

# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 10, 2021

*A voice came  
from the heavens,  
“You are my beloved Son;  
with you I am well pleased.”*

*Mark 1:11*

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

### Sacraments/Other Information



#### **BAPTISM**

Scheduled every Sunday at 1:15pm. Baptism preparation class is required. 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**

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



#### **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 tested positive for the coronavirus last week and while I've been fortunate with my reaction and have had very minor symptoms overall, the one that is coming on right now is the loss of taste. Actually I haven't been very hungry for a few days, and that isn't really that unusual when you get sick, but combining that with a loss of taste and you start looking at eating in a much different way. Fortunately, I don't have to worry about wasting away if I don't eat as much for a few days, probably a good thing for me even, but you do have to be aware of basic nutrition. I think in a similar way we need to be sure we maintain our proper spiritual nutrition, even if our taste and appetite might have been changed.

Not a perfect comparison, but without the obligation to participate in the Mass on Sundays and holy days, with the limitations on how we can celebrate the sacraments, and with the additional concerns of spreading the virus in any gatherings of people, we may need to be a bit more aware and conscientious to be sure we get the spiritual nourishment we need.

One way the parish tried to help people with that over Christmas was to try to give people as safe an opportunity as possible to come and celebrate Christmas Mass with us. We had an additional 10:15 pm Christmas Eve Mass in the Chapel and had the parish hall open for overflow of Masses which we also live-streamed. While the 4pm Mass filled our church with social distancing limitations, all of the other Masses had space for additional people. The parish hall ended up being used for one couple at the 4pm Mass and otherwise remained empty. But our livestreaming viewership was significant for all of the Masses. The 4pm Christmas Eve Mass had over 500 views, with the 6 and 10pm Masses having over 300 each, and all three of the Christmas morning Masses having over 200 views each. I have to say I've been impressed by how faithful so many have been to participate in Masses via livestream when they cannot be present with us throughout the year.

Computers have allowed us to 'feed ourselves' much more online with different news, entertainment, and education this past year. In addition to livestreaming Masses, hopefully we have also noted many inspiring stories and opportunities to learn about our faith that can be as close as a Google search away.

Another change that has happened this last year that may not have been easy, but I think has been a positive aspect of the pandemic restrictions, is more family time. I know parents have had to be more involved in their children's education when they have been distance learning, and without some of the activities we have become used to in our lives we have had to do more with those we live with. I have to believe family meals have had an incredible increase in most households over this last year. Not only can this be a good practice for us as families, but hopefully we also see our family as one of the primary ways we do grow in our faith. A simple meal prayer as a family is one of the easiest ways we have of regularly praying together. This relationship that is so much a part of it that we can take it for granted, hopefully in addition to recognizing the gift of our biological families, we also recognize the gift of our spiritual family with God.

I assume I will be getting at least my appetite back fairly soon. I hope we all encourage the appetite for our relationship with God among one another.

Peace,

*Fr. Nick*





"...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

## IN LOVING MEMORY

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

*Delores Ketcherside*  
Mother of Carl Ketcherside

*Tony Potts*  
Brother-In-Law of Terry Potts

*Christa Uttecht*  
Aunt of Kim Hunt

*Charles Wohldmann*  
Grandfather of Angie Bauman

*Monsignor Raymond Orf*  
Uncle of Lucy Wood

*Inna Hagan*  
Grandmother of Fr. Patrick Russell

# THANK YOU!

To everyone who helped make our Christmas liturgies beautiful, safe, and holy! TO our awesome priests, musicians, lectors, podcasters, sound technicians, our sacristans, usher/greeters, our fabulous church decorators, our church cleaners, golf drivers, our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and anyone who helped in any way!! THANK YOU to everyone who CAME and PARTICIPATED whether in person or online... we are blessed to be surrounded by an amazing community! We are so blessed to be in this place and time with one another! May this new year bring love, peace and hope!

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

**All women are invited for prayer and a talk** presented by a Kenrick-Glennon Seminary faculty member on the third Thursday of each month. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the meetings are currently held virtually. On Thursday, January 21, the program will include a rosary prayed at 8:00am followed by a talk given by Deacon Jim Keating, Professor of Spiritual Theology. The title of his talk is "Giving Christ Your Worries." To receive access to the live rosary prayer group and a link to Fr. Sosio's talk, please sign up for Fiat emails at [www.kenrick.edu/fiat](http://www.kenrick.edu/fiat).

**All are Welcome, Every TUESDAY!** Please come and pray for peace and special intentions. The Rosary and Perpetual Help Devotions; Tuesdays at 6:15pm in the Chapel.

**TRAVELING PICTURE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE:** Assumption Legion of Mary is happy to offer a traveling picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This picture is available to any parishioner who would like to take it home for one week. The prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe for the protection from the coronavirus is printed on the back for your convenience. Safety measures are in place with sanitizing the picture. Sign up for the traveling picture by contacting: [Diane Donnelly](mailto:dianedon63@gmail.com) at (978)223-8597 or [dianedon63@gmail.com](mailto:dianedon63@gmail.com), OR [Kathy Boyd](mailto:mikebsr8518@gmail.com) at (314)308-7332 or [mikebsr8518@gmail.com](mailto:mikebsr8518@gmail.com).

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**Every Tuesday - QUEEN OF HEARTS!** Doors open at 5:00pm and drawings begin at 7:00pm ~ Upper Hall - Multiple Weekly Raffles.

**Fish Fry:** The next Fish Fry is Feb. 5th, from 5-7pm, at the KC Hall. More info to come!  
**Collection Drive... THIS Sunday (Jan 10th)**

9:00am - 1:00pm at the upper parking lot of the Knights Hall



## CONNECT! SUNDAY REFLECTION

The Baptism of the Lord | For Sunday, January 10, 2021

### Choose to Live Like Christ

Written by Fr. Mark Suslenko

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Or Isaiah 55:1-11

Acts 10:34-38 Or 1 John 5:1-9

Mark 1:7-11



Our faith must be brought into the streets. It cannot remain locked up in a church or limited to expressions of personal piety. Pope Francis reminds us in *The Joy of the Gospel* that “we have been entrusted with a treasure which makes us more human and helps us lead a new life. There is nothing more precious which we can give to others.” Jesus’ baptism provides him with exactly what he needs to get about the business of his mission as the Son of God, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” He is given what he needs to be successful in fulfilling the purpose for which he was sent. Our baptisms give us these same gifts. We receive the affirma-

tion we need from God, knowing that we are one of his beloved daughters and sons. It is through our baptisms that we are gifted with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. It is not solely about our eternal salvation. In baptism, we receive what we need to be successful in fulfilling our purpose and laboring for the kingdom of God. Baptism is ultimately about putting on Christ and choosing to live like Christ in the world. This means putting Jesus’ command to love at the forefront of our lives. Are we ready and willing to answer the call?

Baptism is the Easter mystery made flesh in our lives, reminding us of who we are called to be, and the kind of world God designed for our use. It is because of this truth that Pope Francis can say that “we have a treasure of life and love which cannot deceive and a message which cannot mislead or disappoint. It penetrates to the depths of our hearts, sustaining and ennobling us. It is a truth which is never out of date because it reaches that part of us which nothing else can reach. Our infinite sadness can only be cured by infinite love.” Many are experiencing a great depth of infinite sadness. They are lost and without a true shepherd. They have no real axis in their lives and do not know how to frame the choices they make or purify their thoughts and feelings. It is, quite frankly, a mess. We need to help our world move forward and find a greener pasture beyond the sadness. We can powerfully witness to this by moving beyond our own sadness and embracing hope. Baptism tells us who we are and assures us that we are on a much bigger journey. This is good news indeed!

But we cannot move forward by cancelling our past or erasing its memory. History is important. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not always have been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud, and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We must acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We certainly cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. The times when humanity in general, and people in particular, have lost their way are the very times that need to be reconciled and redeemed. Baptized people can speak to this need and help with this healing. We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds, and be reconciled with our Creator. We need a conscience. This is only accomplished by having a strong relationship with God, being informed and enlightened by good, solid teaching, living a good moral life, being persons of integrity, and discerning the path to virtuous, Gospel centered decisions. Do we bring a well formed conscience to our daily choices?

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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

## Week at a

### Mass Times/Intentions

### Readings

### Reconciliation

### MONDAY 1.11.21

6:30am Glennon Hibbeler  
8:00am Clarence Amptmann

1st Reading: Heb 1: 1-6  
Gospel: Mk 1: 14-20  
7:30 - 7:50am Church  
Or by appointment

### TUESDAY 1.12.21

6:30am LaVerne Schneider  
8:00am Henry & Norma Prinster,  
Spec. Int.

1st Reading: Heb 2:5-12  
Gospel: Mk 1:21-28  
7:30 - 7:50am Church  
Or by appointment

### WEDNESDAY 1.13.21

6:30am Sr. Audrey Hemsath  
8:00am Richard C. Townsend

1st Reading: Heb 2:14-18  
Gospel: Mk 1:21-28  
7:30 - 7:50am Church  
Or by appointment

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally, but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. The Gospel, ratified in us through baptism, anchors us in the God given virtues of faith, hope, and love. It orients us to truth and that truth brings joy. It is only through baptism that we can remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die. It is amazing that when we actually put on Christ so much changes! We learn to resolve our conflicts peacefully and without recourse to violence. Restoring relationships that are broken or distorted becomes a priority and securing a means for all people to achieve reasonable happiness in this world becomes the lens through which we see when conducting business.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. The challenge comes in accepting the risk of preaching the Gospel. While we may have all we need in our baptism to do so, we have to find the willingness within to actually pull it off. We have to be willing to move from just giving lip service to our brothers and sisters throughout the world and actually relating to them as spiritual siblings.

We cannot ignore the immigrant, the migrant, the orphan, the cold, the hungry or the sinner. We cannot continue to choose the protection of life when it suits us and its demise when it doesn't. We cannot continue to run PRAYER In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Hail Mary, full of grace, blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen. Lord you left your Mother in our midst that she might accompany us. May she take care of us and protect us on our journey, in our hearts, in our faith. May she make us disciples like herself, missionaries like herself. May she teach us to go out onto the streets. May she teach us to step outside ourselves. May she, by her meekness, by her peace, show us the way. Amen. -Pope Francis, Prayer at conclusion of meeting with young people from Argentina, 7/25/13 [www.4LPi.com](http://www.4LPi.com) 2 roughshod over God's creation. God continues to try to heal what God has made. We have to help this along, not work against it. Human life has dignity and things like human trafficking, prejudice, severe unemployment, violence, greed, lust for power, and corruption cannot continue. We need to help those who have no voice find one.

This is the beauty of being the Body of Christ collectively. The responsibility for the mission of the Gospel does not fall on any one person. It does, however, require that all of the baptized members of that Body realize who they are and take their faith to the streets. Our credibility depends upon doing this successfully. We also need to support one another as we strive to achieve God's vision. Our political systems are broken, people are lost and hurting and there is great sadness across the globe. It is all too easy to mistake what is purported as being politically correct with ultimate truth, forgetting that there are principles and ideals that need to be in place to effectively govern our lives. We will face more difficult times before it gets better. But we have a hope with us that the world cannot give. It is our identity in God sealed in our baptism that assures us that God is with us and will use us to heal God's world. Are we ready to do so?

*Fr. Mark Suslenko*



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

Prayer

THURSDAY 1.14.21	FRIDAY 1.15.21	SATURDAY 1.16.21	SUNDAY 1.17.21
6:30am Deceased CPPS 8:00am LaVerne Schneider	9:00am Robert Thomas, Jr. 11:00am Robert Scholten	9:00am Living & Deceased CPPS Parents & Relatives 5:00pm Christine Donnelly, Spec. Int.	8:00am Audrey Lang 10:00am People of the Parish 12:00pm Bill Brown 5:30pm Velma Settles
1st Reading: heb 3:7-14 Gospel: Mk 1:40-4 7:30 - 7:50am Church	1st Reading: Heb 4:1-5, 11 Gospel: Mk 2:1-12 Or by appointment	1st Reading: Heb 4:12-16 Gospel: Mk 2:13-17 4:00 - 4:45pm Church Or by appointment	1st Reading: 1 Sm 3:3-10, 19 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20 Gospel: Jn 1:35-42  By appointment





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

Youth Formation



## From the Principal's Pen

One of the greatest educational concerns due to COVID-19, has been "Tracking the Impact of Covid-19 on Learning". Knowing how much learning has been lost due to days when school closed between March and May of 2020 was needed in order to plan for improvement. Virtual and Distance Learning have a purpose and do provide learning opportunities, yet, most would agree that in-class learning (with a teacher) is optimal.

Prior to Christmas, I attended a webinar (online training) showing the research and data through Renaissance Learning, Inc. This study was a sample of over five (5) million students (Public and Religious Schools) in grades 1-8 from all 50 states and their performance on assessments during Fall 2019 and Fall 2020.

Looking at Math, the study showed a significant impact (loss of growth) from Covid-19. From one year to the next, we typically see a smooth transition from grade level to grade level, with students staying on their growth path. However, with Covid-19, math growth was stunted in all schools – public and religious alike. According to the Renaissance study, PUBLIC school students' Math growth decreased between 15 and 35 %. (This depended on the grade level.) The RELIGIOUS school students' Math growth decreased by 4 to 8% (Again, depending on the grade level.)

At Assumption, we assumed there would be a drop in Math growth, but didn't know how much of a loss to expect for our Assumption students. Our plan was to focus on our students with a Math improvement strategy. Back in August, we gave our students, grades 3-8, a Math assessment based on their LAST grade level. Teachers took the data and identified the Math weaknesses of their students. Throughout the semester, teachers synchronized math learning and weaknesses, building the curriculum to best meet the needs of our students. In December, we did a second assessment. Over the break we calculated the results of our individual student's growth in Math, as well as growth for the overall grade level. Next week, I will share the results!

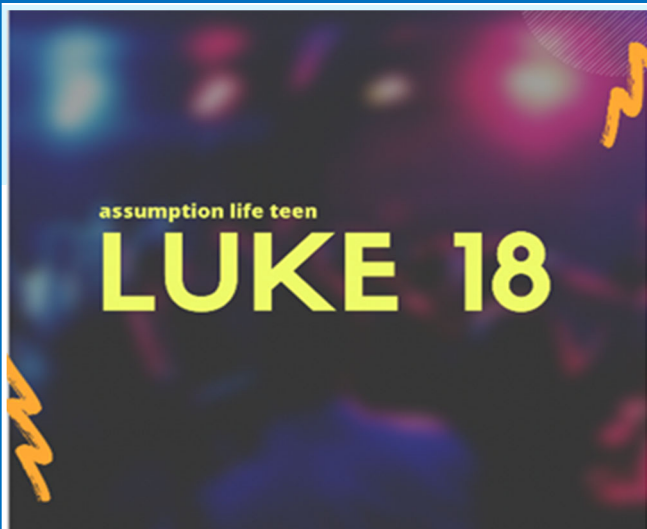
Thanks for reading about our school!  
Pat Hensley



give blood, give life

## Assumption Blood Drive! TODAY!! January 10th

Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center will be in the parish hall today, **9:00am – 1:30pm**, and we look forward to welcoming you there! If you have not donated blood since November 15, you are eligible to donate at this drive. **Donations must be by appointment only to accommodate social distancing.** All donors are eligible to receive a \$10 gift card or a long sleeve T-shirt. **When you come to donate, be sure you have eaten, are hydrated and bring your photo ID and mask.** If you have not made an appointment, but would like to donate, please contact Mary Anne Robinson, the parish coordinator, at 636-541-2823 for information about any available appointments.



@assumption\_life\_teen



Assumption Life Teen



@assumption\_LT

### Sunday, January 10th: Life Night - Winter Kick Off: Bunco Bonanza!

All teens are invited for our Winter Kick Off night! Expect games, crazy fun, good times, Cane's for dinner and a chance to get to know the LT community better. We will meet in Hall C. Don't forget to wear a mask and bring a friend! See you there!

### Wednesday, January 13th: Open LT HQ

Come and check out the entirely renovated Life Teen Headquarters (formerly known as the West House)! Teens, LT HQ is a place for you to come relax and have a snack, do some homework, reconnect with friends, core members, and youth ministry staff. LT HQ will be open from 3 – 6 pm

### SAVE THE DATE:

March 19-21 – Luke 18: Assumption Confirmation Retreat

June 13-18: Catholic Heart Work Camp

July 16-18: Steubenville Mid-America Week 2

Due to COVID-19, our Life Nights look different than they normally would as our highest priority is the holiness and health of our teens. Here are the measures we are taking:

- All Life Nights are held in a socially distant manner. Teens may only share a sitting space with a sibling or friend they have regularly been in contact with.
- In the event of rain, we will be in the Hall and spread out in a socially distant manner.
- All teens must wear a mask any time they are inside a building or if an activity requires movement.
- Hand sanitizer is always available.

Have a question? Contact **Becky Whitaker,**

**Director of Youth Ministry**

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**CELEBRATE CATHOLIC  
SCHOOLS WEEK 2021**  
January 31 - February 6  
#CSW21

## Catholic Schools Week: January 31-February 6, 2021

Catholic Schools Week is a national celebration of Catholic education and an opportunity to recognize the importance, the value, and the contributions of Catholic education to the Church and the world. Catholic Schools Week is celebrated during the last week of January. This year, Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated from January 31st through February 6th. Each day during the week we remember, recognize, and celebrate all the people that work together to bring Catholic education to our parish.

*Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Elementary School*, united in Christ and guided by the spirit of our Blessed Mother, is rooted in the Gospel message of love and acceptance. In educating the whole person, "**Mind, Body, and Spirit**," we transform each student through the power of faith and knowledge, inspiring each to **bring Christ to the World**. Throughout the week we will recognize, with gratitude, our former and current students, teachers, and families, and all members of our faith community that have dedicated themselves to ensuring a quality Catholic education for the students of Assumption. **You are loved!**

**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



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

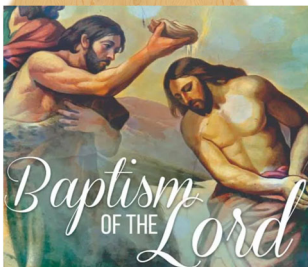
The Grief Support Group of Assumption Parish cordially invites those of you, 18 years of age and older, who are grieving the death of a loved one, to our Spring Grief Support Series. Our first session will begin on Thursday, **FEBRUARY 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021** in the Meyer Room at 7:00pm. Father Joe Kempf's video series, "No One Cries the Wrong Way" will be incorporated into each session along with prayer, personal sharing, and biblical reflection.

**Due to Covid-19 restrictions and social distancing, this Grief Support Series will be limited on the amount of people permitted to attend safely, so please register as soon as possible.**

**To register or for any additional information please contact:**

**Lynn Crews @ 636-294-0821 or [lynncrews721@gmail.com](mailto:lynncrews721@gmail.com)**

**Registration deadline is TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd, 2021**



### **January 10, 2021 — The Baptism of the Lord**

*IS 42:1-4, 6-7 or IS 55:1-11; PS 1-2, 3-4, 9-10 or IS 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; ACTS 10:34-38 or 1 JN 5:1-9; MK 1:7-11*

Our Christmas season concludes with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus was not baptized because He needed to repent — rather, He was revealing who He is and what He came to do.

It is from His mission that we can receive the sacrament of baptism — when we become adopted sons and daughters of God. From that moment, we belong to Christ — we become His stewards. Our lives should be a reflection of this relationship. The way we live should reveal Whose we are.

In our First Reading, the prophet Isaiah shares a message of hope, "*Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy?*" We should ask ourselves, "*Who is the king of our hearts?*" As Christian stewards, it should be God. We often fill our lives with things that satisfy us only for a moment. If we truly do belong to Christ, then we will make Him our top priority. What we fill our lives with should reveal that He is King.

In our Gospel, Mark reveals the intimate relationship between God the Father, God the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus and God the Father proclaimed, "*You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.*" We, too, have access to an intimate relationship with God. But like all good relationships, it flourishes with effort. How we spend our time and share our gifts says a great deal about Whose we are.



# SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

## STARTING JANUARY 11, 2021

Looking for a scholarship for the 2021-2022 school year?

- All elementary schools in the Archdiocese of St. Louis
- All Catholic high schools
- Any private elementary school in the City of St. Louis

Apply online at [TTEF-STL.ORG](http://TTEF-STL.ORG) for elementary and high school scholarships.

Deadline is February 26th, 2021.

Visit [ttef-stl.org](http://ttef-stl.org) for more details

ttef@archstl.org (314) 792-7777

Unified Online Application (Free)

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Plan with heart. Invest for good.



"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

Service

## Our Gifts to God and Parish

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

	Dec. 25 & 27, 2020	7/1/2020 - 12/27/2020
Envelopes (261) & Checks	\$ 37,125	\$ 555,366
Loose	\$ 674	\$ 3,326
Electronic	\$ 9,577	\$ 287,219
Total	\$ 47,376	\$ 845,911

**Needed to sustain our mission 907,500**

Loan Balance as of 11/30/2020: \$1,495,819

*"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*

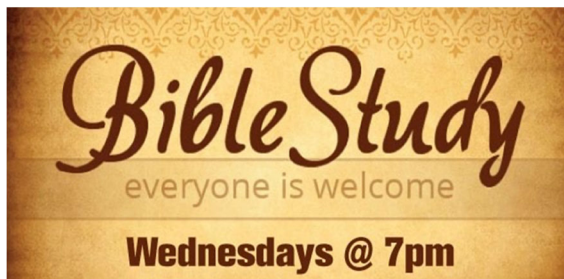
**The Bible Teaches It (Mal 3:10-12)**  
**We Believe It (Acts 4:32-36)**  
**God Honors It (Gen 14:18-20)**

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# VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

## WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

### 7PM (1 Hour max)



"...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

Come join via Zoom on Wednesday nights from the comfort of your own home. We will reflect on the weekly gospel message using Lectio Divina. What is Lectio Divina? Traditionally, **Lectio Divina** has **four** separate **steps**: read; meditate; pray; contemplate. First a passage of scripture is read, then its meaning is reflected upon. This is followed by prayer and contemplation on the Word of God. It is a beautiful way to pray through scripture with one another.

No reservation needed on any night, just join the link at 7pm. Please contact Jonas and Michelle Enriquez at [jonas.marc.247@gmail.com](mailto:jonas.marc.247@gmail.com) or call 314-706-8255 with questions.

Upcoming dates are: 1/6/2021, 1/13/2021, 1/20/2021, 1/27/2021, meetings will continue on Wednesdays at 7pm using the same Zoom login details throughout 2021.

Zoom Topic: **Virtual Bible Study**

Time: Start Dec 23, 2020 07:00 PM Central Time

Every week on Wed, until Nov 17, 2021, 50 occurrence(s)

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*We hope that you will join us!!*



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

#### MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

For one-on-one grief support, contact Kris Bohn at 636.795.2611, and for information regarding our grief support series, which is held twice per year, contact Lynn Crews at 294.0821.



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