

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



Be holy,
for I,
the LORD,
your God,
am holy.
—Leviticus 19:2b

February 23, 2020

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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 2nd grade. Please contact Ann Marie Quan at 636-240-1020.

Welcome

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Hello,

I wanted to take a little time this week to give everyone an update on our financial picture after the first six months of this fiscal year. The table below gives you a quick comparison

	2018-19	July-Dec
CapCamp Rev	\$134,161	\$43,907
Sun Rev. & other	\$4,805,512	\$2,329,962
Total Income	\$4,939,673	\$2,373,869
Personnel	\$3,003,981	\$1,494,403
Supplies	\$384,925	\$220,553
Fees & Services	\$336,604	\$69,265
Occupancy	\$504,168	\$250,657
Loan Interest	\$63,251	\$31,000
Insur & Archd	\$543,988	\$293,983
Total Exp	\$4,836,917	\$2,359,861
Endowment	\$28,939	\$48,564
Cap Exp	\$247,935	\$101,123
Bad Debt	\$47,700	\$0
Net Income (+/-)	-\$163,940	-\$38,551
Loan Principal	\$138,740	\$86,630
Deficit	-\$302,680	-\$125,181

between last year's numbers and the first six months of this fiscal year for the parish as a whole as shown in last year's annual financial report. As you can see, while most of the numbers are close to the expected 50% of last year's values, our overall Net Income, which is still at a negative, has improved from last year.

Compared to what we had budgeted for the past 6 months we are actually \$66,000 better. Our income is \$17,000 better (mostly due to gifts that have been given). Our expenses are \$43,000 less than budgeted, (\$16,000 saved in salaries, \$11,000 saved in Utilities and occupancy expenses). And \$6,000 less in capital expenses.

One of the areas that is being changed to cut parish expenses for next year is that our Pre-School and Montessori programs

(all pre- kindergarten programs) will be budgeted and expected to support themselves. The Pre-School program had been close to this, actually only requiring \$600 in parish subsidy over the first six months of the last year, but the Montessori program required \$79,000 of parish subsidy for operating expenses and another \$13,000 in capital expenditures over this period. While this was expected to start up the program over the first few years, we realized we could no longer continue this expense for the parish. A self-sustaining tuition rate was too high to be able to maintain the required enrollment and the decision has been made to discontinue the Montessori program at the end of this school year.

Another change that was recently made is that we have eliminated the position of funeral coordinator which Amanda Suchara has been fulfilling for Assumption. I am grateful for all Amanda has done for so many families and our whole parish in this ministry. The priests, secretaries, and other staff will be working together to fulfill the different aspects of this ministry in the future.

We have begun to make some positive changes in our finances and hope next year we will be able to see significant improvements. I have been glad to see what appears to be an increase in Mass attendance since our Parish Mission with Fr. Sichko. I am grateful for the participation of so many in our parish in so many ways, please continue to encourage me and one another to grow in how we live our faith.

Peace,

Fr. Nick





HOSPITALITY:

Christian
Kindness
"We are ALL
hospitality
ministers"

Hospitality

ANNOUNCING AUDITIONS FOR...



FEBRUARY 24 & 25

CAST - Open to ALL 5th-8th gr.
CREW - Open to ALL 5th-12th 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

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.

Hospitality Sunday, Next Weekend, March 1st!

Join us for Hospitality Sunday, March 1st, 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.

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!

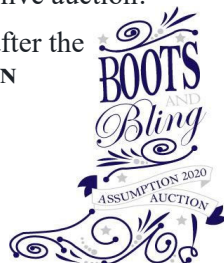
WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN!

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

Tickets on sale March 1st 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>



K C Hall 202 West Third St.

Serving 5:00-7:30pm

Lenten Fish Fries:

Feb 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27,



All Seniors WELCOME!

February 24th at
7:00pm in Hall C.

Regular meeting and fantastic
entertainment by Don Stevenson!
DON'T MISS THIS!



"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 26th.
- ◆ Attend Daily Mass at 6:30am in Motherhouse Chapel or 8am in Church.
- ◆ ****Attend Ash Wednesday Services – February 26th, 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 2.24.20	TUESDAY 2.25.20	WEDNESDAY 2.26.20
Mass Time / Intentions	6:30am Harold Monroe 8:00am Mel Emge	6:30am Hugo Nanney 8:00am Richard Townsend	6:30am Ralph Menne 8:00am Karen Brady 7:00pm Dorothy Arnold
Readings	1st Reading: Jas 3:13-18 Gospel : Mk 9:14-29	1st Reading: Jas 4:1-10 Gospel: Mk 9:30-37	1st Reading: Jl 2:12-18 2nd Reading: 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Gospel: Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
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 50 + Club 7:00pm Hall C	Scripture Study 9:30am Meyer 2 Perp Help Dev. 6:15pm Chapel CRHP Men Evening of Discipleship 7:00pm Hall C	Ash Wed. Pryr. Serv. 12:00 Church RCIA 6:00pm Multipurpose Room Ash Wednesday Mass 7:00pm Church Stewardship Com 7pm Rooms D/E

Assumption Stations of the Cross

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

With Loving
Sympathy

Please pray
for the repose
of the soul of:

*Diane Tayon
Niece of Toni Dressel*

*Kathleen Barrett Price
Sister In Law of
Mary Ellen Groark*

*Dolores Orf
Mother of Debbie Schneider
And Paul Orf*



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



Congratulations:
Kayla Wohldmann & Grant Jeremiah

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.

PLEASE NOTE: The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated during the Lenten Season, as regularly scheduled on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. For more information or to schedule a Baptism, please call Angie at the parish office, 636-240-3721.

ATTENTION: Tuesdays, during Lent, The Rosary and Perpetual Help Devotions will begin at **5:15pm** because the Tuesday Lenten Masses will begin at 6:00pm, every Tuesday during Lent in the Chapel. Come early and receive all these graces.

ALL Men of Assumption Parish

Saturday, February 29th, in the Lower Hall of the KC Hall at 7am for Breakfast and start our session at 7:30am.

Session 18: A Heart Enslaved by the Flesh

- Turn Away From Sin and be Faithful to the Gospel
- Your Time is Not Your Own
- Purity of Heart Starts with the Eyes
- The Working of a Man's Brain
- The Chemistry of Addiction
- The Objectification of Fatherhood
- Steps to Purity

Questions? Call Deacon Richard:
314-397-2433



THURSDAY 2.27.20

6:30am Jack Mockler
8:00am Jume Fierling

1st Reading: Dt 30:15-20
Gospel: Lk 9:22-25

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

Lenten Series 9:00am Hall C
Legion of Mary 7:00pm D/E
Grief Support 7:00pm Meyer 1/2
Lenten Series 7:00pm Hall C

FRIDAY 2.28.20

6:30am Frank Peirick
8:00am Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

1st Reading: Is 58:1-9
Gospel: Mt 9:14-15

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

Stations of the Cross 2:30pm Chapel
Parish Leadership Retreat 6pm
Stations of the Cross 7:pm Church

SATURDAY 2.29.20

9:00am Trudy Starke
5:00 pm People of the Parish

1st Reading: Is 58:9-14
Gospel: Lk 5:27-32

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

Parish Leadership Retreat 9am
Parish Center
RCIA 5:00pm Meyer 1/2

SUNDAY 0.01.20

8:00 am Margaret Wallis
10:00 am Ken Lang
12:00 pm Frances Amptmann
5:30 pm Carmela Bamert

1st Reading: Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7
2nd Reading: Rom 5:12-19
Gospel: Mt 4:1-11

Hospitality Sunday After all Masses
RCIA 8:00am Hall C
Life Teen 4:00pm Hall C

ASH WEDNESDAY – February 26th

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 26th, 8:00am Mass; 12:05 service & 7:00pm Masses

**BRING IN YOUR BLESSED PALMS,
NOW THROUGH February 26th**

Now through 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.



"...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



Do you have a heart for...

Helping a parishioner who takes care of an ailing parent to get out of the house to run an errand or go to Mass? Or to simply have a free hour or two to take some time for themselves? Or, are you someone who could help give someone a ride to Mass from time to time? If that is something you would be willing to help with, please call Jeanette at the parish office: (636)240-3721 ext. 247 or email abvmjeannette@yahoo.com.

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

RCIA

This weekend the RCIA team met with each individual to explore the direction in which their faith journey is leading them. God is definitely in charge of these individuals. We have witnessed their conversion and pray that you too will continue praying for us. Starting with Ash Wednesday we begin our Lenten journey and The Purification and Enlightenment period. Next weekend we celebrate the Rite of Sending at all masses. So what does this mean?

The Rite of Election formally concludes this part of their journey and begins a new period. In the afternoon, these men, women and sponsors celebrate the Rite of Election at the Cathedral with the Bishop. God is choosing those, who are able, to be disciples of Jesus. Those chosen are expected to be initiated into a life in Christ, The godparents' present their testimony to the Bishop that these men and women are ready to continue their journey to receive sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Their names are presented and accepted by the bishop. Those not baptized will now be called The Elect.

Fr. Jim Sichko's Book & Sauce

We still have Fr. Jim's Book and Spaghetti Sauce for those of you who placed and paid for your order! You may come by the parish office to pick up your order Monday-Thursday 8am-4pm or Friday 8am-3pm. Or please make arrangements with Jeanette - (636)240-3721 ext 247 or abvmjeannette@yahoo.com. Thank you to everyone who supported our amazing Parish Mission!!

ASSUMPTION LIFE TEEN CALENDAR

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



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

STEUBENVILLE 2020
 JULY 17-19
 \$125

RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW:
ASSUMPTIONBVM.ORG/YOUTH-MINISTRY/LIFE-TEEN

ASSUMPTION
LIFE TEEN

Memphis
 MUSIC
 Everything Blues, Soul & Rock'n'Roll

**RESERVE
 YOUR SPOT
 NOW AT:**

[assumptionbvm.org/
 Youth-Ministry/Life-Teen](http://assumptionbvm.org/Youth-Ministry/Life-Teen)

June 13-20
 \$225
CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP

**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 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!

February 23, 2020 — Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

LV 19:1-2, 17-18; PS 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 COR 3:16-23; MT 5:38-48

"So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." Talk about setting the bar high!

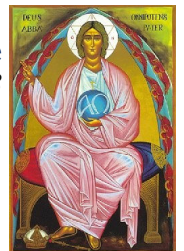
This verse at the end of today's Gospel passage from Matthew sets the tone for all the readings this week.

The stewardship way of life, giving away the best of our time, talents and treasure to God for His glory and for the sake of others, is the path to holiness. Yet, it appears utterly foolish in the eyes of many.

Our Lord gives us several illustrations today of this "foolish" concept: *"When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well... love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."* This is the kind of action and attitude that will make us *"children of our heavenly Father."* This is the high bar of holiness to which our Lord is calling us.

If your lifestyle and your priorities look a little foolish to the world around you, know that you're probably doing it right in God's eyes. At the same time, you will be filled with a peace that the world around you desperately needs. And your stewardship way of life may just draw those around to the heavenly Father and a life of holiness, too.

So, with God's grace, we can confidently press on in the stewardship way of life, aiming to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect. Our all-holy God desires it and deserves nothing less. ~ *Excerpts from: Catholic Diocese of Wichita*



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, MO on Thursday, March 5, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm and let God speak to your heart. The day will begin and end with prayer. Lunch is provided and we ask a free will offering. For more information or to register contact Sr. Carol Orf at 314-560-1028 or by email at corf@cpps-ofallon.org.



From the Principal's Pen

2020 Induction of National Junior Honor Society members

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is an international student organization that consists of chapters in middle schools (grades 6–8). Assumption initiated an NJHS chapter in November 2019, and is now in its second year of existence. Founded by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the NJHS has chapters in the United States, other U.S. Territories, and around the world. As with all other chapters, membership is a faculty conferred honor, meaning faculty within the school review each candidate's academic record, referred to as 'scholarship', and determine whether that candidate meets faculty "Honor Society" expectations in the areas of leadership, citizenship, character, and service. Ms. Neiswander moderates the NJHS with Mrs. McHugh as co-moderator. The 2020 inductees to the Assumption National Junior Honor Society are: Sarah Besse, Bobby Boss, Ethan Dowdy, Mia Felix, Ava Gandolfo, Grace Illy, Brannac Jeffries, Drew Larkin, Cooper Lawrence, Corinne Marstall, Jaylin Munoz, Spencer O'Rourke, Noah Schuessler, and Abby Woytus. Congratulations!



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"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



Crusader, our Therapy Dog

We are the "Crusaders", but we also have a therapy dog named, Crusader! Therapy dogs have been active in schools for some time, and last year Assumption "adopted" Crusader. Therapy dog trainer, Laurie Schmitt, works with Crusader so that he is docile with children and adults. Our school counselor, Ms. Neiswander and teachers have witnessed the effects Crusader is having on our students and themselves. Interaction with therapy dogs has been known to reduce blood pressure, promote greater self-esteem and lift moods in the classroom. Crusader has become a member of our school-family. Each year on the Feast of St.



Francis of Assisi, we bless Crusader; students throughout the school hug and pet him in their classroom, halls and gym; Crusader even dressed up for Halloween for our students.

Confirmation and our 8th graders

In Baptism, parents choose to bring us into the faith. As 8th graders, students choose to become Catholic through Confirmation. In preparation for this sacrament, students study the history of this sacrament, saints of the church, and then select a name to present the Bishop at the time of Confirmation. **Did you know that** our teachers plan a field trip to the Cathedral, where 8th grade students receive a guided tour of Basilica-St. Louis prior to Confirmation? Here, they experience the spiritual center of our Archdiocese, where the beautiful mosaics of the Mother Church are designed to teach us that God reaches into our earthly lives. In addition, they attend the Basilica's Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday celebrated by Archbishop Carlson. Hundreds of priests throughout the diocese attend this Mass, which is a public celebration of the unity of the Bishop to the Priests of this diocese and the entire Church community, as Members of the Body of Christ.

During the Chrism Mass the Bishop blesses three oils — the oil of catechumens, the oil of the infirm and the holy chrism — which is used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the diocese for the year. This same Chrism is the anointing oil for our students at their Confirmation. As our students are confirmed on May 3, the Bishop will anoint each, making the Sign of the Cross on his/her forehead while stating their selected **Confirmation** name and saying, "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit."

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 9, 2020	7/1/2019 - 2/9/2020
Envelopes (534) & On Line	\$ 31,685	\$ 1,107,308
Loose	\$ 1,023	\$ 41,293
Total	\$ 32,708	\$ 1,148,601

Needed to sustain our mission \$1,168,000

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

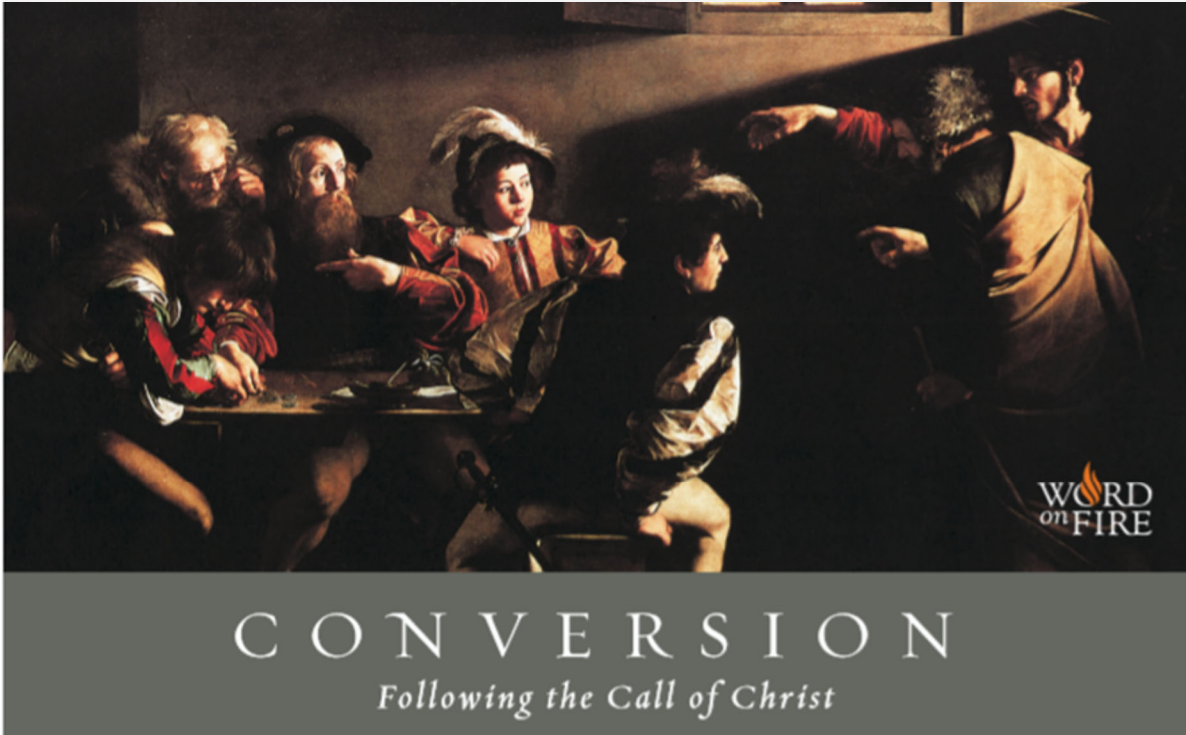
STEWARDSHIP
a way of life

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).



“...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

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. 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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