

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

JANUARY 24, 2021

THIRD

Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

THEY ABANDONED
THEIR NETS
AND FOLLOWED

Jesus.

MARK 1:18



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

Welcome



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Hello,

On September 30, 2019 Pope Francis declared that “the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the word of God.” (*Aperuit illis*, 3). Since this is the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time I thought it would be appropriate to talk a little bit about a common way Catholics pray with Scripture called *Lectio Divina*.

Lectio Divina is a Latin phrase that translates in English as divine or holy reading. In the Catholic Church it has been a tradition of a way to pray with Scriptures. The following is a short description of the process taking some of the ideas from Jared Dees (www.thereligionteacher.com), Kathryn Shirey (www.KathrynShirey.com) and Pope Benedict XVI (*Verbum Domini*, 86-87).

There are four or five basic steps to *Lectio Divina*, in Latin they are *Lectio* (reading), *Meditatio* (meditation), *Oratio* (prayer), *Contemplatio* (contemplation), and *Actio* (action). A short description of the steps is as follows:

Lectio – “take a bite” – Read a passage from the Bible and be open to understand just what the words say and what would be the common understanding of this passage.

Meditatio – “chew” – When a particular word or phrase gets your attention you stop and reflect, meditate on those words. Be open to how God is speaking to you through these words and your experiences.

Oratio – “savor” – Prayer is our response to God. As petition, intercession, thanksgiving and praise we respond to God’s words to us.

Contemplatio – “digest” – We take time to reflect on what this interchange means and what conversion of our mind, heart, and life God may be asking of us.

Actio – Putting into action what God has revealed to us. Putting the graces God has given us into action in our lives.

The fifth step is not usually described as a strict step of *Lectio Divina*, and may not follow as immediately as the other steps do in the process, but it is a natural part of what we need to do with all that God gives us in our lives.

Another consideration as we pick up our Bibles is that this is the conclusion of our week of prayer for Christian Unity. Hopefully we will allow God to unite us further as we pray with Scripture.

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



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Mike Curtis
Brother of Sharon Scully

Julie Christy
Of Our Parish Family

Arthur J. McBride
Husband of Katherine McBride

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:DianeDonnelly@gmail.com) at (978)223-8597 or dianedon63@gmail.com, OR [Kathy Boyd](mailto:KathyBoyd@gmail.com) at (314)308-7332 or mikebsr8518@gmail.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY! FEBRUARY 5TH!



And ALL Fridays in Lent!! 5:00-7:00pm ~ Curb Side Pickup Only

Call ahead to order: 636-281-9223 or 717-919-7558

OR Order on-line with a credit card:

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We will be serving delicious: Cod and Cat Fish, beans, coleslaw, potato salad, **and cake for dessert. Price: \$10/meal.** (You can pay either with a credit card or cash)

HERE IS THE PROCESS! ... Order ahead on our website or by phone, and provide your cell phone number, specify a desired time of pickup, park in the church parking lot across from the Hall, near the requested time of pickup, receive a call from K of C to pick up your order on the upper parking lot of the Knights of Columbus Hall.



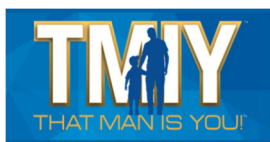
Knights of Columbus Council #2269 202 W. 3rd St., (636) 281-9223

All Events Open to the Public

Every Tuesday - QUEEN OF HEARTS!

Doors open at 5:00pm and drawings begin at 7:00pm

Fish Fry: The next Fish Fry is Feb. 5th, <https://knights-of-columbus-council-2269.square.site/>.



We will begin our next series of That Man is You! (TMIY) sessions on Saturday, January 30th. The series features multiple speakers discussing topics such as Science and Faith, The Impact of the Holy Spirit, Strength to Service, and the Eucharist. Sessions run on Saturday mornings from 7:30 - 8:30am.

All men of the parish are welcome to join us. This next session will begin virtually via Zoom. A determination will be made in the future if we can go hybrid or meet in person. For questions, please contact Deacon Richard: 314-397-2433. Come and see what the Holy Spirit has in store for YOU!



“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



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 4th, 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

Registration deadline is TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd, 2021

Blood Drive **THANK YOU!**

Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center collected twenty-nine units of blood and two units of convalescent plasma at our recent blood drive. More blood was donated at this drive than any drive since 2018! If you came and were able to donate, and even if you were not, may God bless you for your thoughtfulness and generosity! Blood donations save lives and there is a great need for blood in our community. We are very grateful to all parishioners who come to our drives. **THANK YOU!!** If you have had COVID-19 and are interested in donating convalescent plasma you may obtain information to do so at www.bloodcenter.org, or by contacting Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center at 833-610-1025 or by email at patientservices@mvrbc.org. **Please mark your calendars for the blood drive dates coming in 2021 at Assumption: Sunday, April 25; Tuesday, August 3; Sunday, November 14.**

Week at a Glance

| | MONDAY 1.25.21 | TUESDAY 1.26.21 | WEDNESDAY 1.27.21 |
|-----------------------|---|---|--|
| Mass Times/Intentions | 6:30am Joshua Boyd 8:00am Henry Prinster | 6:30am Helen Marie Copeland 8:00am Bob Kaufman | 6:30am Vocations 8:00am Richard C. Townsend |
| Readings | 1st Reading: Acts 22:3-16 Gospel: Mk 16: 15-18 | 1st Reading: 2 Tm 1:1-8 Gospel: Mk 3:31-35 | 1st Reading: Heb 10:11-18 Gospel: Mk 4:1-20 |
| Reconciliation | 7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment | 7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment | 7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment |

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 for elementary and high school scholarships.

Deadline is February 26th, 2021.

Visit ttef-stl.org for more details

ttef@archstl.org (314) 792-7777

Unified Online Application (Free)







World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

February 2, 2021 (Celebrated in Parishes February 6-7) 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 in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church.



PRAYER:

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

Prayer

| THURSDAY 1.28.21 | FRIDAY 1.29.21 | SATURDAY 1.30.21 | SUNDAY 1.31.21 |
|--|---|--|---|
| 6:30am Sr. Marie Frances Wiederholt 8:00am Elfrida D'Souza <hr/> 1st Reading: Heb 10:19-25 Gospel: Mk 4:21-25 7:30 - 7:50am Church | 6:30am Robert Thomas, Jr. 8:00am Pam Huss <hr/> 1st Reading Heb 10:32-39 Gospel: Mk 4:26-34 Or by appointment | 9:00am Pat Liston 5:00pm People of the Parish <hr/> 1st Reading: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 Gospel: Mk 4:35-41 4:00 - 4:45pm Church Or by appointment | 8:00am Jackson Long 10:00am Richard D. Townsend 12:00pm Ann Makarsky 5:30pm Gerard Schoenherr <hr/> 1st Reading: Dt 18: 15-20 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 7:32-35 Gospel: Mk 1:21-28 By appointment |



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Continuous
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Youth Formation



From the Principal's Pen

Catholic Schools Continue to Outpace Public Schools in National Assessments

<https://www.ncea.org/NCEA>

As we approach Catholic Schools' Week, I'd like to share research that was completed in 2019. The Nation's Report Card confirms that Catholic schools consistently achieve academic excellence. **Arlington, VA** – On October 30, 2019 the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), also known as the Nation's Report Card, released its findings for math and reading for grades 4 and 8. NAEP is considered the most consistent measure of U.S. student achievement over time. While most of the nation is facing tough questions on assessment scores in decline for public schools, Catholic school scores continue to trend higher.

Math Grade 4

| | Scale Scores | Below Basic (percentile) | At Basic (percentile) | Proficient (percentile) | Advanced (percentile) |
|----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Public | 240 | 20 | 40 | 32 | 9 |
| Catholic | 246 | 13 | 40 | 39 | 9 |

Math Grade 8

| | Scale Scores | Below Basic (percentile) | At Basic (percentile) | Proficient (percentile) | Advanced (percentile) |
|----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Public | 281 | 32 | 35 | 23 | 10 |
| Catholic | 293 | 18 | 38 | 31 | 13 |

Reading Grade 4

| | Scale Scores | Below Basic (percentile) | At Basic (percentile) | Proficient (percentile) | Advanced (percentile) |
|----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Public | 220 | 35 | 31 | 26 | 9 |
| Catholic | 235 | 19 | 32 | 35 | 14 |

Reading Grade 8

| | Scale Scores | Below Basic (percentile) | At Basic (percentile) | Proficient (percentile) | Advanced (percentile) |
|----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Public | 262 | 28 | 39 | 9 | 4 |
| Catholic | 278 | 12 | 40 | 43 | 6 |

"The NAEP results prove what the families of nearly 1.8 million Catholic school students already know," said Dr. Thomas Burnford, NCEA President/CEO, "that Catholic schools meet and exceed parents' expectations of academic excellence in a community of faith."




The reading assessment is given every two years to students at grades 4 and 8 and measures reading comprehension by asking students to read selected grade-appropriate materials and answer questions based on what they have read. The results present a broad view of students' reading knowledge, skills, and performance over time in public and non-public schools. Aside from Catholic schools, other private schools do not meet the minimum standard of responses to be included in the assessment.

NAEP is part of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). Since 1990, it has been the primary federal entity collecting and analyzing data related to education in the U.S. and other nations. NCES is located within the U.S. Department of Education and the Institute of Education Sciences. NCES fulfills a congressional mandate to collect, collate, analyze and report complete statistics on the condition of American education, conduct and publish reports, and review and report on education activities internationally.

Thanks for reading about Catholic Education across our nation!

Pat Hensley



 @assumption_life_teen
 Assumption Life Teen
 @assumption_LT

Sunday, January 24th: Life Night - THE TREE

All teens are invited to experience life in the Garden of Eden! This is the first night of "The Story" Series where we will be walking through the story of how God desires to draw us to Himself. Expect games, crazy fun, good times, snacks and a chance to reflect on how much we have in common with the familiar characters of Sacred Scripture. We will meet in Hall C. Don't forget to wear a mask and bring a friend! See you there!

TOESDAY, January 25th: Open LT HQ

Come and check out the entirely renovated Life Teen Headquarters. 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

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

Connect with us on Instagram: @assumption_life_teen



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

Youth Formation



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

**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



Dear Friends of Assumption School,

On April 24, 2021, we will celebrate our 8th Annual Assumption Dinner Auction. This year the theme is *Down on the Bayou*. For more than 100 years, Assumption Catholic School has provided a challenging academic curriculum to students starting from our early childhood program through our eighth-grade classrooms.

The dinner auction proceeds directly benefit all students of our day school and PSR programs through tuition assistance, faculty development, student activities, and technology enhancements. These auction proceeds are vital to our ability to help our students meet the academic and spiritual challenges of their future.

We know that a successful auction is not possible without the remarkable support and backing of our Assumption community. We humbly ask everyone to support the auction in at least one of following ways:

Volunteer to be part of the Auction Committee (contact Amy Rinearson at auction@abvmtech.org).

1. Donate an item or service (Donation deadline is Friday, March 26, 2021).
2. Provide financial support through a monetary donation or sponsorship gift.
3. Purchase an ad in our auction program (Ad deadline is Friday, March 26, 2021).

Join us for our *Down On the Bayou* Auction on Saturday, April 24, 2021.

All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent provided by law,
and should be sent by March 26, 2021 to: Assumption School
Attn: Dinner Auction
203 West Third Street
O'Fallon, MO 63366

Thank you again for your consideration to support our mission with a donation to the auction. We are counting on your support to help *Laissez les bon temp rouler* (let the good times roll)!

Amy Rinearson, 2021 Auction Chair
(314)412-5364 auction@abvmtech.org

Assumption School is a 501 (c) (3) organization. Tax ID #43-0688865.

Please see
the next
page for the
Auction
Donation
Form

2021 ASSUMPTION AUCTION DONATION FORM

(PLEASE TYPE OR USE BLACK OR BLUE PEN)

DONOR INFORMATION

| | |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Business Name for Catalog | |
| Donor Contact Name | Donor Address |
| Phone | City, State, Zip |
| Donor Email Address | |

ITEM INFORMATION

| | |
|---|--------------------------|
| Item | Estimated Value |
| Item Description – Include Quantity, Size, Color, Number of Persons, Days/Nights, and All Restrictions and Expiration Dates | |
| Please Mark Appropriate Box <input type="checkbox"/> Delivery of Item by Donor <input type="checkbox"/> Item Needs to be Picked Up <input type="checkbox"/> Promotional Material Provided by Donor | Donor Signature and Date |
| Donor Email Address | |

All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent provided by law, and should be sent by March 26, 2021 to:

Assumption School
Attn: Dinner Auction
203 West Third Street
O'Fallon, MO 63366



"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

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Our Gifts to God and Parish

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

| | January 10, 2020 | 7/1/2020 - 1/10/2020 |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Envelopes (261) & Checks | \$ 28,834 | \$ 607,011 |
| Loose | \$ 115 | \$ 3,441 |
| Electronic | \$ 17,040 | \$ 319,162 |
| Total | \$ 45,989 | \$ 929,614 |

STEWARDSHIP
a way of life

Needed to sustain our mission 960,500

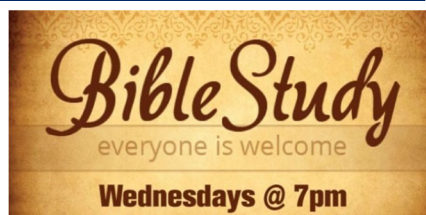
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"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1Peter 4:10

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

TITHING

VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY



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.

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

Every week on Wednesday, until November 17, 2021, 50 occurrences

Zoom Topic: **Virtual Bible Study** Time: Start 7:00pm Central Time

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: **824 9485 2228** / Passcode: **732189**

We hope that you will join us!!



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- Ephesians 4:15-16

Adult Formation

PRAY TO
PROTECT
HUMAN LIFE!



WWW.9DAYSFORLIFE.COM

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States in its companion decisions Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton. Since that time, millions of children have lost their lives, and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion.

Respect Life Novena

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, **9 Days for Life**, Thursday, January 21 – Friday, January 29. Pray for the respect of all human life with daily intentions, brief re-flections, and more. Sign up at www.9daysforlife.com! For more information, and for each day's reflection, please visit: www.assumptionbvm.org and see "Announcements".

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636.240.4474

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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 294.0821.

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