4:45pm; or by appointment.

CONFIRMATION

Preparation begins in September for students entering eighth grade. For more information, call Holly Woytus, 636-240-1020.

FIRST COMMUNION

Preparation begins in September for students entering second grade. For more information, call Holly Woytus, 636-240-1020.

FUNERALS

Please call Debbie Orf at the Parish Office at 636-240-3721, ext 221.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (formally RCIA)

Process through which adults are initiated into the Catholic Church by Baptism or Profession of Faith. Contact Missy Lowrey, 314-630-3983.

Welcome

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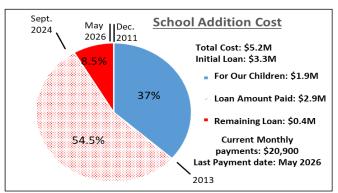
Parish Council
Abvparishcouncil3721@gmail.com

School Board abvmschoolboard@gmail.com

Hello,

This week we have our annual reports available which, along with other things, has information about our parish finances over the last fiscal year. One of the areas of interest regarding our finances is appropriately our debt, or the loan we are paying down. In 2013, when a big renovation was done to expand the school and provide space for a preschool and offices costing \$5.5M, a capital campaign titled 'For Our Children' was conducted and raised \$1.9M. This resulted in the parish taking out a loan for \$3.3M to cover the rest. I am focusing on that today for a few reasons: 1. We are getting closer to paying off the loan; 2. Some recent contributions have helped bring our

last payment even closer, and 3. Our parish reserves (the amount of cash on hand) now exceeds our debt.

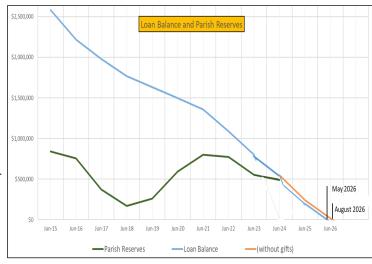


The estimated last payment date for our loan at the end of our last fiscal year was August 2026. This is considerably originally earlier than forecasted for 2028, as it was a 15-year loan that started in 2013. Even though the loan was renewed in late 2018 to reduce the payments as our Parish Reserves were getting low, through your

contributions and management of our finances we have been able to keep up with payments, rebuild some reserves, and even pay down some of the principal through grants from the Archdiocese of \$75,000 each of the last few years.

Recent special contributions have also allowed us to pay down some of our debt. A bequest of \$40,000 was made in memory of Arthur and Paul Niebur, that along with about \$5,000 that also has been contributed specifically to reduce our debt, has moved our estimated last payment date back three more months to May 2026.

The other note to make is regarding our Parish Reserves. As the plot below shows, we have managed to bring our Parish Reserves back from to where it currently is above our loan balance. (Note: The parish reserves value noted for each year is for June 30, the end of our fiscal year, but also normally at the low point for the year being immediately prior to tuition payments for the upcoming school year.)

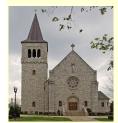


I hope this, with the annual report, helps you understand the finances of our parish, and the importance of your support.

Peace

Fr. Nick

ASSUMPTION PRAYER CHAPEL



Adoration is available 24/7 in the Chapel (the old church) by using the code at the north transit entrance. You can call or come to the Church Office to receive the code.

EXPOSITION is on Tuesdays after the 8am Mass, and available

through the Rosary at 6:15pm, followed by our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions and Benediction to close.

During Eucharistic Exposition, when the Eucharist is in the monstrance and exposed, an adorer must be present. If you are interested in being an adorer, please sign up at <u>assumptionbym.weadorehim.com</u> and choose a time during the day. Thank you!

PRAY THE ROSARY BEFORE WEEKEND MASSES

Please join us in Church 30 minutes before each weekend Mass for the Rosary (except 5:30 pm Mass on Sundays.)

We gather and pray before the Holy Family Statue.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Dennis Bange

husband of Betty Bange



sister of Karen (Frank) Owens





O'FALLON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2269 QUEEN OF HEARTS EVERY TUESDAY

Our O'Fallon Knights of Columbus welcomes you to take a chance on the weekly Queen of Hearts every Tuesday. Doors open at 5pm with drawing at 7pm. Food and beverages available for purchase. This week's jackpot is \$7,403.



FIT AND FUNCTIONAL EXERCISE CLASS STARTS SEPTEMBER 24 | HALL A



The Fit and FUNctional Exercise classes at Assumption is starting a new eight week session this Tuesday, September 24. If you haven't already, this would be a great time to check it out!

This exercise class, geared towards folks 50+, and taught by a Physical Therapist, is intended to accommodate various activity levels to improve strength, flexibility, balance and mobility. We use resistance bands and small hand weights. Resistance bands are provided in class, or feel free to bring your own. Join us for all or some of the classes! We work hard, but we have fun, too!!

We meet on Tuesday/Thursday from 8:45am-9:45am in Hall A in the Parish Center. Call or email ahead, or just come to class! If you can't make it to the first class or two, no problem, join when you can!

Cost: \$50 for 8 weeks/16 sessions

Questions? Contact Debbie Gentry, PT at 314-306-2697 or <u>AtHomePartnersLLC@gmail.com</u>

ADULT FAITH SERIES STARTS THIS WEEK

This fall we are having another video/discussion series to help us grow in

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our faith. The Wild Goose, with Fr. Dave Pivonka (discovering a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit). "Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. We will view 7 of the 14 videos in this series this fall, starting September 24–November 7. A moderator will show the video and help get our discussion going at two times each week.

Tuesday mornings 9–10:15am (Parish Hall, Meyer 1 & 2)

Thursday evenings 6:30–7:45pm (Parish Hall, Rooms D & E)

Consider coming to watch and talk with fellow parishioners or watch with a group you know. You can find the videos on the Formed.org website by going under the **Programs** column to **Faith Formation. The Wild Goose** will be on that page along with **the Search** that we viewed last winter, and many other series.

50+ CLUB NEWS



Join us on Monday, September 23 at 6:30pm in Hall C. We will have a special visitor from Atlanta speak to our group at 7pm. She'll be dressed in costume and tell a tale from Presentation Sisters foundress, Nano Nagle's perspective.

It's gonna be a fun evening! Please come out and see what the 50+ Club is all about. We will have several members that have just returned from the bus trip to Pennsylvania. I am sure they will be full of fun stories from the trip!

All members and prospective members are welcome! Refreshments will be served.

Attend the meeting, and you will be entered to win two tickets to see Once Upon a Mattress on November 7 at the St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre.

Supporting Pro-Life: 50+ Club members are encouraged to drop off baby donations into the bassinet that will be available at upcoming meetings.

Baby items most in need include the following:

- ♦ Diapers
- ♦ Bibs
- ♦ Clothes up to a year old
- ♦ Onesies
- ♦ Pajamas

- ♦ Sleepers
- ♦ Socks
- ♦ Hand-made blankets/quilts
- ♦ Sweaters
- ♦ Crochet hats and sweaters

For more information, please contact Silvia Kiphart at 636-978-8803.

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Sunday, September 29 is designated as Priesthood Sunday in the Catholic Church. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church without whom the Mass could not be offered and Sacraments could not be celebrated.

Take some time to tell your priests and deacons how much you appreciate them and thank them for answering God's call to service in the Church. Most importantly, pray for them and their ministry.

ATTENTION MEN OF ASSUMPTION PARISH

Our Church and our World needs you, man of God!



Join us Saturday, September 28 in the lower hall of the Knights of Columbus building for another fantastic session of TMIY. Our start time is 7:15am with

breakfast, a short video, table discussion, and then we'll have you on your way by 8:30am.

This week's session: "Wrath—And His Six Daughters"

Speaker: John Sablan

- ♦ The Daughters of Wrath
- ♦ Choosing of Fury Over Love
- ♦ Anger's Relationship with Pleasure
- ♦ Meekness Moderates Anger
- ◆ St. Thomas More—A Perfect Example of Meekness

If you have any questions, contact Deacon Richard at DeaconRichard@charter.net.

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S SEPTEMBER 28

Join the 50+ Club on Saturday, September 28 as we walk in support of Alzheimer's research.

Visit https://act.alz.org, click "Find a Walk Near You," then "Find a Team," and type 50 Plus.

You can walk in memory of or in honor of a loved one! If you are unable to attend, please consider making a donation.

St. Charles County
Walk to End Alzheimer's
Saturday, September 28
St. Charles Community College
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Mass Times and Intentions

Reconciliation

SUNDAY 9.22.24

8:00am People of the Parish
10:00am Ron Hanebrink
12:00pm Kevin Hale
5:30pm Carol Beauvais

By Appointment

MONDAY 9.23.24

6:30am Lotte Schnare 8:00am Sally Creech

7:30–7:50am Church or by appointment

TUESDAY 9.24.24

6:30am Sr. Mary David 8:00am Marie Schepker

7:30–7:50am Church or by appointment

WEDNESDAY 9.25.24

6:30am Donna Maschmann 8:00am Darlene Winkelmann

7:30–7:50am Church or by appointment



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER **WEEKENDS**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for marriage encounter married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Join us September 27-29 at the Courtyard Marriott in St. Peters.

For more information or to apply, go to <u>wwme.org</u>, or call Terry and Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION NEWS BASKETBALL SIGNUPS ARE OPEN THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30

Is your child interested in basketball this fall? Scan the OR Code to sign them up. Practices start in November and games start on December 13 for grades 5-8, and January 3 for Grades 3-4.



Practice slots are chosen by the head coach after the coaches meeting. The coaches will set the practice schedule.

All CYC Northwest information can be found at www.teamsideline.com/sites/cycnorthwest

For questions about the Basketball Program, contact the Coordinator at asmpobasketball@gmail.com.

THURSDAY 9.26.24

6:30am Claire and Arnold Emge 59th Anniversary

8:00am Lois Emge

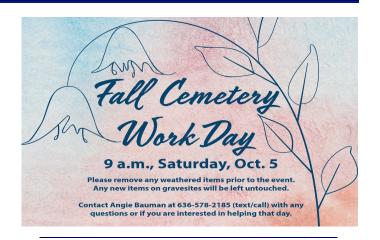
7:30-7:50am Church or by appointment

FRIDAY 9.27.24

6:30am Ralph and Madeleine Prinster

8:00am Thomas Steitz (special intention)

7:30-7:50am Church or by appointment



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER PROLIFE CHAIN

OCTOBER 6 | 1:30-3PM (DURING THE FALL FESTIVAL)

Join us in front of our Church and Chapel to pray the rosary to end abortions. Prayers can change the world. Pray that Amendment 3 will not pass which would allow abortions in Missouri. Come to the Chapel for a sign. Rosary starts at 2pm. Bring a lawn chair.

Our Father in Heaven tells us how to live so we can be with him as his children. The fifth commandment states, "Thou Shall Not Kill." Let us put our faith into action on this National Day of Prayer.

LADIES OF THE PARISH



What if in one weekend, you could revitalize your There is More to Life relationship with Christ,

AND spark your prayer life, AND, strengthen your family, AND make new and lasting friends? Would you give us just 36 hours? Then WELCOME— CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH 2.0 is for you!

Please join us October 12–13. It's coming up fast. We have a team formed to WELCOME you on your spiritual journey. We are praying that you will join us, it just won't be the same without you!

For information or registration please contact Jamie Burbridge at jburbridge@abvtech.org.

SATURDAY 9.28.24

8:00am Sue Lupia

5:00pm People of the Parish

4:00-4:45pm Church or by appointment

SUNDAY 9.29.24

8:00am Vincent Orf 10:00am Alan Kirn 12:00pm Elizabeth Burns 5:30pm Edwin L. Echelmeyer

By Appointment

FALL FESTIVAL NEEDS AND DONATIONS

The Fall Festival is fast approaching Saturday, Oct. 5 from noon-11pm and Sunday, Oct. 6 from 11am-4pm. Show your support and give back by volunteering, purchasing raffle tickets, making baked goods, donating items in need, and attending the event.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please be sure to assist with this year's festivities. Scan the QR code with your phone and choose the date, time, and festival activity you'd like to work. We need 700 workers over the two-day event. Please note: if we do not get all the volunteer worker shifts filled, the unlimited inflatable wristbands may be eliminated. Questions? Contact Russ Schaller at 314 -608-6551 or rgschaller1@gmail.com.



RAFFLES AVAILABLE

New this year, we will be raffling off one-year Assumption School tuition valued at \$6,385! The winner can choose to take the free tuition or a cash prize of \$5,000. Quilt Raffle: This year two quilts will be raffled off—a queen and a twin quilt. Both quilts were hand-quilted by the Assumption Quilters. (see tickets on next page)

CAKE WALK Donations

Donations of Little Debbie snack cakes are being accepted in the Parish Office now until October 4; otherwise, store—bought and homemade cakes and goodies donations can be brought to the Parish Center Saturday, October 5 and Sunday, October 6.





LIQUOR AND WINE Donations

We are still in need of liquor bottles and wine for our new Adult Booze Ring Toss Game. Drop off donations at the Parish Office during office hours.

KIDS GAME PRIZE Donations

Three ways to donate!

- ♦ Shop the Assumption Amazon Wish List page and have your purchased items delivered directly to the Games Captains. For all the details, click on the QR code:
- ♦ Purchase full-size candy bars and drop them off at the Parish Office.
- Donate cash and we will do the shopping for you!



COUNTRY STORE Donations

If you make tasty treats, breads, and jams, we will need plenty of them, <u>but not until the Friday before the festival</u>. Please drop off donations in the bins located in the pre-function area of the Parish Center.



DESSERTS Donations

As in year's past, we are in need of many pies and desserts. Drop your delicious donations at the Parish Center anytime Friday, October 4 and Saturday, October 5.

Assumption Fall Festival 1 year Free School Tuition or \$5k SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024 \$50 Each ~ Only 350 Raffle Tickets Available Phone: Assumption Fall Festival 1 year Free School Tuition or \$5k **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024** \$50 Each ~ Only 350 Raffle Tickets Available Assumption Fall Festival (2) Quilt Raffle! SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024 \$5 Each OR 3 for \$10 Win a Queen Size Quilt or Twin Quilt Name: Phone: Assumption Fall Festival (2) Quilt Raffle! **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024** \$5 Each OR 3 for \$10 Win a Queen Size Quilt or Twin Quilt Phone: Assumption Fall Festival (2) Quilt Raffle! **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024** \$5 Each OR 3 for \$10 Win a Queen Size Quilt or Twin Quilt

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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 10AM



Ministers of Holy Communion is a Pillar of Prayer—St. Francis.

Mission Statement: As Assumption Ministers of the Holy Eucharistic at

the Table of Life, we reverently distribute the Body of Christ to all the faithful that we may become one as the Body of Christ for the entire world.

Is God calling you to participate in the distribution of the Body or Blood of Christ to our parish community? There is a great need/opportunity to become a part of the Ministry of Holy Communion.

Training will be in the Church at 10am on Saturday October 19. At 11am, information will be provided for ministers who take Communion to our brothers and sisters in private homes or in care facilities. The training will end with a Question and Answer period.

If you would like to participate, please contact: Mary Keen at 636-699-0407 or at mlkeen155@icloud.com. We welcome parishioners who are new to the ministry as well as existing ministers who feel as though the training would benefit them.

Knights of Columbus #2269 Ladies Auxiliary 11th Annual Fashion Show

~ **NOVEMBER 6, 2024** ~



Fashions by: Michelle's

Whimsicals by:
Talented Friends
of the Ladies Auxiliary

Assumption Church—Father Joe Kempf Hall 403 N. Main Street, O'Fallon, MO

Doors Open: 4:30 PM ~ Dinner: 6:30 PM

Table of 8 - \$280 ~ Individual Ticket \$35

Silent Auction - Raffles - Gift Shop - Lottery Tree - etc.

For more information, contact Rosemary Pieper at 636-240-8262, or Margie Prinster at 636-577-1369

Funds raised benefit local Charities and Causes, with emphasis on those who need us the most.

PRINCIPAL'S PEN 🦜



I wanted to take a moment to express how proud I am of our seventh and eighth grade students for their outstanding behavior and representation of our school during the recent field trip to City Hall, honoring the events of September 11. This trip provided a valuable opportunity for our students to learn about the significance of this day in history, and they demonstrated respect, curiosity, and thoughtfulness

throughout the experience. Their behavior was exemplary, and they were true ambassadors of our school's virtues—showing kindness, empathy, and a willingness to engage in this service. It's moments like these that remind us of the incredible potential our students have to lead with compassion and integrity. We are proud to have them as part of our school community, and I know you are too. Please join me in congratulating our students for representing us so well.



Blessings, Mrs. Jamie Burbridge

















HELLO FROM ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY!

Youth Ministry at Assumption is officially back in action for the Fall Semester! We had a great night of frosty fun, community, and prayer at the Break the Ice Life Teen Kick Off. Edge continues to show us that we have awesome middle school youth who desire to know the Lord. We are looking forward to a dynamic and powerful semester with the young Church at Assumption. Please pray for us and know that we are praying for you!

Sunday, September 22 | Life Teen: All For One 6:30–8:45pm | Parish Center

All high school teens are invited to join us for a night focusing in on community – that we were not created to be alone and this calls us to serve others. Expect dinner, fellowship, fun, and powerful prayer.

Wednesday, September 25 | EDGE: Single Sheet 6–7:30pm | Parish Center

All 7th and 8th graders are invited to join us as we continue our Edge semester with a night focusing in on praying with the Holy





Big Board Calendar Fundraiser Update:

Investing in and forming the young Church requires intentional effort and resources. The in-person portion of our fundraiser has come to a close and we are blown away by the generosity of our parish! Our parish has committed to partnering with us for 192 days out of 365, raising nearly \$30,000 for youth ministry at Assumption! Thank you for walking along side us as we lead teens closer to Christ. The fundraiser will continue online until January 1. For more information and to partner with us, please visit

https://assumption-church.square.site.

2024-2025 EVENTS:

November 15-17: Life Teen Fall Retreat March 7 – 9: Luke 18 Retreat

Connect with us on Social Media:

Instagram:

@assumption_life_teen // @assumption_edge

Facebook:

Assumption Life Teen // Assumption EDGE



QUESTIONS? Contact Becky Whitaker, Director of Youth Minister; Life Teen Youth Minister 636-240-3721 ext. 243 or beckywhitaker@abvmtech.org

Alejandro DeHerrera, Middle School (EDGE) Youth Minister 636-240-3721 ext. 333 or alejandrodeherrera@abvmtech.org

MEN'S WHITE HOUSE RETREAT JANUARY 23-26, 2025



Would you like to take your spirituality to the next level? Join us in January for a men's retreat in St. Louis. Since 1922, White House Jesuit retreat has

been offering three—day preached retreats throughout the year on our beautiful 80—acre campus, located on the bluffs of the Mississippi River.

Mass is celebrated each day, and at night there is Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Explore the beautiful campus, walk the Way of the Cross, and pray at the shrines of the Sacred Heart, the Holy Family, Our Lady, and St. Joseph.

If you have questions, call or text Rich Thomson at 314-706-8012 or e-mail at thomson.rich@gmail.com.

PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN THE ASSUMPTION PARKING LOTS AND CHURCH



If you need assistance getting to and from your car before and after Mass, please consider catching a ride on the Assumption Golf Cart! Our golf

cart drivers are always safe and courteous, and are available to pick up passengers from the Chapel parking lot (Lot C) 30 minutes prior to Mass, and 15 minutes after Mass.

For more information, please contact Jim O'Loughlin at 314-606-0048 or email joloughlin55@gmail.com.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Weekly Offertory Actual Collections Budget Target Surplus / (Shortfall) \$33,180 \$40,000 \$(6,820) YTD 7/1/24 - 9/1/24

\$360,869 \$360,000 \$869 Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our schoolOriginal Loan\$3,306,127Current balance owed\$441,932Monthly payment\$20,923

Last expected payment will be in May 2026.

Thanks to a \$40,000 bequest made in memory of Arthur and Paul Niebur, and \$5,000 in other donations to reduce our debt, the last expected payment moved from August 2026 to May 2026.



The Bible Teaches It (Mal 3:10-12) We Believe It (Acts 4:32-36) God Honors It (Gen 14:18-20) TITHING We are grateful to you for your presence, your participation, and your financial support of Assumption Parish.

If you would like to give online, please go to: assumptionbym.org/Our-Parish/Online-Giving or scan the OR Code and create an account.



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> ASSUMPTION SCHOOL 636-240-4474

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 636-272-4758 (Helpline)

BULLETIN NOTICES

Submit to Parish Office Bulletin.assumption@gmail.com by 9am on the Tuesday before Sunday's edition (five days prior)

SOCIAL MEDIA

Website: assumptionbym.org
Instagram: @abymofallon
Facebook.com: @assumptionparish
Youtube: @assumptionmedia1

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Religious instruction in the Catholic faith. Call 636-240-1020 for information or to register.

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

For one-on-one grief support, or information regarding our grief support series, which is held twice per year, contact Lynn Crews at 314-578-0741.