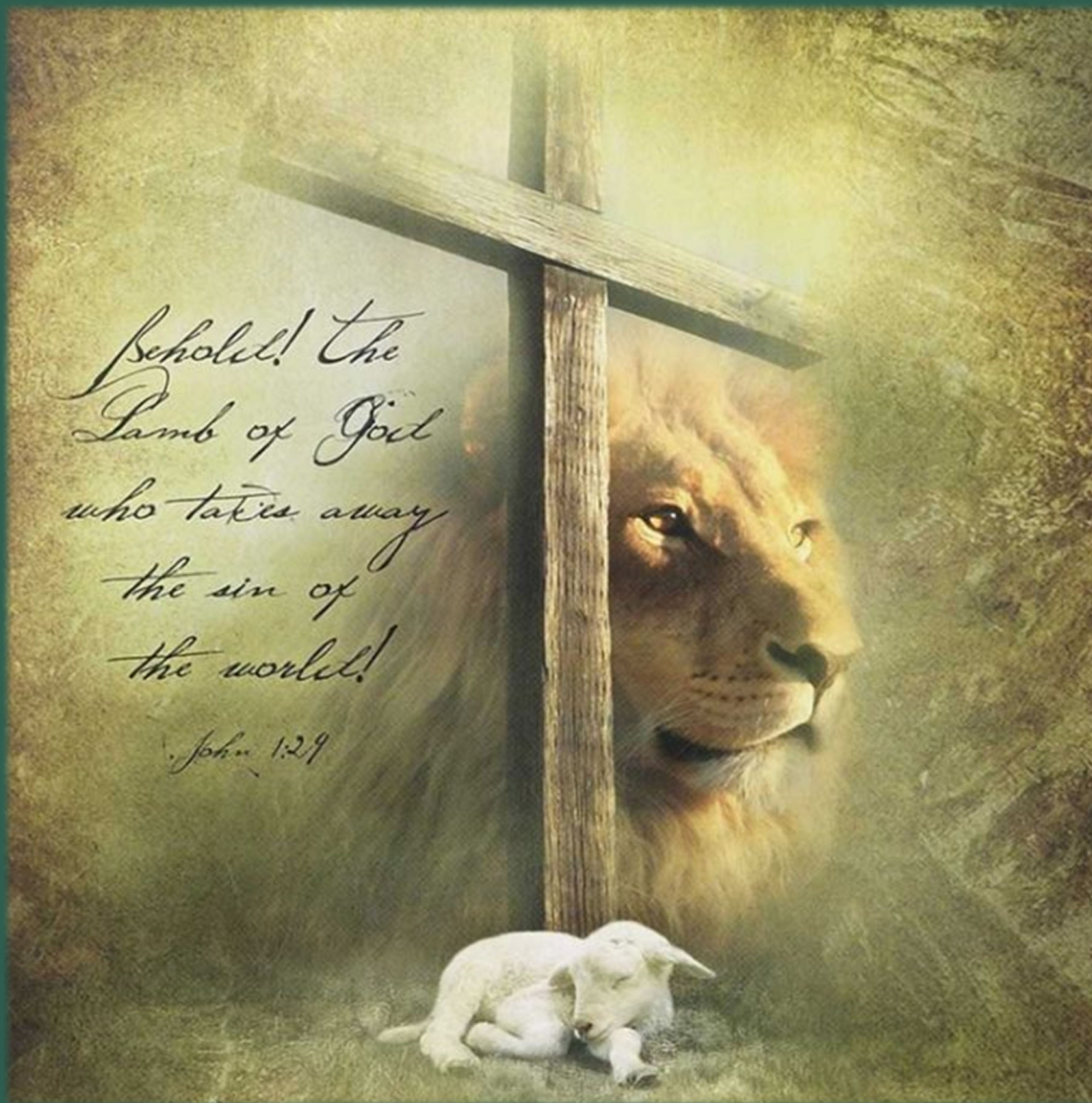


Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

JANUARY 15, 2023



BAPTISM

Scheduled every Sunday at 1:15pm. Baptism preparation class is required. Call 636-240-3721 ext 235 to register.



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.



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.



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.



RITE of CONFESSION

Weekdays 7:30 - 7:50am Church
Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45pm Church
Or by appointment



FIRST COMMUNION

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



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721



FUNERALS

Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721

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Hello,

Well you probably haven't heard anything from me this week even if you were around me because I lost my voice. Laryngitis is the technical term. I found out that I'm very glad that I don't have many things that are voice operated, but it is also amazing how we take for granted this means of communication and when it is inhibited how challenged we can be. As we are heading out of the season of Christmas, which ended Monday night, and starting Ordinary Time, it makes me aware of certain things that are ordinary for me can be recognized by others as such a blessing. Anything with our health can be this way. For a few days I realized how great it would have been if everyone knew sign language. But it also made me think of people who's native language isn't the language where they are living. I've been in that situation on a few vacations, but I've always at least had someone else with me, who I could speak to in English. Not being able to verbally communicate has not been a challenge I have had to face.

Usually if we talk about the sense of speaking or hearing we then compare it to being able to see. I won't ask which would be harder, to be deaf and mute or blind, but some impaired vision is a situation many of us have probably had, specifically if we wear glasses or contacts. The first time you get them, when you thought everything you were seeing before was normal, you can be shocked at the details you now see. I have heard some elderly people (we won't talk about what that age might be) who came back from a cataract surgery and were complaining to their children about how they could have let them drive when their vision had been so bad. Sometimes we get used to things that are much worse than they should be, but we need to realize we don't need to live that way and we can change things.

As we come into Ordinary Time I guess I'm realizing how some of the things that I accept as ordinary are really an incredible gift that many others may not have. And that others may have some gifts that I do not. Then there are other things that I've accepted as ordinary that maybe I need to realize could be better for me and others. That I might just be accepting something that really is less than it should be, then we were created for it to be, and I need to be aware of that and take some action to change it. God has provided us with so many incredible gifts may we recognize all those we have, be open to those he still wants for us, and be understanding that all of our gifts are not the same and this will provide many opportunities to show our care and love for each other.

I also just got back from the Urgent Care and they gave me a steroid and an antibiotic that they told me should have me speaking in a day or two. Good for me but I think a couple people might have been getting used to me not being able to speak, back to the ordinary.

Peace,

Fr. Nick





Adult Formation

“...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.”

RCIA

Isaiah reminds us that God has called us to share the good news of his love and salvation. As Paul writes, we are called to be holy, following the example of Jesus and preparing his way. John the Baptist calls Jesus the Lamb of God who gave his life as a sacrifice so that we might live forever. We are called to holiness, to become saints with God in heaven. There is no single path to holiness. God calls some people to be priests or consecrated religious. He calls many to marry and raise families. Others remain single. Whatever our state of life, we are called to wake up every day with a firm commitment to follow Jesus more closely and to place our gifts at the service of our brothers and sisters. To help Christ, is to share the Good News about Him with others. Blessed are we when we bring to others the gifts of love, peace, justice, patience, and mercy, thus becoming witnesses for the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ our Lord. We continue with our study of Sacraments. Our topic this weekend includes the Sacraments of Healing (Reconciliation/Anointing of the sick)
Reflection: How do the words of John the Baptist in the Gospel express the meaning of being a servant? What kind of a servant was Jesus? What about you?



ATTENTION Men of Assumption Parish!

That Man is YOU (TMIY) is back, for another round of great spiritual blessing!!! We are so excited for the opportunity to gather as brothers in Christ! This incredible semester is waiting and God desires to do new things in your spiritual life this year!

Our line-up of engaging speakers have enthusiastically teamed up with TMIY to bring you this next semester of TMIY!

Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God? Be a better husband? Become a more loving father? Build friendships with other like-minded men? And seek to be the best man you can be?

Then Come Join US at... That Man is You! Saturday Mornings in the Lower Knights Hall off of 3rd Street. Starting on January 21st, Breakfast at 7:15am, Video at 7:30am, Discussion 8:00 – 8:30am... Out the Door!

This is the perfect time to bring a friend, invite a man in the pew, a neighbor, family member or co-worker! **See you there!!!**

Questions? Contact Deacon Richard at Deacon-Richard@charter.net or 314-397-2433.

IN LOVING Memory

William Joseph Loeffler
 Brother of Mary Engel
 and Mark Loeffler

January 15, 2023 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb...” *Isaiah 49:5*
 God has given each of us different gifts. In order for God’s plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do, and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan!
 So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don’t let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and become the saint that God is calling you to be.

WE NEED UMPIRES!!!



The Assumption Athletic Association plays their CYC 1st-8th baseball and softball games at Knights of Columbus. The CYC is in need of umpires this summer, April-June. Boys and girls, ages 13+, flexible schedule, great way to earn money this summer! If you are interested, please contact Matthew.j.flick@gmail.com or 228-233-9388 to sign up.



Prayer

“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



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

Assumption Parish’s Grief Support Team cordially invites those of you, 18 years of age and older, who are grieving the death of a loved one, to our upcoming Grief Support Series. Our first session will begin at 7pm on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9th, in the Meyer Room. Father Joe Kempf’s video series, “No One Cries the Wrong Way” will be incorporated into some of our sessions, along with prayer, personal sharing, and biblical reflection. To register or for more information please contact: Lynn Crews at 636-294-0821 or lynn.assumption@gmail.com.

Important: PLEASE REGISTER BY TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH .



How often have you said to yourself: I really need a day of prayer and quiet! Desert Days at the Sanguis Christi Spirituality Center of the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood are just that. The desert has always been a symbol for a meeting place with God. Come to the quiet and beauty of **St. Joseph Chapel, 204 North Main, O’Fallon, MO on January 18th, 9:30am - 3:00pm 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. The opportunity to talk with a spiritual director is also available. Lunch is provided and we ask a free will offering. For more information or to register contact Sr. Mary Cecile Gunelson, CPPS at 636-293-8013 or at mcgunelson@cpps-ofallon.org

Discernment 101

St. Louis

Saturday morning talks, prayer, & community with the Daughters of St. Paul to explore God’s will for your life

for single Catholic women ages 16-33

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
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Transformation in Christ <i>The Call to Holiness</i>	Meeting God in His Word <i>Lectio Divina</i>	Heart to Heart with Jesus <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>	Meeting God in Your Life <i>The Daily Examen</i>

8:30 Mass (refreshments to follow)
9:30 Talk & Discussion
11:00-12:00 Eucharistic Adoration

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	MONDAY 1.16.23	TUESDAY 1.17.23	WEDNESDAY 1.18.23
Mass Times/Intentions	6:30am Anita Trosky 8:00am James McHugh	6:30am Mary Schmidt 8:00am Karen Brady	6:30am Priest Intention 8:00am Antoine & Mamie Prinster
Reconciliation	7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment



50+ CLUB will be gathering on Monday January 23, 6:30pm Hall C

Why not start the New Year with Flexibility in mind. Can we *sit* and *exercise* at the same time? Assumption parishioner, Debbie Gentry, PT is the owner of At Home Partners, and will show us how! How about a Spring walk program? Debbie is available for all types of exercise and would love to share her knowledge. So, bring your stretch bands (they will be provided if you don't have one) and lets have fun!! We forgot to ask for dessert volunteers for this meeting. We will need sweet energy to replace all the energy we will burn!! Please call Ruth Rothermich at 636-294-3921 to be placed on list.

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

Prayer



SIGN UP NOW FOR.... **Act Two Theatre Production** , of **Sandy Toes & Salty Kisses!** On Thursday, February 9th at 7:30pm. (at the Performing Arts Theatre in the St. Peters City Hall) \$5 suggested donation. Tickets will be available to pick up.

Any questions, please call or email. Liz or Bob Allmeyer 636 240-8638, (lizallmeyer@gmail.com).



Assumption Adoration Chapel

Adoration at Assumption is available 24/7 in the old church by using the code at the North transit entrance. (please call the parish office for the code, 636-240-3721.)

EXPOSITION is on Tuesday and begins after the 8:00am Mass.

We are always in need of Adorers.

Please sign up at:

assumptionbvm.weadorehim.com.



PRAY, PRAY Every Tuesday in Chapel!



Everyone...PLEASE come to pray the Rosary on Tuesdays at 6:15pm followed by Perpetual Help Devotions and Benediction.

THURSDAY 1.19.23	FRIDAY 1.20.23	SATURDAY 1.21.23	SUNDAY 1.22.23
6:30am Priest Intention 8:00am Joshua Boyd	6:30am Rose & Victor Scholten 8:00am Christopher Scholten	8:00am Priest Intention 5:00pm Rose Korte	8:00am People of the Parish 10:00am Shirley Mackey 12:00pm Clarence Thessen
7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	5:30pm Tracy Parsons By Appointment

Youth Formation

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



From the Principal's Pen



Assumption Faculty Honored at Caring Hands Mass at IWA



On Thursday, December 8, 2022, the Caring Hands Mass and Awards Ceremony was held at Incarnate Word Academy, in conjunction with the celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The Caring Hands Award allows any IWA freshman to recognize a teacher who has made a positive impact on her life. These teachers are then invited to a Mass and reception at IWA, where they receive a special certificate and take advantage of the opportunity to spend some time with their former students.

(Pictured, left to right) Joan Ryan was recognized by former Assumption student, Cate McCulloch and Holly Woytus was recognized by former Assumption student, Anna Kleckner. We are blessed to have these teachers in our Assumption School family!

The first Caring Hands Mass was held in December of 2011. Now in its second decade, this year's event gathered together 17 teachers from 15 different elementary schools across the region.



6th Grade Robotics

Lego Legends

Annabelle Begley, Addison Coble, Justin Dowdy, Melody Gagliano, Teddy Heiney, Olivia Howe, Noah Kleckner, Meg McCulloch, Bella Roberts



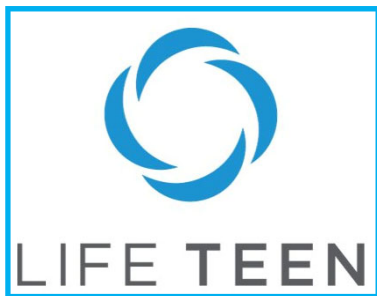
The Lego Legends Robotics Team have been together for two full years. These 6th graders have worked with moderators Mrs. Begley and Mr. Kleckner and developed a PROTOTYPE Solar Power Charging Cart for iPads. They moved to the Qualifier Competition on Sunday, December 11, hosted by Lutheran North High School and if they are in the top four, they can move to the next round – Regional Competition, later in 2023.

The ultimate goal, regardless of their competition outcome, is to create an ACTUAL Solar Panel that will charge one of our iPad carts in a classroom! THAT will be TRULY AMAZING!!!

The PROTOTYPE equipment attaches to the large solar panel (which is not shown)

Thanks for reading about Assumption!
Pat Hensley





Happy New Year from Assumption Youth Ministry! We have seen the Holy Spirit move in such beautiful ways in our teens and middle school youth this past semester.

We begin 2023 with grateful hearts for all the ways that the Lord has drawn us closer to Him and each other, **looking to the future with hopeful expectation** that there is more to come!

Sunday, January 15

Life Teen: Dating with Dignity - Why & How ~ 6:30 – 8:45pm



All teens are invited to join us as we begin our first series of the Spring Semester, Dating with Dignity. This series is not meant to encourage teens to start dating immediately, rather it recognizes that our youth will spend the next decade trying to date well as part of discerning vocations. This series is meant to equip teens with the wisdom of the Church on how to date with dignity and clarity.

Our first night will focus in on why we date and how – particularly how the virtue of chastity plays a key role and how we can fully integrate this virtue in our lives. Teens, expect food, fun, fellowship, and real talk. Bring a friend!

Wednesday, January 18

EDGE ~ 6:00 – 7:30pm

All 7th and 8th graders are invited to join us as we dive into our Spring Semester on Morality. In an increasingly secular world which denies the existence of right and wrong, this series will help us to understand the beautiful order to creation and why virtue is worth striving for.

2023 Save the Dates:

March 3-5: Luke 18 Retreat

June 26-30: Life Teen Leadership Conference

July 7-10: Steubenville Youth Conference

July 23-29: Life Teen Camp Covecrest



Youth Formation



Connect with us on Social Media:

Instagram:

@assumption_life_teen // @assumption_edge

Facebook:

Assumption Life Teen // Assumption EDGE

QUESTION? Contact **Becky Whitaker**, Dir of Youth Ministry

636-240-3721 ext. 243 or becky.assumptionlt@gmail.com



**We at Assumption are blessed to have two beautiful houses of worship!
Our Modern and Spacious Church and our Historic Chapel.**

Just like our own houses, God’s houses require constant attention so they are comfortable, functional and look nice. We can do some of this work in-house, but the larger projects require outside contractors, especially for air conditioning, roofing, tuck-pointing, and electrical work.

Our chapel was constructed over 90 years ago. It is a sacred place, the site of numerous weddings, baptisms, funerals and other blessed events that integrate the history of our parish. Unfortunately, the chapel has maintenance challenges that are typical for a structure built in the 1930’s.

If you would like to provide financial support to keep our chapel in good condition, here are two options for you to consider:

1. You can write a check directly to Assumption Church and include a note that it should be used for the upkeep of the chapel. As a restricted gift, the Parish Office can spend the money at any time, as long as it is used for the upkeep of the chapel.
2. You can make a contribution to the chapel’s endowment fund at the Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri (RCF). An endowment fund is similar to a permanent savings account. The principal stays in the account forever, but the income in the account can be used for the chapel. Contributions to the endowment do not go through the Assumption Parish Office, and the checks should not be made payable to Assumption. Instead, please contact Michael Weisbrod, RCF Senior Gift Planning Officer, at 314.918.2893 or michael.weisbrod@rcfstl.org. He will provide instructions for you.

Option 1 helps us address the immediate needs of the chapel, including utilities, maintenance and repairs.

Option 2 helps build up a source of investment income that can pay for the upkeep of the chapel in future years.

Whatever option you decide, we welcome and appreciate your support of God’s historic house.



“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”

- 1 Peter 4:10

Hospitality

Our Gifts to God and Parish



Weekly Offertory	December 25, 2022	YTD 7/1/2022 - 12/2022
Actual Collections	\$ 101,969	\$ 1,001,506
Budget Target	\$ 56,000	\$ 1,010,500
Surplus / (Shortfall)	\$ 45,969	\$ (8,994)

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

TITHING

(Includes \$54,783 IRA Distribution)

<u>Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school</u>	
Original Loan	\$ 3,306,127
Current balance owed	\$ 988,349
Monthly payment	\$ 20,923

Last expected payment, August 2026

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



HOSPITALITY:
 Christian kindness
 "We are ALL hospitality ministers"

Hospitality



Take a Chance to Win a Golf Cart and Help Raise Money for Assumption!

Would you like to take a chance to win a brand new electric golf cart? This beautiful 2022 ICON i40L Caribbean Blue, four-person Golf Cart, courtesy of **STL Custom Cartz** and the Carrino family, is being raffled off at the 2023 Assumption School Gala (**Dinner Auction**): Prom Through the Decades on Saturday, April 22.

Tickets are \$20 each or six for \$100, and can be purchased with cash, check (made out to Assumption), and online at abvm.home.qtego.net. There is no limit on the number of tickets purchased. Tickets will be available in the month of April.

To participate in the golf cart raffle, please send the completed golf cart raffle ticket with payment in a sealed envelope to Assumption School. Attention: 2023 Gala committee (which is the Auction Committee), or drop it into the church donation basket.



Assumption Gala 2023
GOLF CART RAFFLE
TICKET

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Seller: _____

Seller phone #: _____
 (or homeroom teacher)



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Stewardship Through Estate Planning

As the New Year begins, consider one of the greatest acts of stewardship an individual can make by establishing an estate plan. Everyone should have an estate plan comprising either a will or a trust. A will is a legal document that allows you to control how your assets are distributed **after** your lifetime. Without a will, the probate court will decide who acquires your assets upon your death. Typically, the court will divide your assets between your surviving spouse and children, or your blood relatives. The court will not provide for any charitable intentions you may have.

A trust allows you to control how your assets are distributed **both during and after** your lifetime. Establishing a trust requires that you transfer ownership or title of your assets to the name of your trust. Since the trust owns the assets, there is nothing for the courts to control when you die. This is beneficial since, unlike a will, you avoid all the costs, delays and publicity of the probate process. However, depending on its complexity, a trust can be more expensive to create than a will.

Most importantly, an estate plan allows you to determine how and to whom the gifts God has bestowed on you will be distributed when you can no longer serve as your own steward.

For detailed questions on wills or trusts, contact an estate planning attorney. If you are planning on giving to a charity, please consider Assumption Catholic Church as part of your estate plan. You may contact Fr. Nick or Mark Vogt in the Parish Office (636-240-3721) for additional gift giving opportunities to benefit the parish or school.

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DRIVE**

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**GOOD
GIVING**

**GIVE BLOOD 11/14-1/15
AND GET YOUR CHOICE OF A
GIFT CARD OR A DONATION
TO FEEDING AMERICA.**

Assumption Catholic Church

Sunday, January 15

9:00 am - 1:30 pm

Parish Hall

405 North Main Street

Masks optional. Appointments required.
To schedule an appointment, scan QR code
call ImpactLife at 800.747.5401
or go to bloodcenter.org/group, grp #9007



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- Ephesians 4:15-16

Adult Formation



Lectors!

Lector Inspirational Luncheon Retreat, January 21st!

Lectors, and those who feel called to become lectors, are invited to a very special inspirational Luncheon Retreat in honor of ‘Word of God Sunday’ on January 21st from Noon - 3:00pm in our Parish Center, Hall B. We will be having a feast featuring foods from the Year of Our Lord 700 when St. Bede, the Patron Saint of Lectors, was living!

We will be sharing the Word of God with each other in discussions and proclamation. Lectors are encouraged to make attendance a priority on their calendar! Come to reaffirm your commitment to this ministry; to be inspired, and share your faith with us in our community of proclaimers of the Word of God. For more information or to register, please contact Barbara Stettner at creativebarb@charter.net.

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ASSUMPTION SCHOOL: 636.240.4474

BULLETIN NOTICES

Submit to Parish Office
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by Tuesday 9:00am

WEBSITE: www.assumptionbvm.org
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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 314-578.0741.