

# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*May you find Christ here....May your bring Christ to the World.*

**FEBRUARY 16, 2020**

What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard,  
and what has not entered the human heart,  
what God has prepared for those who love God,  
this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

— 1 Corinthians 2:9–10

## 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 call the Parish Office 636-240-3721



### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Please contact Ann Marie Quan at 636-240-1020.

# Welcome

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## Hello,

I guess I'm showing my age a little when I mention that I remember when we celebrated George Washington's Birthday and Abraham Lincoln's birthday. Looking it up, I found out that it really only slowly became President's Day after they had shifted the celebration of Washington's birthday from February 22<sup>nd</sup> to the third Monday of February beginning in 1971 due to the Uniform Monday Holiday Act. Basically this act was meant to make federal holidays go to three day weekends instead of keeping the date and letting the day of the week it fell on fluctuate from year to year. The fact that Lincoln's birthday is February 12<sup>th</sup> and so now this holiday would be between the two actual birth dates is one reason it began to be referred to as President's Day instead of just Washington's Birthday, another one is that businesses started advertising sales that way.

I have to admit that the Church has done similar things, moving some feast days from their date to the closest Sunday. Other holy days of obligation they have declared not holy days of obligation if they fall on a Monday or a Saturday. These can make life easier, not having those extra days that we are obligated to go to Mass, but we have to recognize that it does also diminish them. The Feast of the Ascension seems to get a lot less respect then it did when we celebrated Ascension Thursday. It doesn't have to, but for most of us it naturally does.

Decreasing the significance of something in our lives, especially when it has to do with our faith, can be risky. It is easy to become just a little less holy than we used to be. But we also have to realize that there are some days that we have not changed like this. Christmas is still Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, and Easter is still the Sunday after the Paschal Full Moon, I won't go into the details of that but it manages to move Easter from March 22<sup>nd</sup> through April 25<sup>th</sup>. I think it would be much easier to just have the first Sunday of April or something like that, but we don't, and I think that's good.

The Feast of the Ascension is important and should be celebrated, but we realize it really doesn't compare with Easter and Christmas. Having this difference in the respect or priority we give these different days is good, and hopefully we reflect that in our thoughts and actions too. When doing this we realize we have the easy option at times which is to simply decrease how we treat the day that has been moved, or we might recognize how this makes the exception for Christmas and Easter even more special and raise our treatment of them. This is up to us. When I was young almost all stores were closed on Sundays and you had to live your life accordingly. Now it is easy to get upset when anything isn't open at all hours every day including Sunday. Whether this means we keep Sunday more holy or not is up to us. It was definitely more distinct of a day years ago, but that doesn't mean we kept it as a day of rest or dedicated to God.

With President's Day we now really don't have only the day, but we have the whole extended weekend. Maybe we can treat more days, or all days, in a more holy manner?

Peace,

**Fr. Nick**







**HOSPITALITY:**

Christian  
Kindness  
"We are ALL  
hospitality  
ministers"

Hospitality

# ANNOUNCING AUDITIONS FOR...



**FEBRUARY 24 & 25**

**CAST** - Open to ALL 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> gr.  
**CREW** - Open to ALL 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> gr.

*ALL ARE WELCOME including:  
HUMANS, FAIRY TALE CREATURES  
and OGRES from any SCHOOL,  
CHURCH OR SWAMP!*

FOR DETAILS:

[www.facebook.com/Assumption-Musical-Ministry](http://www.facebook.com/Assumption-Musical-Ministry)

**PERFORMANCES: MAY 8 & 9, 2020**

At St. Dominic Amy Dickherber Performing Arts Center

**QUESTIONS...** Please CONTACT:

Cathy Pescarino 636-485-5221 or [cpescarino@yahoo.com](mailto:cpescarino@yahoo.com).

**Yarn Donations  
for Youth Ministry  
Luke 18 Retreat  
Any Color • Thank you!**

»»» CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT PARISH OFFICE  
OR CALL PHIL @ 440.785.9116 «««



K C Hall  
202 West Third

**Serving 5:00-7:30pm**

**Lenten Fish Fries:**

Feb 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10



**All Seniors WELCOME!** February 24th at 7:00pm in Hall C.  
Regular meeting and fantastic entertainment by Don Stevenson! Don't miss this!

## Assumption Dinner Auction ~ April 25th

**BOOTS & BLING GOLDEN TICKET RAFFLE! \$5,000 GRAND PRIZE\***

\$100 PER TICKET - ONLY 100 TICKETS AVAILABLE

(If 100 tickets are not sold, we will offer a 50/50 cash prize based on # of tickets sold)

Use this money towards tuition or get a cash payout!

**WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN!**

Winning tickets will be drawn April 25th at the end of the live auction!

Tickets on sale March 1 at 10am! We will have a table after the  
10:00am Mass in the parish center, selling **DINNER AUCTION** tickets and  
**GOLDEN TICKET RAFFLE** tickets!

**Purchase your Auction and Raffle tickets on  
March 1 at 10am at <https://ABVM2020.givesmart.com>**





"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

## Lenten Opportunities 2020

- ♦ Reading, Rice Bowls, and Activity Materials will be available in the Narthex beginning Ash Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.
- ♦ Attend Daily Mass at 6:30am in Motherhouse Chapel or 8am in Church.
- ♦ **\*\*Attend Ash Wednesday Services – February 26<sup>th</sup>, 8am Mass, 12:05pm Prayer Service, & 7:00pm Mass**
- ♦ Participate in the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent! Please see schedule elsewhere in the bulletin.
- ♦ Tuesday Night Masses in the Chapel : 6:00-6:30pm
- ♦ Thursday Lenten Series: Offered at 9:00am and 7:00pm, Hall C: Bishop Barron – “Conversions”
- ♦ Attend *Prayers for Healing and Hope*: Thursday, March 19th, 7pm in Church
- ♦ *Reconciliation Weekend Service*: Chapel – April 3 & 4
- ♦ Visit our 24 hour Prayer Chapel (Northwest door ramp entrance code 3721)
- ♦ Participate in praying the rosary on Sundays before each Mass!
- ♦ Attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation: Daily – 7:30-8:00am and Saturdays 4-4:45pm

## Week at a Glance

|                         | MONDAY 2.17.20   | TUESDAY 2.18.20   | WEDNESDAY 2.19.20   |
|-------------------------|--|---|---|
| Mass Time / Intentions  | 6:30am Patricia Mockler<br>8:00am Jean Wilmes                          | 6:30am Arthur Molitor<br>8:00am Clarence Orf  | 6:30am Sr. Janet Voss, CPPS<br>9:00am Jean Wilmes                               |
| Readings                | 1st Reading: Jas 1:1-11<br>Gospel : Mk 8:11-13<br>7:30 - 8:00am Church | 1st Reading: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30<br>Gospel: Mk 8:14-21<br>7:30 - 8:00am Church                     | 1st Reading: Jas 1:12-18<br>Gospel: Mk 8:22-26<br>7:30 - 8:00am Church          |
| Reconciliation          | Or by appointment<br>Old Testament Bible Study<br>10:00am Rooms D/E    | Or by appointment<br>Scripture Study 9:30am Meyer 2<br>Perp Help Dev. 6:15pm Chapel                 | Or by appointment<br>7th gr. Parent Mtg for 8th gr. Graduation 6:00pm Rooms D/E |
| Other Events/Activities | Parish Council Meeting 7:00pm<br>Meyer 2                               | Athletic Association Mtg 7:00pm Hall C<br>CRHP Men 7:00pm Rooms D/E<br>Baptism Class 7:00pm Meyer 2 | PTO Meeting 7:00pm Hall C<br>SVDP Mtg 7:00pm SVDP Center                        |



## Assumption Stations of the Cross

Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm Chapel  
 Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm Chapel  
 Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm Chapel  
 Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm Chapel  
 Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm Chapel  
 Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2:30pm Chapel  
 Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm Church  
 Divine Mercy Way of the Cross  
 Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm Chapel  
 Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm Chapel  
 Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm Chapel  
 Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm Church  
 Life Teen-Walk the Walk



Please pray for the repose  
of the soul of:

*Sue Senger*  
Grandmother of Jess Randolf

*JoAnne Canada*  
Mother of Dave Canada

*Bill Hochard*  
Father of Charlene Verion

*Dorothy Ubben*  
Mother of Sandy Renaud

*Gary Naes*  
Uncle of Kathy Hicks

*Robert Easten*  
Brother of Kathy Osborn

*Donald Michael*  
Father of Jamie Burbridge



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

Prayer



**Wedding Banns:**  
Kayla Wohldmann & Grant Jeremiah  
**Congratulations:**  
Angela Wolf & Jeremy Pieper

### ALL Men of Assumption Parish

Saturday, February 22nd, in the Lower Hall of the KC Hall  
at 7am for Breakfast and start our session at 7:30am.

#### Session 17: Becoming a Man after God's Own Heart

- Our Lenten Journey and the Parable of the Sower
- The Fate of the Seeds
- The Three Fundamental Orientations
- The Obstacles in the Spiritual Life
- That You Would Bear Fruit
- Evaluating Your Spiritual Life
- Encountering the Living God and His Mercy



Questions? Call Deacon Richard: 314-397-2433

### March 7th - Join us for a

**Lenten Prayer Day, Messages**  
from the Mystics, at Sanguis Christi  
Spirituality Center, 204 North Main,  
O'Fallon, MO, as we reflect on their  
words of wisdom of how to respond  
to this invitation during Lent: "Return  
to me with your whole heart" (Joel 2:12).  
The day begins with Mass at 9:00  
(optional) and ends at 3:00 pm, Lunch  
is provided, cost is \$35, presenter is  
Kathleen Davis, a well-known spir-  
itual director and retreat facilita-  
tor. For more information or to  
register, contact Sr. Carol Orf at 314-560-1028 or  
email [corf@cpss-ofallon.org](mailto:corf@cpss-ofallon.org).

#### THURSDAY 2.20.20

6:30am Cletus Swagman  
8:00am Robert Capstick

1st Reading: Jas 2:1-9  
Gospel: Mk 8:27-33

7:30 - 8:00am Church  
Or by appointment

Legion of Mary 7:00pm D/E  
Grief Support 7:00pm Meyer 1/2

#### FRIDAY 2.21.20

6:30am Joe Meyer  
8:00am Andy Thornhill

1st Reading: Jas 2:14-24, 26  
Gospel: Mk 8:34-9:1

7:30 - 8:00am Church  
Or by appointment

Men's CRHP Retreat Set-Up  
Parish Center

#### SATURDAY 2.22.20

9:00am James Schoeffer  
5:00 pm Tony Buffa

1st Reading: 1 Pt 5:1-4  
Gospel: Mk 16:13-19

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

Men's CRHP Retreat  
Parish Center

#### SUNDAY 2.23.20

8:00 am People of the Parish  
10:00 am Kathy Christman  
12:00 pm Vincent & Estelle Parisi  
5:30 pm Don Aubuchon

1st Reading: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18  
2nd Reading: 1 Cor 3:16-23

Gospel: Mt 5:38-48

Men's CRHP Retreat  
Parish Center  
RCIA 8:00am Hall C  
Baptisms After the Noon Mass  
Life Teen 4:00pm Hall C

# RCIA

“...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

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*

## ASH WEDNESDAY – February 26<sup>th</sup>

Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer.



Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it too. Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

### THE ASHES

The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance.

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES/SERVICES: February 26<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am Mass; 12:05 service & 7:00pm Masses**

**BRING IN YOUR BLESSED PALMS, BEGINNING NEXT WEEKEND FEBRUARY 22/23<sup>rd</sup>!!**

Next weekend, leading up to Ash Wednesday, you will notice baskets in the back of church for you to drop off your blessed palms! Our priests will burn these palms and use the ashes on Palm Sunday.



New  
Choir Members  
Welcome!

### Looking for a few good men!

The Adult choir is recruiting any singers that

have previous experience singing in a choir. We are especially needing men singers. Practices are on Tuesday evenings from 7-9pm and we sing at the 10am Sunday mass. Christmas, Easter and holy days are scheduled at different times. Adult choir information contact: Peggy Wehmeier at 314-486-4003 to answer any questions or concerns regarding joining the choir. Thank you for considering this request.

# ASSUMPTION LIFE TEEN CALENDAR

Sun Feb 16 - Life Night "Love Does" (Hall C) - 6:45pm  
 Wed Feb 19 - West House Wednesday (West House) - 7pm  
 Sun Feb 23 - Life Night: "The Imprisoned" (Hall C) - 6:45pm  
 Wed Feb 26 - Ash Wednesday Mass (Main Church) - 7pm  
 Sun Mar 1 - Life Night: "Lenting: Ashes to Ashes" (Hall C) - 6:45pm  
 Wed Mar 4 - West House Wednesday (West House) - 7pm  
 Sun Mar 8 - Life Night: Fr. Fallon & Sr. Karolyn (Hall C) - 6:45pm  
 Wed Mar 11 - West House Wednesday (West House) - 7pm  
 Sun Mar 15 - Life Night: "Lenting: Fasting" (Hall C) - 6:45pm  
 Wed Mar 18 - West House Wednesday (West House) - 7pm  
 Sun Mar 22 - NO Life Night (Luke 18)  
 Wed Mar 25 - West House Wednesday (West House) - 7pm  
 Sun Mar 29 - Life Night: "Lenting: Prayer" (Hall C) - 6:45pm  
 Wed April 1 - West House Wednesday (West House) - 7pm  
 Sun April 5 - Life Night: "Lenting: Holy Week" (Hall C) - 6:45pm  
 Wed April 8 - West House Wednesday (West House) - 7pm  
 Sun April 12 - NO Life Night: (Easter)  
 Wed April 15 - West House Wednesday (West House) - 7pm  
 Sun April 19 - Life Night: "8th Grade Welcome Fiesta" (Hall C) - 6:45pm



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

Youth Formation

**LIFE TEEN:**  @assumption\_LT  @assumption\_life\_teen  Assumption Life Teen

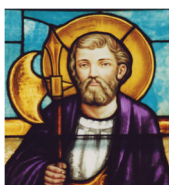
## Beyond Sunday Scholarship Application Period Now through Feb 28th

It is now the open application period for **Beyond Sunday** Scholarships, from the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Families seeking Catholic education for their elementary or high school children can apply for scholarships now through February 28. To apply, go to [ttef-stl.org/beyond-Sunday](http://ttef-stl.org/beyond-Sunday).



## LUKE 18 ~ March 20-22 ~ 8th Grade "Luker" Registration Open!

Registration Link and General Info on the Assumption Life Teen Webpage:  
[assumptionbvm.org/Youth-Ministry/Life-Teen](http://assumptionbvm.org/Youth-Ministry/Life-Teen)



### February 16, 2020 — Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SIR 15:15-20; PS 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 COR 2:6-10; MT 5:17-37 or 5:20-22A, 27-28, 33-34A, 37

Today's readings challenge us to reflect on the true state of our hearts as it relates to stewardship. Do we think of stewardship as something we take care of once a year, simply a matter of ticking off boxes on a commitment card — or do we choose to embrace it as a spirituality and way of life that allows us to grow in conformity to Christ every day?

Our first reading, from the book of Sirach, teaches that our good God has given us freedom to make this choice — *"Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him."* The concept of stewardship helps us to live out the fundamental choice to put God first. Stewardship is meant to be embraced as a way of life a life that involves a continuous conversion of heart.

In our Gospel passage, from Matthew, Jesus illustrates the difference between an external observance of the law and a true conversion of heart, saying, *"You have heard that it was said... you shall not kill... But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment."* Our Lord is asking us not only for exterior acts, but for a true change of heart. In stewardship terms, that means seeing everything as a gift from Him, to be used for His glory and the good of others.

In the week ahead, let us examine the state of our hearts to ask ourselves if we have chosen to allow stewardship to become a way of life for us. Only then we will experience its true depth and heart-changing possibilities. The choice is ours. ~ *Excerpts from: Catholic Diocese of Wichita*



**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

JOIN US FOR OUR  
**Parish Leadership Stewardship Retreat**

You and guests from the ministry you lead are invited to join fellow leaders as we contemplate our role as stewards in our parish and the Universal Church. *(in the event you cannot attend please send someone from your ministry to come in your place.)*

RSVP: to [abvmmelinda@yahoo.com](mailto:abvmmelinda@yahoo.com) or (636) 240-3721x333.

## RETREAT SCHEDULE

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020**

**6-8:30PM**

Dinner in Hall B of Parish Center; SESSION ONE begins at 7:00pm

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2020**

**9-3:00PM**

Begin with a Prayer service in church; continental breakfast following

### SESSIONS:

SESSION ONE (Friday) .....7:00pm

Saturday:

SESSION TWO.....10:00am

SESSION THREE.....11:30am

LUNCH.....1:00pm

SESSION FOUR.....1:45pm



## Ministry Leaders

Please plan on attending the Stewardship Leadership Retreat and mark the dates on your calendar now:

**February 28 & 29!**

We are so excited to offer this retreat! It has been designed just for **YOU!** Remember to RSVP to Melinda Kruper no later than February 20, either by email

***abvmmelinda@yahoo.com*** or call 636-240-3721.

I encourage you to invite others in your ministry to join you as well. Thank you so much for all that you do to facilitate others finding Christ here and bringing Christ to the world!

## Upcoming Men's Retreat ~ Feb. 22/23

**BRINGS TOGETHER** priests and people in a very casual but effective Christian atmosphere of sharing dialogue.

**RECONCILES** the individual with Jesus through personal repentance and conversion.

**ACTIVATES** a Christian community with hope of continuation using effective growth methods.

**STIMULATES** on-going study, prayer, and services groups.

**MOTIVATES** us to possibly be more active within the parish

**HEALS** the wounds between various factions and spiritualities

**COMMUNICATES** fundamental truths of faith experiences

**AFFORDS** traditional-oriented parishioners a comfortable course in change

**LIBERATES** pastoral leadership for Gospel ministry of shared priesthood

**ALLOWS** everyone to focus on what unites us - not what separates us.

**INVOLVES** the group to various prayer forms

**EXPOSES** the parish to effectiveness of shared ministry

**INVITES** Jesus to be at the center of a Spirit-filled community

This is not an invitation from the parish or me to be here this weekend... this is an invitation from Jesus... and so we ask that you open your hearts to what He has in store for you this weekend.

**For more information: Tim Berry at: 401.318.0266 or [tim.berry51@gmail.com](mailto:tim.berry51@gmail.com)**

**WHAT DOES THIS RETREAT DO?**



**NEXT WEEKEND!**





## From the Principal's Pen

During our weeklong celebration of Catholic Schools, our **National Junior Honor Society** sponsored a "Personal Care Items" collection. Students brought in over 600 items which were taken to the We Love St. Charles Non-Profit Organization, whose mission is mentoring impoverished families, homelessness prevention, and job training.

—Current National Junior Honor Society members with boxes filled with personal care item donations.



Closing our Catholic Schools Week means a school wide event: **Faculty/Staff vs. 8<sup>th</sup> graders Volleyball Game**. As expected, the gymnasium rocked with cheers, laughter, and encouragement, as faculty pushed ahead to win Game 1. In Game 2, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyed through to win, with a tight score. The dominant force in Game 3, Noah S, nailed each serve with repeated success - leaving faculty sitting in the dust. Great games! Great spectators! Great 8<sup>th</sup> grade!



### 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

### Did you know that Assumption priests help teach Religion?

This year, Fr. Patrick teaches our 6-8 graders, Fr. Nick visits 3-5 graders, and Msgr. McCumber teaches K-2.

Each priest works with teachers to develop topics to enhance what the teacher is covering. The students are really enjoying their time with the priests getting to know them as people and ask questions about Religion, as well.



Deacon Richard has taken our K-3 students to church to show them items used during the mass - ciborium, purificator, lavabo etc. Deacon Richard not only talked about their purpose but let our students touch them.

Thanks for reading our school news!  
**Dr. Pat Hensley**

## Our Gifts to God and Parish

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

| Includes Christmas Collection        | February 2, 2020 | 7/1/2019 - 2/2/2020 |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Envelopes (534) &amp; On Line</b> | \$ 43,630        | \$ 1,075,623        |
| Loose                                | \$ 1,119         | \$ 40,270           |
| <b>Total</b>                         | \$ 44,749        | \$ 1,115,893        |

**Needed to sustain our mission \$1,134,000**

**Loan Balance as of 1/31/2020: \$1,528,741**

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

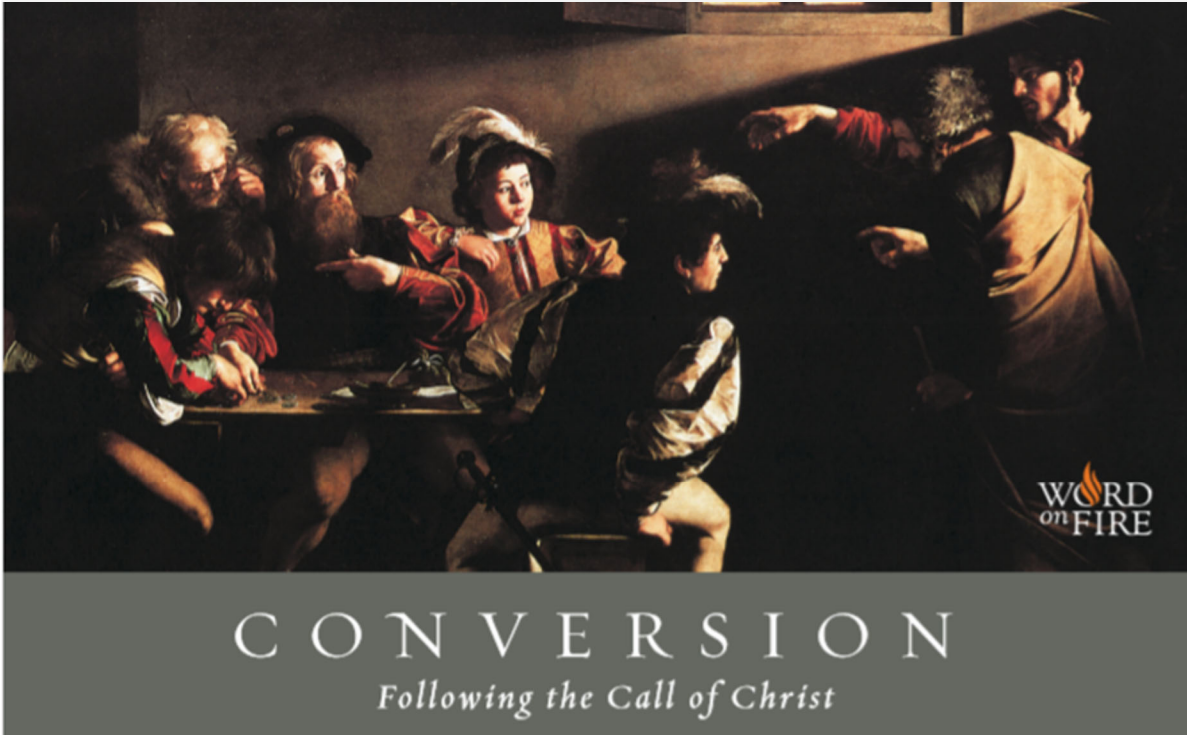
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*a way of life*

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

**TITHING**

**Adult faith formation Lenten series: Conversion: Following the Call of Christ**

This Lent you are invited to attend six sessions and explore the stories of six great biblical figures with Bishop Barron, who uses their stories as examples of how to grow closer to Christ. See flyer for additional information about dates, location and how to register. Please note there is a day and evening session on Thursdays during Lent (Same material for morning and evening sessions).



**What makes one's life successful? Money? Power? Honor? Pleasure?**

Most philosophies of the well-lived life are based on having something. But the Christian perspective is that it is better to be something. The goal of the Christian life is to grow in loving relationship to Christ, becoming more like Him through the immersion of our entire selves into His Church, Christ's Body. But our transformation in Christ will not occur until we recognize Him as our ultimate concern.

In Conversion: Following the Call of Christ, explore the stories of six great biblical figures with Bishop Barron, using their examples to grow closer to Christ. *W*[www.wordonfire.org](http://www.wordonfire.org)

**DATE, TIME, LOCATION**

Thursdays during Lent  
**February 27- April 2**  
 Day Session: 9 - 11am  
 Evening Session: 7 - 9pm  
 Both Sessions will meet in Hall C

**COST/REGISTRATION**

There is no cost to attend, however please bring a three-ring binder to place study materials you will receive at the first session.

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"...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**



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Religious instruction in the Catholic faith. Call 636.240.1020 for information or to register.

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