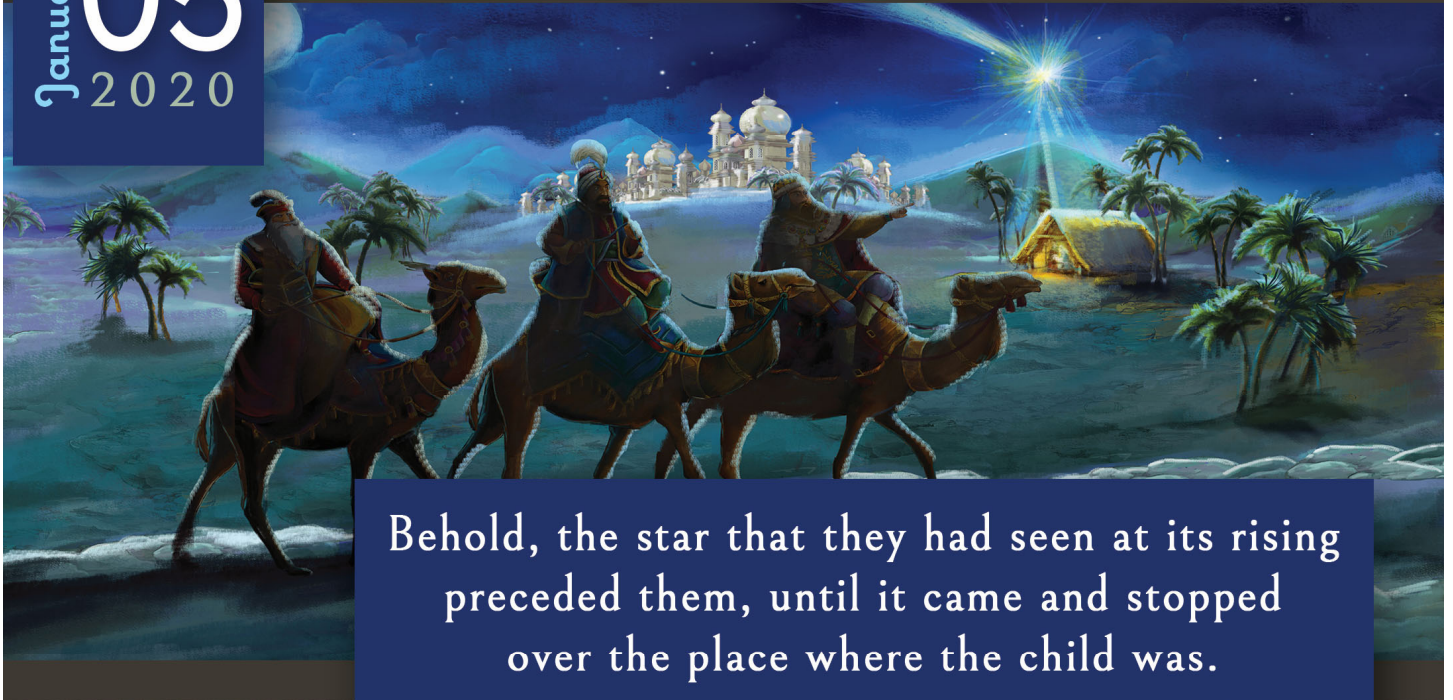


Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

January
05
2020



Behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

Matthew 2:9

The Epiphany of the Lord

Sacraments/Other Information



BAPTISM

2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 1:15pm. Required Preparation Class. Call 636-240-3721 ext 235 to register.



CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Those preparing for marriage should 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 at the Parish Office, xt 235.



ANOIDTING OF THE SICK
Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721



RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION of ADULTS

(RCIA) Process through which adults are initiated into the Catholic Church by Baptism or Profession of Faith. For more information, call Missy Lowrey 314-630-3983.



RITE of CONFESSION

"Have mercy on me as a sinner"
Saturday 4-4:45 pm and Mon-Fri 7:30-8:00am or by appt.



FUNERALS

Please contact Amanda Suchara, Funeral Coordinator, 636-577-3776, to make final arrangements.



CONFIRMATION

Preparation begins in September for all students who are entering 8th grade. Please contact Ann Marie Quan at 636-240-1020 for more information.



FIRST COMMUNION

Preparation begins in September for all students who are entering 2nd grade. Please contact Ann Marie Quan at 636-240-1020.

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Hello,

As we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany and see the gifts that the magi give to Jesus we might wonder what they mean and what they tell us about gifts (as we have probably given and received a few lately).

The three gifts are Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. There are a few different interpretations as to what they mean but the following are common ones. Gold is a gift for a king. It has always been recognized as a precious and valuable metal and thus is associated with not only kings but also some consider it as also a sign of Christ's divinity that the Magi recognized. Frankincense was also valuable and was an incense that was used in the Temple sanctuary when making offerings or prayers to God. Considered a symbol of holiness and righteousness some connect it to the priesthood and others to the understanding that Christ will sacrifice himself for us. Myrrh was a spice used for embalming and is also bitter and associated with suffering and affliction. It is most commonly considered to be a sign of the death Jesus would suffer for us, but some also consider that it was mixed with oil at the time to use to anoint prophets.

Whatever interpretations we give to the gifts, we do consider they have meaning and that they weren't just some random gift that was given. And so it is with the most important gifts that we have given and received. Usually they recognize a particular need or interest of the person it is being given to. Sometimes a gift can be food or drink, recognizing a need to celebrate, and often something we know that person particularly enjoys. Hopefully we can use these gifts with friends and family to bring us closer together.

Sometimes we give a gift that is used when doing a hobby or interest the person has, like tools for those who are interested in wood working or like to build things, or sports equipment if they enjoy a certain sport. These allow them to use other gifts they have to develop skills or talents and hopefully enjoy doing so for themselves or also for others at times.

A popular means of giving, gift cards, can be used to express either of these depending on where the card is for and who it is given too. But like most gifts, an important part of receiving it (really obvious in gift cards) is that we use it and will put it to use. A sincere gift needs to be put to use and to its purpose if it is to appreciate its full value. As we consider the gifts we received this Christmas, and all of the most important gifts in our lives, especially those from God, may we show our full appreciation of them by putting them to use as they are intended.

Peace,

Fr. Nick



**HOSPITALITY:**

Christian
Kindness

"We are ALL
hospitality
ministers"

Hospitality

New Member Registration!



Ready to be an official member of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish??!! **We can't wait to welcome you!** We are changing our format to make it easier for you! There are several ways to register! You can call the parish office 636-240-3721 or Lynn Crews 314-578-0741 and register over the phone; come in to the parish office and register; or we have a link on our web page. Simply click on the link and download the registration form and either email the form to Lynn Crews at: lynn.assumption@gmail.com or print it off and mail it to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket at Mass.

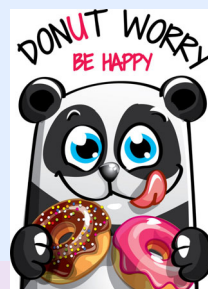
Then, the first Sunday of every month, please plan on joining our wonderful Welcoming Team in the front of Church after the 10:00am or Noon Masses for a brief tour of our Church and facilities. The tour will end in our parish center where we will join our Hospitality Sunday folks for coffee, donuts and more! We'll also answer any other questions your family might have about how we function as a parish and how we live our mission:

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



Hospitality Sunday THIS Weekend!

Join us for Hospitality Sunday, TODAY, January 5th, after all Masses, in Halls A/B from 7:30am - 1:30pm. Stop by after any Mass and visit with fellow parishioners and enjoy donuts, bagels, juice, milk and coffee! We welcome all parishioners and guests to visit in friendship and fellowship encouraging them to find Christ here and to bring Christ to the world.



Hospitality Sunday is a wonderful way for fellowship each month!

Thank you to everyone who generously donates every month to our donuts! We are grateful to be able to gather each month in this way and to be able to share fellowship! It costs the parish over \$800 each month for us to gather in this way. If you are able, please be generous when you pass the donation box on the donuts table! *Thank you so very much!*



IMPORTANT: Are you a volunteer for the School or Parish?... You MUST be in compliance!

Prevent & Protect STL

The Archdiocese of St. Louis has developed a new system for safe environment compliance called Prevent and Protect STL. Everyone ministering to minors and vulnerable adults (clergy, employees and volunteers) in the Archdiocese are required and asked to register in the new system before **December 31, 2020**. This includes those new to service and those who are currently in service. For those who have already attended a Protecting God's Children workshop, your previous training date will transfer to this new system. In addition to attending a live Protecting God's Children workshop, all clergy, volunteers, and employees will register for an updated background screening, view two new online training modules on abuse reporting and the Code of Ethical Conduct, and agree to the updated Code of Ethical Conduct. Please go to www.preventandprotectstl.org to register and contact our parish Child Safety Coordinator, Lynn Crews, with any questions or for further assistance, 314-578-0741. Thank you!



"For thus says the Lord: When you call Me, and come and pray to Me, I will listen to you. When you look for Me, you will find Me. Yes, when you seek Me with all your heart, I will let you find Me..."

Jeremiah
29:10-13

Prayer

Blood Drive Next Sunday

Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center will be in the Parish Center next Sunday, January 12, 9:00am – 1:30pm. We look forward to welcoming you as you donate the *gift of life!*



If you have not made a blood donation elsewhere since **November 18**, you are eligible to donate at this drive. All presenting donors will receive a voucher for a \$10 gift card to Amazon.com, Casey's General Store or Starbucks. Please contact Mary Anne Robinson at 636-541-2823 with any questions. You may go to www.bloodcenterIMPACT.org (use sponsor code 9007) to schedule an appointment. Mississippi Valley representative, Terry Deters, is also available to answer any questions you may have about donating. He can be reached at 314-291-4741 x 227.

The need is always great. Please consider making this life-saving donation.



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

The 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 6th, 2020** in the Meyer Room at 7pm. Father Joe Kempf'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 at 636-294-0821 or lynncrews721@gmail.com

Registration deadline is TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4th, 2019



Week at a Glance

	MONDAY 1.6.20	TUESDAY 1.7.20	WEDNESDAY 1.8.20
Mass Time / Intentions	6:30am Nittany Spohn 8:00am Grace Bittick	6:30am Nittany Spohn 8:00am Jose Arechederra	6:30am Vocations 9:00am Rachel Akerley
Readings	1st Reading: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Gospel: Mt 4:12-17, 23-25	1st Reading: 1 Jn 4:7-10 Gospel: Mk 6:34-44	1st Reading: 1 Jn 4:11-18 Gospel: Mk 6:45-52
Reconciliation	7:30 - 8:00am Church Or by appointment	7:30 - 8:00am Church Or by appointment	7:30 - 8:00am Church Or by appointment
Other Events/Activities	Old Testament Bible Study 10:00am Rooms D/E Finance Council 7:00pm Meyer 2	6:15pm Perpetual Help Devotions Chapel CRHP Men 7:00pm Meyer 2	Auction Meeting 6:30pm Rooms D/E CRHP Women 6:30pm Meyer 2

EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

Items needed: chalk and a small bottle of holy water. Gather with family members, friends, and perhaps some neighbors at the front door.

Leader: In the (+) name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Let us pray: *Christus mansionem benedicat.* May Christ bless this house, Amen.

With chalk we sign this doorway, along with four crosses of the seasons and the numerals of the new year.

20 + C + M + B + 20

The numbers marked above the door stand for the year in which the blessing is inscribed (2020). The letters stand for the names traditionally given the Magi who found the Christ Child: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar.

Leader (or other reader):

A reading from the Letter to the Galatians.

So then, while there is time, let us do good for all people, especially those who are of the household of faith. The Word of the Lord.

Each room is sprinkled with holy water.

Living room:

Bring us to live with you one day in heaven. — Bless this room, O Lord. Amen.

Kitchen:

You prepare for us a heavenly banquet.— Bless this room, O Lord. Amen.

Dining Room:

Feed us at your celestial feast. — Bless this room, O Lord. Amen.

Bedrooms:

In you alone we rest peacefully. — Bless this room, O Lord. Amen.

Bathrooms:

Cleanse us from all uncleanness. — Bless this room, O Lord. Amen.

All return to the front door to pray together.

Our Father...

All are sprinkled with holy water.

Bless this household through all days to come,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

**PRAYER:**

A heart to
heart with God
"Our strength
comes from
the Eucharist"

Prayer

THURSDAY 1.9.20

6:30am Sr. Rose Marie Mersinger
CPPS
8:00am Frank Pierick

1st Reading: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4

Gospel: Lk 4:14-22

7:30 - 8:00am Church

Or by appointment

7:00pm Legion of Mary
Rooms D/E

FRIDAY 1.10.20

6:30am Nittany Spohn
8:00am Margaret Phillips

1st Reading: 1 Jn 5:5-13

Gospel: Lk 5:12-16

7:30 - 8:00am Church

Or by appointment

SATURDAY 1.11.20

9:00am Needs of Immigrants &
Refugees
5:00 pm Elmer Loeffler

1st Reading: 1 Jn 5:14-21

Gospel: Jn 3:22-30

4:00-4:45pm Church

Or by appointment

SUNDAY 1.12.20

8:00 am People of the Parish
10:00 am KenLang
12:00 pm William Baalman
5:30 pm Tony Sgroi

1st Reading: Is 42:1-4, 6-7

2nd Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Mt 3:13-17

RCIA 8:00am Hall C
Baptism After Noon Mass
Life Teen 4:00pm Hall C



"...living the truth in love, we should grow in every way into Him...from whom the whole body, held and joined together by every supporting ligament brings about the body's growth and builds itself in love."

- Ephesians 4:15-16

Adult Formation

****ASSUMPTION PARISH MISSION****

What is a Mission?

A mission is a time of special grace when God call us into a deeper relationship with Him, a time for personal growth, a time to listen, and a time of spiritual refreshment and invigoration.

Who is a Mission for?

The mission is for all people, from inactive to very active. It is for all ages and for any stage in life - married, single, divorce, separated, widowed, etc. We particularly invite those who want to know more about the church today and how faith can take an active role in the everyday experiences of our lives.



Parish Mission

Featuring Fr. Jim Sichko

#60Minutes with Jesus



Assumption Church
O'Fallon, MO

**7pm-8pm
Reception
Following**

**Mon. Jan. 27 thru
Wed. Jan. 29, 2020**

**Babysitting
available**

CONTACT US AT (636)240-3721

NOTE: A social gathering will follow each evening service to enhance our feeling of parish community. Fr. Jim will be available for informal chats and questions and answers. He will also be selling his book and famous mother's spaghetti sauce! *So that all may attend, other parish functions will be canceled during the Mission and babysitting will be provided.*

ASSUMPTION
LIFE TEEN

CALENDAR

All nights end around 8:30pm unless noted



FORMATION
Continuous
conversion
of mind and
heart
"Following
Jesus is the
work of a
lifetime"

Youth Formation

Sun Jan 5 - Life Night: "That They May All Be One" (Hall C) - 6:45pm
Wed Jan 8 - West House Wednesday (West House) - 7pm
Sun Jan 12 - Life Night: "That They May All Be One, Part 2" (Hall C) - 6:45pm
Wed Jan 15 - West House Wednesday (West House) - 7pm
Sun Jan 19 - Life Night: "Pro-Life Night" (Hall C) - 6:45pm
Wed Jan 22 - NO West House Wednesday (March for Life)
Sun Jan 26 - NO Life Night (March for Life)

LIFE TEEN:  @assumption_LT @assumption_life_teen Assumption Life Teen

Don't miss out on Luke 18 2020!
Registration Link and General Info on the
Assumption Life Teen Webpage:
assumptionbvm.org/Youth-Ministry/Life-Teen



8TH Grade "Luker" Registration Open!



March 20-22

CYC Golf Registration: We are now accepting registration for CYC Golf through Feb 2, 2020. Open to boys and girls, Grades 1-8. Please sign up at aaa63366003.sportssignup.com. Any questions, please contact Jeff LaBarge at jslabarge@yahoo.com or 314-495-9198.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:

During Catholic School's week, which is January 26-January 31, 2020, we remember with gratitude all Catholic educators who have gone before us...we celebrate our current students, teachers, and families...and we continue to look toward a future with great hope. Assumption School is a vibrant, faith-filled, educational environment where children grow into the person God intends. Our mission is to transform our students through the power of faith and knowledge, inspiring each to bring Christ to the world. Maybe you are wondering if your children can experience the rich tradition of a Catholic education—come and see! We begin our weeklong celebration with **Mass at 10am followed by Open House, on Sunday, January 26, 2020 from 11am-1pm.** Join us to see what's happening in our classrooms and visit with our amazing faculty and staff. We hope to visit with you at any time between 11am-1pm and don't forget to take a few minutes to talk with our principal about our faith-formation and academic programs. We look forward to spending time with you!

ASSUMPTION SCHOOL
REGISTRATION:

On Sunday, January 26, 2020, from 11am-1pm, Assumption School is accepting registrations for families who do not have an Infant/Toddler/Primary Montessori or Pre-K or Kindergarten child **currently** enrolled in our program. (Registration will be sent home for currently enrolled Montessori/Pre-K/Kindergartener on a different date.) All **new** families interested in enrolling their Infant/Toddler/Primary Montessori, Pre-K and Kindergarten aged children, will need to go to the school gym to fill out paper work. Please bring with you your child's baptismal record, birth certificate and registration fee (*current registration fee: Infant/Toddler/Primary Montessori and Pre-K is \$125 and Kindergarten is \$250.*)



SERVICE:

Love in action
"Truly I tell you,
whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Matthew
25:40

Service



EVERYBODY CUT LOOSE...



AND JOIN US FOR OUR

17TH ANNUAL PRODUCTION!

Friday, January 10, 7:00pm
Saturday, January 11 at 7:00pm
Sunday, January 12 at 3:00pm

Amy E. Dickherber Performing Arts Center
St. Dominic High School



Tickets on sale NOW

www.assumptionbvm.org



For more information or to purchase tickets by phone
contact: **Cathy Pescarino** at 636-485-5221.



The 24/7 Men's Group sponsors the 2020 Catholic Men's Conference

This year's conference will be on Saturday February 1. As it was the last few years it will be held at the Touhill Performing Arts Center at the University of Missouri, St Louis. The conference doors open at 8:00am, conference will run from 9:00am till about 4:00pm. **This year's theme is: "Seeking Righteousness" 1 Timothy 6:11.** There will be an outstanding group of speakers at this year's conference. The speakers scheduled are: **John O'Leary** – Author of "On Fire: The 7 Choices to Ignite a Radically Inspired Life", and speaker that inspires nearly 75,000 people at 100+ events each year. **Deacon Harold Burke Sivers** – Known around the world as the "Dynamic Deacon", EWTN co-host **Dr. Lawrence Feingold** – Associate Professor of Theology and Philosophy at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. **Fr. Anthony Gerber** – Parochial Administrator at St Theodore in Flint Hill. All tickets must be purchased through the website. Tickets are \$40 till December 31, then \$45 till January 31. Don't wait, save some money and get your tickets today. More details and ticket information is available on the website: <https://www.catholicmenforchrist.org/>



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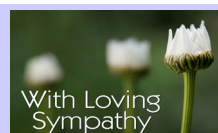
Service

If you have any questions, contact Bob Neuner via email; baneuner@gmail.com

MONTESSORI INFANT TODDLER PRIMARY CLASSROOMS

ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS FOR THE
2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR.

Want to know more about the Montessori approach to learning?
come visit our classrooms on January 26, 2020 between 11am-1pm for more information.



Please pray for the repose of
the soul of:

John May, Father of Steve May

*Donna Hackney, Sister of
Benjamin & Patricia Pilla*

Perpetual Help Devotions and the Rosary:

Join us each Tuesday evening at
6:15pm for the recitation of the Rosary,
live organ music, and perpetual help
prayers in the Chapel.

Pray the Rosary Before Weekend Masses:

Join us in Church 30 minutes before
each weekend Mass, for the Rosary. We will gather and
pray before the Holy Family Statue.

Our Gifts to God and Parish

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

	December 15, 2019	7/1/2019 - 12/15/2019
Envelopes (467)& On Line	\$ 30,835	\$ 812,597
Loose	\$ 973	\$ 27,215
Total	\$ 31,808	\$ 839,812

Needed to sustain our mission \$857,000

Loan Balance as of 11/30/2019: \$1,562,355

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



The Bible Teaches It (Mal 3:10-12)
We Believe It (Acts 4:32-36)
God Honors It (Gen 14:18-20)

TITHING

Desert Day

How often have you said to yourself: I really need a day of prayer and quiet! Desert Days are just that. The desert has always been a symbol for a meeting place with God. Come to the quiet and beauty at Sanguis Christi Spirituality Center at 204 North Main, O'Fallon, on Friday, January 10th, 2020, 9:30am -3:30pm and let God speak to your heart. The day will begin and end with prayer. The remainder of the day is solitude, quiet, reflection, and rest. Opportunity to talk with a spiritual director is available. Lunch is provided and we ask for a free will offering. For information or to register contact Sr. Carol Orf at 314-560-1028 or by email at corf@cpps-ofallon.org.



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- Ephesians 4:15-16

Adult Formation

Pictorial Directories ARE HERE!

If you had you or your family's photo taken in our Pictorial Directory, you may come by the Parish Office: Monday - Thursday, 8:00am - 4:00pm or Fridays, 8:00am - 3pm. We have a limited number of extra copies for \$10 each for anyone who would be interested in purchasing one.



Beyond Sunday
Education | Faith | Community

Scholarship Application Period Opens Soon for 2020-2021 School Year!

The open application period for Beyond Sunday Scholarships, from the Archdiocese of St. Louis, is almost here! Families seeking Catholic education for their elementary or high school children can begin applying for scholarships on January 27th. The application period will run through February 28, 2020. To apply, go to ttef-stl.org/beyond-Sunday.



Can YOU drive a Golf Cart? We Need YOU!

The Golf Cart Ministry is seeking Golf Cart Drivers for the 5:00 pm Saturday and Noon Sunday Masses. Ministry members receive much Joy helping fellow parishioners who otherwise would be unable to attend Mass due to physical restrictions. For additional information or to volunteer please contact Jim O'Loughlin at 314-606-0048 or joloughlin55@gmail.com.

Got PRAYERS?

Assumption's Prayer Teams will be available after all Masses **THIS WEEKEND**, to pray with and for you!

Here are some amazing facts about the prayer teams:

- Prayer teams are parishioners who bring Christ to the world through prayer.
- We'll pray for you, your loved ones, your friends...anyone whom you'd like to lift in prayer.
- We pray for intentions big AND small! If it's on your heart, bring it to Christ!
- Teams will do ALL the praying if you'd prefer! Just bring yourself and your intentions.
- Want to give thanks and praise to God? We love to do that!

Prayer Teams will be available after 10:00am Mass, EVERY Sunday, and after ALL Masses on the first weekend of the month.



Upcoming RETREATS = 2020!

Women's Retreat: February 8/9

Men's Retreat: February 22/23

For more information:

Women's Retreat contact: Kim Thornhill, (918) 381-7459 or thornhillproductions@gmail.com

Men's Retreat contact: Tim Berry, 401-318-0266 or tim.berry51@gmail.com



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by Tuesday 9:00am

WEBSITE

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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, 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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