

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.

— Luke 4:18a

January 23, 2022

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

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

Welcome

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www.assumptionbvm.org

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Hello,

This coming Tuesday we celebrate the conversion of St. Paul, who went from a persecutor of Christians to one of Christ's most outspoken followers and a leader and evangelist in the early Christian community. If you haven't read or heard those passages lately, it is repeated three times in the Acts of the Apostles, 9:1-22, 22:3-16, and 26:12-18. The first one contains the most details and the next ones have Paul telling others about how he came to believe. I think Paul's conversion falls at a time that can hopefully provide us with a good opportunity to reflect on three different celebrations/anniversaries last week.

Last Monday we remembered Martin Luther King Jr. and his peaceful confrontation with violent racial discrimination. Last Saturday was the Anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision legalizing abortion in the United States, and last week we also celebrated a Week for Christian Unity. For all of these situations we realize there are real divisions and animosity, at times to the point where others can even be demonized. Including a week for Christian Unity into this group may seem a bit extreme. There cannot be that much division among Christians, can there? I don't think we have to go too far back to realize in our country when this was the case. The simple fact that we felt there was a need to have identified a specific week for Christian Unity, when it seems like it should be something that is only natural, appears to support that understanding.

Looking at the conversion of St. Paul, hopefully, encourages us to recognize that incredible changes can occur within people. He is an example that the hearts of people can be changed, their eyes can be opened, and those who we once considered our persecutors and opponents can become our strongest defenders and friends. I know of people who once were strongly opposed to beliefs, whether it be treating one another with equal dignity and respect regardless of race, recognizing the life and rights of an unborn child, or recognizing common beliefs of all Christians, who have made drastic changes and now speak out against their past actions. If we don't believe this change can happen, then we are not likely to recognize the reason, the values, and the common beliefs that those we may be striving to convert or change already share with us.

Another aspect of Paul's conversion is that it took someone else, Ananais, to have the courage and faith to listen to God's call in helping and welcoming Paul. When we have differences with others we need to be open not to just stand up for what we believe is right, but believe in the conversion of others, and recognize that conversion may be needed in ourselves, and always open to listen to and follow Christ.

Peace,

Fr. Nick





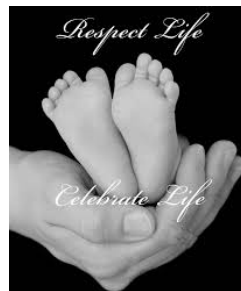
"...living the truth in love, we should grow in every way into Him...from whom the whole body, held and joined together by every supporting ligament brings about the body's growth and builds itself in love."

- Ephesians 4:15-16

Adult Formation

Assumption Adoration Chapel

Adoration is available 24/7 in the old church by using the code at the north transit entrance. EXPOSITION on Tuesday begins after the 8:00am Mass and through Rosary at 6:15 pm, followed by Perpetual Help Devotions and Benediction to close. Please sign up at assumptionbvm.weadorehim.com.



Respect Life Apostolate Meeting! Monday, January 31st at 9:00am

We will be meeting in the Meyer Room. We will be sharing our thoughts and gifts to others.

All are welcome!

Questions? Please call Sylvia Kiphart at, 636-978-8803

New members Welcome!!



THAT MAN IS YOU! Men's Group

- Are you looking for a Spiritual New Year's Resolution?
- Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God?
- Be a better husband? More loving father?
- Seek to be the best man you can be?
- Are you looking for a more spiritual relationship with other men of God?

Then JOIN us Saturday mornings starting January 29th!! Cost is FREE! To Register, email Deacon Richard: DeaconRichard@charter.net or Text to 314-397-2433. In-Person or Zoom Available Place: Knights of Columbus Hall, Lower Hall (Across from ABVM School) Time: Breakfast, 7:15am, Video/Discussion, 7:30am



Save a life
Give blood

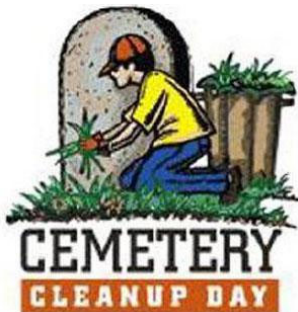
Assumption Blood Drive - January 23rd!

ImpactLife (formerly Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center) will be in the parish hall **NEXT Sunday, January 23rd, 9:00am – 1:30pm**, and we look forward to welcoming you there! If you have not donated blood since November 28, you are eligible to donate at this drive. You may donate if you have had COVID-19 if you are at least 14 days symptom free. There is no deferral period after receipt of the COVID vaccine. **Donations must be by appointment only to accommodate social distancing.** YOUR donation is more important than ever so that the needs of patients in the area can be met. Strict protocols are in place to ensure your safety and the safety of the blood being collected. You may go to www.bloodcenterIMPACT.org (use sponsor code 9007) to schedule an appointment, or call ImpactLife at 866-448-3253 for assistance in scheduling. Please visit www.bloodcenter.org for information about COVID-19 protocols relating to blood donations. Parish coordinator, Mary Anne Robinson, can be reached at 636-541-2823 to assist with scheduling or questions. **IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR DONORS:** It is very important that you have eaten and are well hydrated when you come to donate. Masks are required and you must bring a photo ID.



"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



Saturday, February 5th at 9am, please join the cemetery committee as they clean-up the cemetery and remove Christmas and weathered items. Please remove any items you would like to keep, prior to February 5th.



Please contact Angie Bauman 636-578-2185 (call or text) if you would like to help or have any questions.



After returning from Christmas/New Year's break, we spent the past two Sundays on The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, Holy Orders, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick and Eucharist. Next weekend we will not be dismissed after the homily, but will remain for the entire Mass. During that session we will go over the Liturgy of the Eucharist and the Creed. God works in mysterious ways, sometimes converting individuals to Catholicism through truth, goodness and beauty. He comes in search of each one of us and calls us each by name. The journey continues to amaze us. Individuals are being changed through listening to The Word of God. They tell their stories of changes in their lives and becoming closer to God. Please continue to pray for us as we do for our parish community.

We are looking for a few people who would sew Baptism gowns for our group this year. RCIA provides the pattern and material. If interested, please call Lanie Schmersahl at 636-357-2589.

JOB OPENING: Collaborative Governance (CG) of the Franciscan Sisters of Mary and the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood have an opening for a Registered Nurse, with a MSN (preferred) and an active RN license in the State of MO, to serve as a full-time **Assistant Health Care Director**. This position will serve as a resource for the CG Health Care Director, working directly with the Sisters. Qualifications: MSN preferred, active RN license in the State of MO, and basic life support (BLS) certification. Professional nursing practice experience of at least 5 years with experience in geriatrics, mental or community health and work with Catholic Sisters a plus. More info: lwand@collaborativegovernance.org.

Week at a Glance

	MONDAY 01.24.22	TUESDAY 01.25.22	WEDNESDAY 01.26.22
Mass Times/Intentions	6:30am Bill Schwendeman 8:00am In Thanksgiving	6:30am Robert W. Ploesser 8:00am Lee Akerley	6:30am Patricia Francis Mueller 8:00am Lou Bogнар
Readings	1st Reading: Sm 5:1-7,10 Gospel: Mk 3:22-30 7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	1st Reading: Acts 22:3-16 Gospel: Mk 16:15-18 7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	1st Reading: Tm 1:1-8 Gospel: Mk 4:1-20 7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment
Reconciliation			



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 upcoming Grief Support Series. Our first session will begin at 7:00pm on Thursday, **FEBRUARY 10th**, in the Meyer Room. Fr. Joe Kempf's video series, "No One Cries the Wrong Way" will be incorporated into our sessions, along with prayer, personal sharing, and biblical reflection.

To register or for any additional information please contact:

Lynn Crews @ 636-294-0821 or
lynn.assumption@gmail.com

Please Register BY TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH.

In loving memory

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Ryan Hoff

Grandson of James and Nancy Hoff

Paul Heppermann

Brother-In-Law of Rosemary Peiper



Pray the Rosary Before Weekend Masses:

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

All are Welcome, Every TUESDAY!

Please come and pray for peace and special intentions. The Rosary, Perpetual Help Devotions and Benediction: Tuesdays, 6:15pm in the Chapel.

PRAYER:

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

Prayer

Retrouvaille – A Lifeline for Marriages

What is a Retrouvaille Program? The word Retrouvaille (pronounced re-tro-vi with a long i.) is a French word meaning rediscovery. The program offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. Thousands of couples headed for cold, unloving relationships or divorce have successfully overcome their marriage problems by attending the program. For more information or to register for the upcoming **March 4-6, 2022**, Please Contact: 314-453-0110 or email 2019@retrouvaille.org. To learn more visit <http://www.retrouvaillestl.org>.

PRAY, PRAY, PRAY

This year is the 40th Anniversary of Our Lady, the Blessed Virgin Mary, appearing in Medjugorje. Our Blessed Mother is still giving the visionaries messages every month. In every message she says, "Pray, Pray, Pray." We can do this. Every Tuesday evening, beginning at 6:15pm, Rosary, Perpetual Help Devotions, and Benediction with Fr. Nick or Deacon Richard are held in the Chapel along with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Think about our world situation and then please come to "Pray, Pray, Pray."



THURSDAY 01.27.22

6:30am Partners in Mission Grp.
 8:00am Lee Akerly

1st Reading: Sm 7:18-19,24-29
 Gospel: Mk4:21-25

7:30 - 7:50am Church
 Or by appointment

FRIDAY 01.28.22

6:30am Joyce Albanese
 8:00am Veronica Cecelia Neary Cross

1st Reading: Sm 11:1-4a,13-17
 Gospel: Mk 4:26-34

7:30-7:50 am Church
 Or by appointment

SATURDAY 01.28.22

8:00am Rose (Angie) Powers
 5:00pm Bob Crangle

1st Reading: Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17
 Gospel: Mk 4:35-41

7:30-7:50am Church
 By appointment

SUNDAY 01.29.22

8:00am Juanita Kaltenbach
 10:00am Stephanie Carpenter
 12:00pm People of the Parish
 5:30pm Desi Wurzbacher

1st Reading: Jer 1:4-5,17-19
 2nd Reading: Cor 12:31—13:13
 Gospel: Lk 4:21-30



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

Youth Formation



From the Principal's Pen

Growth Again in Math, Reading and Writing @ Assumption

Typically, schools do standardized testing each year. However, the exception for the entire US was 2020, due to COVID. Standardized testing gives results that compare students, classes, or schools from across the nation. The comparison can be done because all of the students at each grade level took the same test.

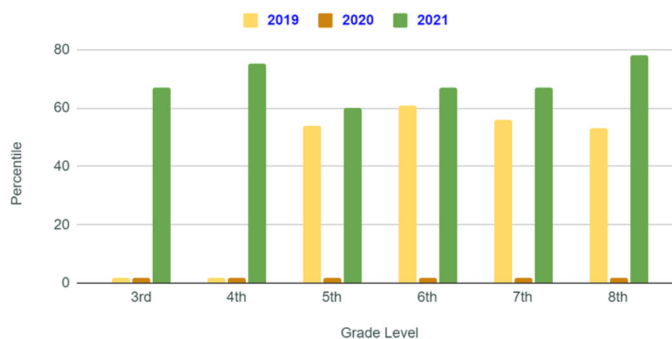
Results from standardized tests are called PERCENTILES and **are not like** a percent given on a test. In the graphs below, you will see each grade level at Assumption over three years, 2019, 2020, and 2021 in three subject areas, Math, Reading and Writing. Unfortunately, there was no testing in 2020 due to COVID, so there is no information to graph.

When looking at the graph the bars indicate the average PERCENTILE for the entire class during the specific year and subject. So, as an example, Grade 6 in Math for 2019 scored a 60 Percentile, that would mean that our 6th grade class scored better than 59/100 schools in the nation.

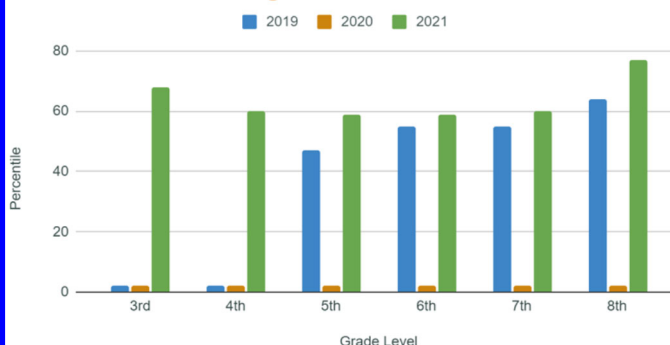
Most importantly, you can see from year to year, the average growth for the same group of students in subject areas.

Lastly, our mission is to transform our students through the power of faith and knowledge, inspiring each to bring Christ to the World. We are continually reviewing and reevaluating to improve all aspects of our programs, hoping that with each change comes improvement.

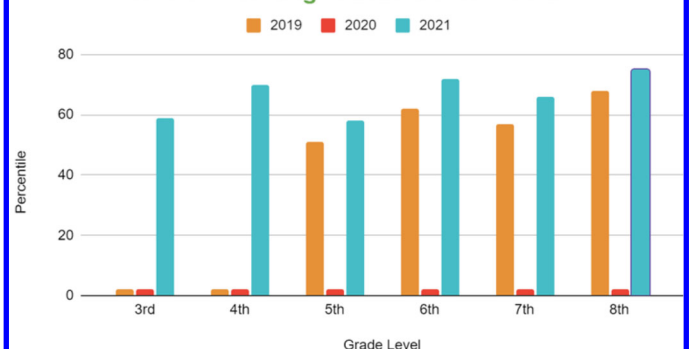
2019 vs. 2021 MATH
(NOTE: No testing 2020 due to COVID)



2019, 2020 and 2021 READING
No Testing in 2020 Due to COVID



2019, 2020 and 2021 WRITING
Note: No testing in 2020 due to COVID



Thank you for reading about our school!
Pat Hensley, Principal





LIFE TEEN

Happy New Year!

We are so glad to be back in action for an incredible semester of fun, faith and community with Life Teen and our EDGE Middle School Youth Ministry. Thank you for your prayers! The young Church is alive and well and we can't wait to see how the Lord puts the teens at His service.



**FOR-
MATION**

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

Youth Formation

Here's what's going on this week.

January 23 – Life Teen: XLT – Creating a Culture of Life. 6:30 – 8:30pm in the Parish Center
All high school teens are invited to join us for XLT – a night of worship, a powerful message on creating a Culture of Life, and a time of Eucharistic Adoration. As always, we will start with dinner and then move into our Life Night. Teens, we can't wait to see you there!

Edge will resume February 2nd.

Save the Date:

April 8 – 10: Luke 18 Retreat!



Have a question? Contact **Becky Whitaker,**
Director of Youth Ministry

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

Connect with us on Social Media:

Instagram: @assumption life teen // @assumption edge
Facebook: Assumption Life Teen // Assumption EDGE

150th Anniversary Gray Sweatshirts and T-shirts

Sweatshirts \$10 / T-Shirts \$10



Available in the Parish Office!
Adult Sizes only



FRONT



BACK



HOSPITALITY:

Christian
Kindness
"We are ALL
hospitality
ministers"

Hospitality

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

STARTING JANUARY 18, 2022

Looking for a scholarship for the
2022-2023 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

Deadline is February 28th, 2022.

Go to: ttef-stl.org
or call Laura George,
Senior Director of Scholarships
at 314.792.7777

Free Online Application

TODAY & TOMORROW

CHANGING THE FUTURE — ONE CHILD AT A TIME

ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

Office of Catholic Education and Formation

Save the Date!

Assumption School is hosting its **Open House** on Sunday, January 30, from 11:00am to 12:30pm. Come see why our school is a great way to help raise your child in the Catholic tradition. For more information, please call the school office at 636-240-4474.



World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life, February 2, 2022
(Celebrated in Parishes February 5-6)

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church. We hope that you find the following resources helpful for your own celebrations of World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life!

Athletic Association!

Golf: CYC Golf Registration is now open, through Sunday, February 6th. Golf is open to ALL in Grades 1-8. Due to Covid our registration is on a tight schedule this year, NO LATE REGISTRATIONS will be accepted!!

Sign up at [St. Charles CYC District](#). Any questions contact Jeff LaBarge at 314-495-9198 or jslabarge@yahoo.com. Also visit CYC.St.Charles.Golf@gmail.com

Baseball/Softball: CYC Baseball/Softball registration is open now, until Sunday, January 30. <https://www.teamsideline.com/sites/cyosaintcharlesmo/current-programs> Signups are open for Pre-K 4 – 4th grade. For 5th-8th grade, a full team needs to be together already – coaches, please reach out directly for signups. A minimum of 2 coaches is needed per team. CYC is also looking for umpires. If interested or have any questions, please contact Heather Wilkinson, at haw322@yahoo.com

Coordinators: We are looking for volunteers for Golf and Baseball/Softball. Jeff Labarge is looking to train someone to take over Golf. Please contact jslabarge@yahoo.com. We are also looking for volunteers to help coordinate Baseball/Softball this year or help with field management for the PreK/K games. Please contact Heather Wilkinson (haw322@yahoo.com) if interested.

Umpires: Hiring Umpires for Current Baseball/Softball Season. Umpire at Knights of Columbus in April-June. Ages 13+, flexible schedule, great way to earn money this summer! Matthew.j.flick@gmail.com or 228-233-9388 to sign up.



"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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY'S ARE BACK!

FEBRUARY 4TH AND ALL LENTEN FRIDAYS

March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 8 and 15.

The Knights of Columbus Hall is OPEN!

5:00-7:00pm ~ Dine In and Take Out



MENU: Fried Cod, Cat fish and Chicken fingers. **SIDES:** green beans, coleslaw, pasta (Spaghetti or Mc N Cheese), potato salad, desserts.

Tea and coffee free, Full Cash Bar available: beer, wine and mixed drink

You can pay either with a credit card or cash.

Our Gifts to God and Parish

STEWARDSHIP
a way of life

Weekly Offertory

January 9, 2022

7/1/2021 - 1/9/22

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

Actual Collections	\$	41,494	\$	1,024,197
Budget Target	\$	36,000	\$	1,084,000
Surplus / (Shortfall)	\$	5,494	\$	(59,803)

We Believe It (Acts 4:32-36)
God Honors It (Gen 14:18-20)

TITHING

Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school

Original Loan	\$ 3,306,127
Current balance owed	\$ 1,254,269
Monthly payment	\$ 20,923

Last expected payment, August 2026

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

Assumption Director of Communications and Marketing - Now Hiring

Assumption is seeking a full time Director of Communications and Marketing. This position is responsible for developing and implementing the long-term communications and marketing vision for the parish and school, working with our staff and parish commissions to increase our school enrollment and active participation of our parishioners.

Interested candidates should send cover letter and resume to Assumption Business Manager



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- Ephesians 4:15-16

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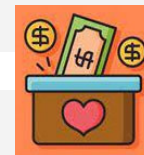


January 24, 6:30pm in Hall C
It's the start of a New Year!
Let's get into shape and eat right!!

Our Parishioner, Debbie Gentry, who is a Physical Therapist (CAPS, ECHM) will talk about fall prevention, balance and especially exercise. How about using stretch bands? And parishioner, Donna Nauman RN, (FNP-BC, HC) to talk about nutritional needs. They promise not to judge us as we have our delicious desserts. All are welcome to our monthly fellowship. Any questions, please call or email Bob or Liz Allmeyer, 636 240-8638 lizallmeyer@gmail.com, robertallmeyer@gmail.com.

ALL 2021 Contribution statements will be mailed out by January 31, 2022 (or sooner).

If you do not receive your statement, please wait until after February 11th to call the parish office and request a statement. Thank you for your generous contributions throughout the year!



Attention: Boeing Employees and Retirees: Your contributions may be eligible for matching from Boeing. Contributions made during 2021 need to be reported online no later than January 31. For more information, please go to: assumptionbvm.org, click on the “About Us” tab and then scroll down to the “Boeing Matching Gift” link.

- ♦ **K of C Queen of Hearts! KC Hall, every Tuesday. Doors open at 5:00pm, drawing is at 7:00pm. Pizzas / Beverages for purchase.**
- ♦ **Remember...KC Hall is available for rental!**
- ♦ **NFL Playoffs / Chili Cook-off: January 30th, Time - TBD**
- ♦ **Superbowl Party: February 12th, Time - TBD**
- ♦ **Mouse Races: March 19th. More Info to come!**
- ♦ **All events are open to the public. For more information, visit us at: www.thecompass2269.com**



The Assumption Legion of Mary would like to offer the picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe to visit your home. Spend a week with the image and let our Mother help her children at their time of need. For more information contact Diane Donnelly (978) 223-8597 or dianedon63@gmail.com or Kathy at (314) 308-7332 mikebsr8518@gmail.com.

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 636.272.4758 (Helpline)
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BULLETIN NOTICES

Submit to Parish Office
 (peggy.assumption@yahoo.com)
 by Tuesday 9:00am

WEBSITE: www.assumptionbvm.org
facebook.com/assumptionmedia
assumptionparish.org

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

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

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

For one-on-one grief support, contact Kris Bohn at 636.795.2611, and for information regarding our grief support series, which is held twice per year, contact Lynn Crews at 314-578.0741.

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