

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

February

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2019

Before I formed you
in the womb I knew you,
before you were born
I dedicated you,
a prophet to the nations
I appointed you.

Jeremiah 1:5



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Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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



ANOINTING 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.



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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To Jesus Through Mary



What must a sinner do who has the misfortune to be the enemy of God? He must find a mediator who will obtain pardon for him, and who will enable him to recover the lost friendship of God.

“Be comforted, you unfortunate soul, you who have lost your God,” says St. Bernard. “Your Lord himself has provided you with a Mediator, and this is his Son Jesus, who can obtain for you all that you desire. He has given you Jesus for a Mediator; and what is there that such a Son cannot obtain from the Father?”

Then the saint exclaims: “Why should this merciful Savior, who gave his life to save us, ever be thought severe? Why should men believe him to be terrifying who is all love? You distrustful sinners, what do you fear?”

“If your fear arises from having offended God, know that Jesus has fastened all your sins on the Cross with his own lacerated hands, and having satisfied divine justice for them by his death, he has already wiped them away from your souls.”

The words of St. Bernard continue: “They imagine him rigorous, who is all compassion; terrifying, who is all love. What do you fear, you of little faith? With his own hands he has fastened your sins to the Cross.”

“But if by chance,” adds the saint, “you fear to turn to Jesus Christ because the majesty of God in him overawes you—for though he became Man, he did not cease to be God—and you desire another advocate with this divine Mediator, then go to Mary. For she will intercede for you with the Son, who will most certainly hear her. And then he will intercede with the Father, who can deny nothing to such a Son.”

St. Alphonsus Liguori, *The Glories of Mary*



IN GOD'S PRESENCE, CONSIDER ...

Do I ever see Jesus as a Judge whose severity keeps me from approaching him?
If so, how might I seek Mary's help to approach her Son with confidence?

CLOSING PRAYER

Blessed Mother, take me by the hand, and lead me to your Son; teach me how to seek His face and walk with Him every day of my life.



HOSPITALITY:

Christian
Kindness
"We are ALL
hospitality
ministers"

Hospitality



Our next meeting will be at Ft. Zumwalt North High School, 1230 Tom Ginnever, in the School Cafeteria, on February 7th at 5:30pm. The students will serve dinner and entertain us, and then we will attend the production of **"The Importance of Being Earnest"** at 7:00pm. To register for the February 7th event, please call North High at 636-379-2902 and ask for the Activities office. Please call Martha and let her know that you have registered, as there is limited seating. Any questions, please call Martha at 636-294-3367.

WELCOME . . . Fr. Peter Faimega!!

Fr. Peter Faimega will be with us on Sunday, February 17th, and he will preside at our 5:30pm Mass!

**New Member Registration,
THIS Weekend, February 3rd!**

If you are attending Mass here but have not yet formally registered, we invite you to do so! So that we might welcome you personally, we invite you to attend Noon Mass and continue with parish registration in Hall C from 1:00 - 1:45pm.



**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY,
THIS Weekend, February 3rd!**



Join us for Hospitality Sunday, 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 to for us to gather in this way. If you are able, please do be generous when you pass the donation box on the donuts table! **Thank you so very much!**



**Please Pray for
The Repose of the Soul of:**

**Barbara Prinster
Sister-In-Law of Claire Emge**

**Maggie Laboube
Mother of Cynthia LaBoube
and Donna Albers**

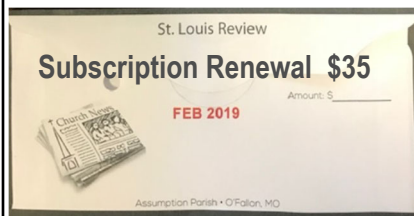
**Kevin Trentmann
Stepfather of Shawn Gibbs**

**Dan Calloway
Husband of Josie Calloway
and Brother-In-Law of
Pete Bommarito**

**Debra Hill
Wife of Ron Hill**



Your faithful source of Catholic News



We would like everyone in the parish to receive a weekly copy of the St. Louis Review and ask every household to subscribe. The annual subscription rate through the parish is \$35. Please use the subscription renewal envelope in your envelope packet and make checks payable to Assumption BVM (or use any envelope and mark it 'Review'- include your name and mailing address) and return it in the Sunday collection. If you do not wish to receive the St. Louis Review, please mark 'do not want' on the envelope and return it to the collection basket or parish office.

**Upcoming
Events**

**Feb 9/10
Men's CRHP**

2nd Annual Medjugorje Pilgrimage

Have you heard about Medjugorje? Have you heard about the wonderful experiences people from Assumption had there last year? If you could not go then, here is your opportunity to go this time. Please join us, May 30 – June 8, 2019. Fr. Mitch will be coming with us again. To learn more, contact Ray or Diane Gerard, (847) 638-5242, dgerard77@comcast.net, or visit jmjpilgrims.com. Everyone comes home with a story to tell, or several, and a lasting smile!



"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



Prayer is the foundation of all that we do in defense of human life. Say a short prayer or **blessing**. Meditate or ask God's **intercession**. Devote some time to pray a **Holy Hour**, or commit to a novena or Stations of the Cross. Special prayers are called for those who have lost a child due to miscarriage, abortion or other cause.

Everyone can find a way to praise and thank God for the gift of life and to ask for protection for each sacred human life.

Only with prayer - prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and souls - will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life." -Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities, U.S. Catholic Bishops

~United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Come Pray the Rosary Before Weekend Masses

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

World Day for Consecrated Life 2019

World Day of Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Saturday, February 2, 2019 and in parishes on the weekend of February 2-3, 2019. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day.

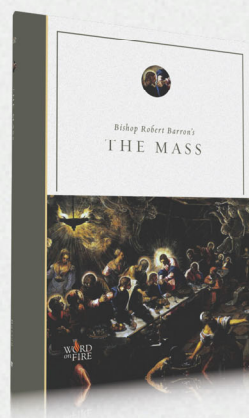
May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.



Week at a Glance

	MONDAY 2.4.19	TUESDAY 2.5.19	WEDNESDAY 2.6.19
Mass Time / Intentions	6:30am Earl Busby 8:00am Nina Groebelinghoff	6:30am Rose Walsh 8:00am Juanita Kaltenbach	6:30am Rose Mary Schneider 8:00am William Farrell
Readings	1st Reading: Heb 11:32-40 Gospel: Mk 5:1-20	1st Reading: Heb 12:1-4 Gospel: Mk 5:21-43	1st Reading: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 Gospel: Mk 6:1-6
Reconciliation	7:30 - 8:00am Church 4 - 4:30pm & 9 - 9:30pm Chapel	7:30 - 8:00am Church 4 - 4:30pm & 9 - 9:30pm Chapel	7:30 - 8:00am Church 4 - 4:30pm & 9 - 9:30pm Chapel
Other Events/Activities	Old Testament Bible Study 10am Meyer 2 Auction Meeting 7:00 Rooms D/E Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm Meyer 2	Bible Study, 8:00am Rooms D/E Bible Study w/Fr. Mitch 9:30am Meyer 2 K of C Queen of Hearts 5pm Hall C Bible Study, 6:00pm Meyer 1/2 Perp Help Devotions 6:15pm Chapel	Life Teen 7:00pm Meyer Combined SVDP Meeting 7:00pm SVDP Cntr

Bishop Robert Barron's newest study program
T H E M A S S



Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and you'll be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ.

See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm, how it resonates with a call from God and a response from his people, the Church, and, most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist.

The Mass will help you understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life.

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

DATE, TIME, LOCATION	COST / REGISTRATION	CONTACT
Dates During Lent: March 7, 14, 21, 28 April 2, 11 7:00pm-9:00pm, Hall C	There is no cost to you! Please register by March 1, 2019 to Rachel Martin	Rachel Martin at: 636.240.4474 ext. 309 rmartin@abvmtech.org



Sanguis Christi Spirituality Center is new to the area!

204 N. Main Street, O'Fallon

Deepen your prayer life by joining us at the Sanguis Christi Spirituality Center (Sisters of the Most Precious

Blood) 204 North Main Street, O'Fallon, MO on Saturday, February 9th, from 9:00 (Mass) until 3:00pm, for an Introduction to Centering Prayer Workshop. Presenters are Contemplative Outreach Directors St. Louis, cost is \$35, lunch provided and the deadline for registration is February 6th. A Follow-Up to the Centering Prayer Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 23. For more information or to register, call Sr. Carol Orf at 314-560-1028.



**All are welcome,
EVERY
TUESDAY!**

Please come and pray for peace and special intentions. The Rosary and Perpetual Help Devotions; Every Tuesday at 6:15pm in the Chapel.

Prayer

THURSDAY 2.7.19	FRIDAY 2.8.19	SATURDAY 2.9.19	SUNDAY 2.10.19
6:30 am Vocations	6:30 am Margaret Devers	9:00 am Sr. Bonaventure McManus	8:00 am People of the Parish
8:00 am Bob & Nancy Thornhill	8:00 am Stella Riechmann	5:00 pm Denise Hooker	10:00 am Mary Mueller
1st Reading: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 Gospel: Mk 6:7-13	1st Reading: Heb 13:1-8 Gospel: Mk 6:14-29	1st Reading: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 Gospel: Mk 6:30-34	12:00 pm Theresa Bond
7:30 - 8:00am Church 4 - 4:30pm & 9 - 9:30pm Chapel	7:30 - 8:00am Church 4 - 4:30pm & 9 - 9:30pm Chapel	4:00 - 4:45pm Church 9:00 - 9:30 pm Chapel	5:30 pm Vera Mae Feltz
CRHP Women 6:00pm Meyer 2 Legion of Mary 7:00pm Hall D/E CRHP Men 7:00pm Meyer 1	CRHP Men's Retreat	CRHP Men's Retreat	1st Reading: Is 6:1-2, 3-8 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 15:1-11 Gospel: Lk 5:1-11
			4:00-4:30 & 9:00-9:30pm Chapel RCIA 8:00am Hall C
			CRHP Men's Retreat Life Teen -After 5:30pm Mass Hall C

PLEASE NOTE: The Precious Blood Sisters will need us to offer Mass on Saturday, March 9th at 8:30 am instead of 9:00am.



“...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



MEN'S RETREAT: FEBRUARY 9/10

WOMEN'S RETREAT: MARCH 9/10

A CRHP Retreat is a weekend retreat designed to bring parish members together in Christ and emphasizes continued growth in Christian life. During the weekend you will find love and laughter, great food and friendship, and a renewed sense of belonging to Assumption parish. Give yourself a weekend you won't forget. Come and be spiritually renewed while enjoying awesome fellowship, making new friends, and sharing faith with fellow parishioners. It is an experience worth your time! It's also another wonderful way to begin the New Year and kick off Lent!

CRHP – WHAT IS IT: “*Christ Renews His Parish*” is an effective spiritual renewal process which call together the members of the parish priests and parishioners in order to experience personal conversion and Christian community in the environment of their own parish.

The secret of the “what” is its simplicity. In the context of the personal rebirth and parish revitalization it is:

A simple gospel method of renewal and/or conversion: **Evangelization**

A conducive environment and favorable teaching moment for repentance:

New Rite of Penance

A proven experiential way of enlivening and strengthening faith: **Catechesis**

A communal opportunity for adult commitment: **Rite of Adult Initiation**

A Specific and proven period for person growth in prayer, scripture, and sharing:

Spiritual Formation

A non-threatening and practical instrument for introducing ministry formation:

Lay Ministry

A powerful catalyst for on-going communal and parish renewal:

Christian Community Building

WHO DOES IT: A team of parishioners properly formed in prayer and love and instructed in the techniques, dynamics and content of the total process. The team formation period in itself becomes an effective “follow-up” for each weekend experience and brings the participants immediately into a group committed to spiritual growth and ministerial formation. The secret of the “who” is that you can't rent a priest or a team of experts. You have to do it yourself. Shared responsibility flows most effectively out of shared ministry. These ladies that will facilitate this retreat for you this weekend were sitting here, just like you, not so long ago. They are not trained facilitators or expert speakers. They simply followed the nudging of God to attend a retreat...

For more information:

Women's Retreat: please contact: Beth Handshy at: 636.379.6599 or bhandshy@gmail.com

Men's Retreat: please contact: Jim Berry at: 401.318.0266 or tim.berry@pharma.com

ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN
AT ASSUMPTION SCHOOL,
O'FALLON, MO FOR OUR:

3Y-6Y (PRIMARY) MONTESSORI CLASSROOM

2019-2020 School year

TO REGISTER PLEASE
CONTACT THE SCHOOL
OFFICE AT:
(636) 240-4474

SPACE IS LIMITED TO 10 CHILDREN

INFANT/TODDLER MONTESSORI REGISTRATION



Parents, do you have a child six weeks to thirty-six months old? Are you looking for a safe, loving environment that also approaches your child's development with respect to the dignity of the child's gifts and personhood? At Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary we offer a Montessori approach to teaching infants and toddlers how to develop independence, self-confidence, and an education for life. Come check out Mary's House (we have named our infant/toddler room after our own Mother, Mary) and learn more about this unique environment and if it is the right place for your infant/toddler. Registration is open. For questions please call: Melinda Kruper at 636.240.4474 at ext. 333.



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

Youth Formation



**ASSUMPTION
LIFE TEEN**

It's Luke 18 Time! February 22 - 24

8th Graders! This overnight retreat weekend is only open to you and is always one of the high points of the year for 8th graders time and again! The retreat is led by our high schoolers because they know what you like best. To register, please go to the Assumption Life Teen web page and look for the Blue Luke 18 Logo:

www.assumptionbvm.org/youth-ministry/life-teen

Calendar:

Sun Feb 3 - Life Night: Super Bowl Party! (Hall C) - 7PM
Wed Feb 6 - Faith & Film Wednesday (Meyer Room) - 7PM
Sun Feb 10 - Life Night: Teen Planned & Led (Hall C) - 7PM
Wed Feb 13 - Faith & Film Wednesday (Meyer Room) - 7PM
Sun Feb 17 - Life Night: "+ Healthy Relationships" (Hall C) - 7PM
Wed Feb 20 - Faith & Film Wednesday (Meyer Room) - 7PM
Sun Feb 24 - NO Life Night (Luke 18 Retreat)



Athletic Association: Baseball/Softball signups

Signups for Pre-K 4 thru 8th grade, now through February 13th. Registration fees are \$70 + \$40 for uniforms. Please go to <https://aaa633366003.siplay.com> to register. Please contact Marty Mills (marty-mills@hotmail.com), Troy Compardo (troy.compardo@gmail.com) or Heather Wilkinson (haw322@hotmail.com) with any questions.



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

Blood Drive
Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center collected twenty units of blood at our recent blood drive. If you came and were able to donate, and even if you were not, may God bless you for your thoughtfulness and generosity! There is always a great need for blood in our community and we are grateful to all parishioners who come to our drives. You make a difference in the lives of individuals at a most difficult time in their lives.

Please mark your calendars for the remaining scheduled 2019 blood drives at Assumption: Sunday, May 19; Wednesday, August 14; Sunday, November 10.



Knights of Columbus
Queen of Hearts Raffle!

February 5th, Hall C.
Doors open at 5:00pm,
drawing is at 6:30pm.

Remember... Proceeds go to support the youth of our parish.



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, MARCH 7TH, 2019** at 7:00pm in the Meyer Room. 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 @ 636-294-0821 or lynncrews721@gmail.com

Registration deadline: TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH, 2019

Snow impacts us all in many ways. Here at Assumption it results in costs for salting and snow removal and, unfortunately, we see a lower Sunday collection. That is a double hit to finances. We understand the need to be safe and stay off the roads, but please prayerfully consider online giving.

Giving Online: It's easy, convenient, and environmentally friendly!

Tips: When given the option to create an account or give a one-time gift, you will want to **CREATE AN ACCOUNT:**

- *This ensures all your donations will print to a single tax statement
- *You can manage/edit your level of giving at all times
- *You may use your credit card, or draw from checking or savings account
- *If you pay your bills through Online Banking, just add Assumption and you may continue to do so.

Instructions:

- ~ Go to Assumption's website: assumptionbvm.org
- ~ Under Quick Links on the right, click on: Online Giving ~ Click on: Login/Create an Online Giving Account
- ~ Create username and password and keep it in a safe, easily accessible place.
(If you forget your username, call Mary Knapp in the parish office. If you forget your password, you can reset it.)
- ~ Follow the prompts for adding your personal information
- ~ Click on: New Donation, and then Designation: Sunday/Weekly Offering
- ~ Input the amount, frequency, and date of withdrawals. Click Save.
- ~ You may also give to the Special Collections through this one account

Thank you for what you sacrifice so that people might find Christ here and bring Christ to the world.

If you have questions or need additional help, please call Jim Hager, Director of Administration, 240-3721, ext. 225.



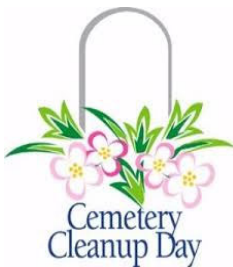
Why are the RCIA participants dismissed in the middle of the Mass? Adults preparing to be baptized and those preparing for initiation through Confirmation are dismissed at the end of the Liturgy of the Word to continue with not only discussing what they have just experienced in the readings, but to offer them information on the formal teachings of the Catholic Church. This continues each Sunday and at the Easter Vigil, those who are ready will join us at the Table of the Eucharist for the first time. God's word is their only food during this period. They along with their sponsors depart from the Mass to discuss the readings and experience more fully the impact of the Scriptures in their lives. In addition, we have an input topic each Sunday. The past few weeks we have studied our 7 sacraments. Since the RCIA sessions happen at the 8:00 am Mass, it's difficult for the parishioners of other Masses to experience the happenings in this awesome ministry within our Church. The sending forth blessings they receive reminds us of Jesus sending out his disciples. We invite you to attend at least one of the 8:00 Masses in order to experience what is happening. Other opportunities will be made available to all in the coming weeks as we enter Lent. Please continue to pray for our sponsors and team members as we help those seeking entrance into our Catholic community at Easter.

Have you had a chance to look at the poster board in the Narthex? These are our Candidates and Catechumens in our program. If you see them at the 8:00 Mass, please say 'Hi'!

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."
2 Timothy 3:16-17

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Weekend

The weekend of February 9/10 is St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry weekend. At this time, the pantry is in need of: jelly, pancake mix, syrup, cereal, instant oatmeal, pasta sauce, chicken and tuna helpers, vegetable oil, razors, deodorant, and toilet paper. We are **OVERSTOCKED** on corn, green beans, canned soup, and macaroni. We are overwhelmed from your response of donations for personal items this past month! It has helped tremendously to shore up our stock for our clients in need. In the midst of the bitter cold, we have had an increased number of calls. We greatly appreciate your generosity and continued support!



February Cemetery Clean-up Postponed until March

Unfortunately, the February cleanup will be postponed until March due to inclement weather. Please watch the bulletin for the rescheduled March date. Please contact Angie Bauman at bauman.est.2008@gmail.com, if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you on behalf of the Cemetery Committee



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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

Our Gifts to God and Parish

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



	January 20, 2019	July 1, 2018-Jan 20 2019
Envelopes (264) & On Line	\$ 30,218	\$ 1,047,295
Loose	\$ 837	\$ 37,305
Total	\$ 31,055	\$ 1,084,600

Needed to sustain our mission \$1,119,000

Loan Balance as of 12/31/2018: \$1,683,151

It takes an average weekly collection of \$37,300 to sustain our parish mission.

"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

The Bible Teaches It (Mal 3:10-12)

We Believe It (Acts 4:32-36)

God Honors It (Gen 14:18-20)

TITHING



February 3, 2019 – Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jer 1: 4-5, 17-19; Ps 71: 1-6, 15-17; 1 Cor 12: 31-13:13; Lk 4: 21-30

Christ was asked consistently throughout Holy Scripture what one must do to get to Heaven, to achieve holiness and grace. His many answers could be summarized in one word — Love. Today's readings for this Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time reflect two themes — to live God-centered lives, and to love in a way that is perhaps somewhat foreign to our secular and romanticized concept of love.

Like many of the prophets, Jeremiah was a bit reluctant. He did not aspire to be a prophet, and he found the calling to be burdensome in many ways. Yet, God makes it clear to Jeremiah that He has called him to that role, and He fully expects him to fulfill that vocation. Each of us, of course, is also called to a particular role to serve God, the Church, and one another. As hesitant as we, too, may be, it is what God expects of us. This is why stewardship is important.

The Second Reading from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians is one with which most of us are familiar. It is all about love. We tend to hear this at weddings and similar events, but Paul is addressing a deeper and more unconditional love. Paul knew that the Corinthians were enamored with spiritual gifts, just as many of us are. However, at the depths of every gift is one thing — love. Paul's point, quite simply, is that all gifts are meaningless without love.

Paul throughout this passage uses the fourth word for love: *agape*. **Agape** love is self-denial for the sake of others. That is the love to which Jesus calls us. That is at the core of everything we are and everything we do. That is stewardship. Paul closes this remarkable Gospel with the statement, **"So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love."** Like Jesus when He spoke of love, St. Paul is reminding us that love never ends.

The two themes recounted in the first two readings are brought together in the Gospel from Luke. Jesus returns to His home to share the love He has found. Nevertheless, He confronts opposition and even derision. Jesus' response is worth noting for us. The Lord does not respond with anger for anger, but with love for anger. Jesus merely departs, knowing that He will have another opportunity. In the face of resistance and hostility we are called to one reaction: **love**.

~ Excerpts from: *Catholic Diocese of Wichita*



Seventh Annual - Assumption Parish

DAY OF REFLECTION

Saturday, March 2nd, 2019 beginning at 8:00am in our Parish Center. This one-day event is rejuvenating, and a wonderful way to feed your faith and rekindle your spiritual flame as we enter the holy season of Lent. We will have faith-filled fellowship presenters, wonderful fellowship and lunch will be provided. **Please contact: Shelly Schneider for more information at schneid5@charter.net.**

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636.240.4474

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by Tuesday 9:00am

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