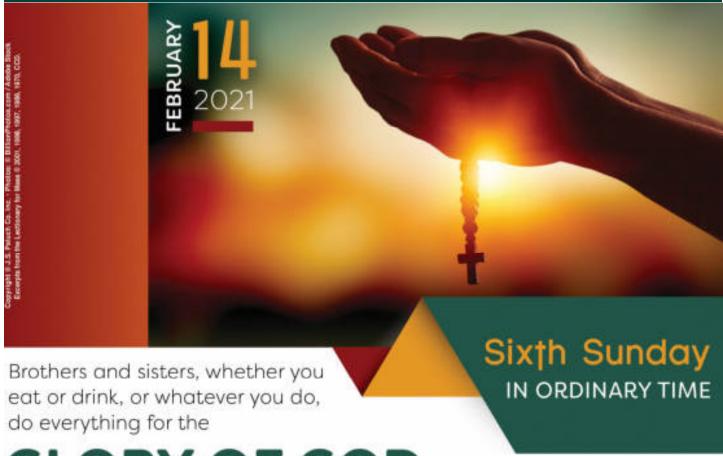
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



GLORY OF GOD.

1 Corinthians 10:31

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.



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.



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.



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.



RITE of CONFESSION

FUNERALS

Please call the Parish Office

636-240-3721

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





FIRST COMMUNION

Preparation begins in September for all students who are entering 2nd grade. Please contact Ann Marie Ouan at 636-240-1020.



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Hello,

I've been talking about our **Pastoral Planning** and our upcoming **Vision Planning 2025** for the last few weeks and describing a different one of each of the four pillars we will be discussing and this week I will address our third pillar, **Worship & Prayer**. But before getting into that pillar I wanted to mention how this planning process is particularly appropriate to be doing during Lent, which starts this Wednesday.

In Lent we usually try to get a good idea of where we are in our faith life and look at how we would like to improve. The Lenten practices we do will hopefully help us along that path. Sometimes they are things we might do every Lent. That could be a problem if it is truly something bad we do and are just taking a break from it during Lent with the intent to start it up again once Easter comes. But it could be a good practice if it allows us to better examine our lives so we can see what is going well, what not so well, and what are the hopes and aspirations for how I may improve over the next year. Our Visioning is the first step in assessing where our current strengths are, and looking towards our hopes and aspirations for the future as a parish.

Worship & Prayer, our third pillar, is one I think is a little clearer to understand what belongs here. The three main subcategories we have for this pillar are the Eucharist, other Sacraments, and other aspects of our prayer life. How we celebrate Mass as a community involves everything from the priest to the pod-casters. Music is often an area we all have an opinion on but it shouldn't just be about whether we like the style or not, but does it help us pray, participate in prayer, and fit with the readings for the Mass and the different parts of the Mass? Do we need to really work on getting greater participation at Mass, or maybe just greater attendance? And how do we celebrate the other sacraments? The preparation for the sacraments is more appropriately found under the pillar of **Formation**, but the actual celebration of them is definitely Worship & Prayer. And then what about the rest of our prayer lives? It shouldn't just stop with the sacraments. We have our prayer tree where we pray for others, our prayer team ministry where we pray for and with others, the rosary and other devotional prayers we might pray together or independently. Are these being done well and open to all or do we need to change or add other practices?

Obviously Lent is a great time to consider this pillar, not only being aware of how we celebrate and participate in the sacraments but also other prayer in our lives. And the pandemic is giving us an even greater awareness as we have to modify some of our practices, like the imposition of ashes this week being 'sprinkled' on our heads instead of making a sign of the cross on our foreheads.

I hope you have a good start to your Lent. And I'll see you Wednesday.

Peace,







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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Come Pray with us...

Every Friday during Lent

Friday, February 19

- 23cpm in Church & Live-Stream with School Children
- 700pm in Chapel

Friday, February 26

- 23cpm in Church & Live-Stream with School Children
- 7200pm in Chapel

Friday, March 5

- 23cpm in Church & Live-Stream with School Children
- 7200pm in Chapel

Friday, March 12

700 pm - in Church & Live-Stream - Divine Mercy Way of the Cross

Friday, March 19

- 23cpm in Church & Live-Stream with School Children
- 700pm in Chapel

Friday, March 26

- 23cpm in Church & Live-Stream with School Children
- 700 pm in Chapel

Good Friday, April 2

300pm in Church - Led by our Assumption Life Teens - Walk the Way of the Cross

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEXT FISH FRY! FEBRUARY 19TH!

And ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT!! February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2

5:00-7:00pm ~ Curb Side Pickup Only

Call ahead to order: 636-281-9223 or 636-409-1251

OR Order on-line with a credit card: knights-of-columbus-council-2269.square.site

We will be serving *delicious*: Cod and Catfish, 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.





ASH WEDNESDAY – February 17 Distribution of Ashes in Time of a Pandemic WILL LOOK DIFFERENT THIS YEAR

To avoid the spread of virus by touch during the pandemic, a universal instruction for what has been the practice in some countries is being used. The Presider, instead of making a sign of the cross on your forehead with ashes, takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything.



ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES/SERVICES:

February 17th: 6:30am Mass; 8:00am Mass; 12:05pm prayer service; and 7:00pm Mass.

Bring in your Blessed Palms – Today, leading up to Ash Wednesday, you will notice wicker baskets in the back of church for you to drop off your blessed palms!

Catholic Men For Christ is Going Virtual! Saturday, February 20th

This event is happening as part of the National Catholic Men's Conference put on by the Virtual Catholic Conference. By signing up for this <u>free</u> conference, you'll have access to over 50 great talks from some of the best Catholic Speakers across the country along with an opportunity to have access to a Zoom watch party for the Men of Assumption Parish.

In addition to the main conference, we will also have a Zoom set-up for bonus discussions. Please contact Deacon Richard at (314) 397-2433 to be added to the Zoom invite!

Main Registration Link: https://go.virtualcatholicconference.com/NCMC2021

"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

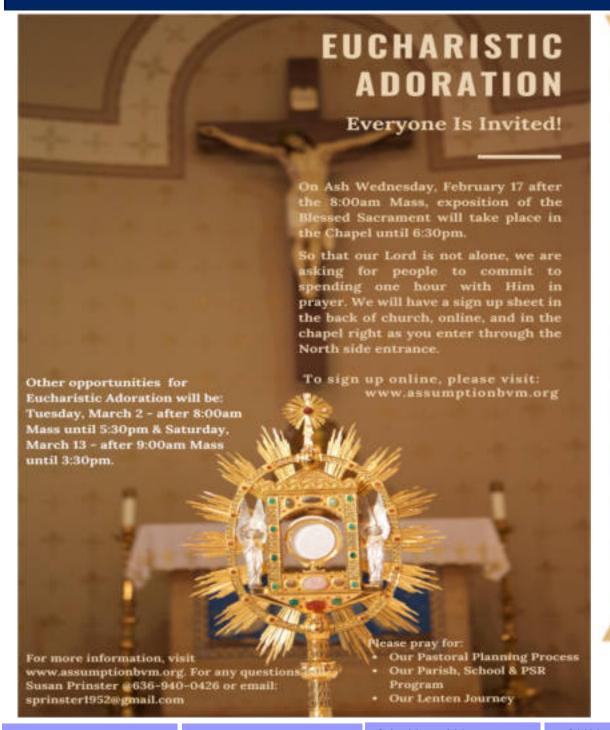
Lenten Opportunities 2021

- Reading, Rice Bowls, and Activity Materials will be available in the Narthex
- ♦ Attend Daily Mass at 6:30am & 8am in Church
- Participate in the **Stations of the Cross** every Friday during Lent!
- ◆ Tuesday Night Masses in the Chapel: 6pm
- Reconciliation Weekend Service: Chapel Feb. 27/28
- Sign up to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament: Ash Wed. Feb. 17; March 2 & 13
- Visit our 24 hour Prayer Chapel (Northwest door ramp entrance-code to enter: 3721)
- Participate in praying the rosary on Sundays before each Mass!
- Attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation: Daily 7:30-8:00am & Saturdays 4-4:45pm

Helpers of God's Precious Infants: Please join Assumption parishioners for the monthly Pro Life Mass and Rosary on Saturday, February 20th at the Cathedral Basilica (every third Saturday of the month), praying for an end to abortion. If you need a ride, call Sylvia at 636-978-8803.

Week at a Glance

WEDNESDAY 2.17.21 TUESDAY 2.16.21 MONDAY 2.15.21 Mass Times/Intentions 6:30am Agnes Benne 6:30am Lorraine Salfen 6:30am Deceased CPPS 8:00am Carmela Bamert 8:00am Henry Prinster 8:00am Danielle Anderson 7:00pm Deborah Anderson Readings 1st Reading: JI2:12-18 1st Reading: Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10 1st Reading: Gn 4:1-15, 25 2nd Reading: 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Gospel: Mk 8: 14-21 Gospel: Mk 8:11-13_ Gospel: Mt 6:1-16, 16-18 7:30 - 7:50am Church 7:30 - 7:50am Church 7:30 - 7:50am Church Reconciliation Or by appointment Or by appointment Or by appointment





PRAYER:

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



THURSDAY 2.18.21

6:30am Gene Henthorn 8:00am Ann Makarsky

1st Reading: Dt 30:15-20 <u>Gospel: Lk 9:22-25</u> 7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment

FRIDAY 2.19.21

6:30am Helen Marie Copeland 8:00am Monica Donnelly, Spec. Int

1st Reading Is 58:1-9 Gospel: mt 9: 14-15 7:30-7:50 am Church Or by appointment

SATURDAY 2.20.21

9:00am Sr. Marie Frances Wiedeholt 5:00pm People of the Parish

1st Reading: Is 58: 9-14 Gospel: Lk 5:27-32 4:00 - 4:45pm Church Or by appointment

SUNDAY 2.21.21

8:00am Audrey Lang 10:00am Danielle Anderson 12:00pm Lawrence & Lira D'Souza 5:30pm Stella Keene

1st Reading: Gn 9:8-15 2nd Reading: 1 Pt 3:18-21 Gospel: Mk 1: 12-15

By appointment



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

From the Principal's Pen

5th Grade Robo Girlz!!

The Robo Girlz (5th grade girl Robotics) cleaned house last weekend (2/6/2021) at their <u>virtual</u> competition. They competed in 3 different rounds of presentations along with programming and maneuvering a robot to complete missions for points. They won the Champions award (1st place) and Robot Game Performance Award to advance them on to the sectional competition in March! Congratulations, girls!



National Junior Honor Society - New Members

The NJHS at Assumption School is a highly selective honor society that promotes appropriate recognition for its students who reflect outstanding accomplishments in the areas of: Scholarship, Leadership, Character, Service, Citizenship.

7th and 8th grade students who have been at Assumption for the two most recent consecutive quarters and meet the minimum cumulative middle school Grade Point Average (GPA) require-

ment, currently set at 3.800, are eligible to receive an invitation to complete the IJHS interest packet during 3rd quarter of each school year. Selection for membership is determined by a Faculty Committee which reviews all information both objective and subjective) for each andidate. This honor is Faculty conferred and new members are inducted in the 3rd quarter of each school year.

Our new members for 2021 are:



Danny Bergner, Hayden Bolinger, Luca Demartini, Caitleen Doriman, Brandon Dowdy, Simone Gray, Ava Grossman, Ben Hembrock, Madison Huff, Zoey Igo, Gabby Keithley, Anna Kleckner, Maddie Kneale, Sydney Moore, Kayla Roberts, Izzy Schenk, Makenna Swier, Logan Szachnieski, Joey Ubben. Congratulations to each of these students!

Easter in January: Follow-up -AMAZING results

A few weeks ago, I spoke of our Catholic Schools Week having a school wide donation week to help the Alleluia Basket Program. This foundation, in O'Fallon, MO., asks schools and individuals to donate money, baskets, books, stuffed animals, and candy for children from birth to 18 enjoy an Easter Basket. Each year, the foundation provides almost 2000 Easter Baskets to children whose families are unable to buy these items.

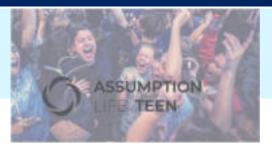
Assumption students had their change challenge throughout the week and in the end, \$6,030 was raised for the Alleluia Baskets Foundation.

Our students and parents have been extremely generous and I just want to say, "Thank you!" Faith in action speaks volumes.

Thanks for reading about our school! Pat Hensley



outh Formation









Sunday, February 14th. Life Night Sappy Serenades. Valentine's Karaoke

All teens are invited to join us for a night of Valentine's fun with a karaoke night! Bring your friends and some favorite songs to sing and we will have a grand old time! Don't forget your mask and we will see you after Mass in Hall C for bonding, sappy serenades, snacks and plenty of candy.



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"



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



The February cemetery cleanup will be postponed until early March due to weather. Please check back in the bulletin for specific date and time.



Please Pray For Our Troops



Service Members on Prayer List:

Christopher Schneider Anthony Horvath Scott Boatright Steve Boatright Thomas Townsend Shaun Brown D.O. Aaron Davis Bethanie Mahl Jason Jones Dustin Hesscamp Austen Thomas Alexander Boden Christopher Weber Gabriel Gage

Michael Nachtmann Allen Mann Alex Struckoff Connor Smit Sydney Smith Miranda Gerringer Marissa Johnson Michael Pabst Garrett Einggeli Robert Rodamaker Brian Cole Calvin Pieper Brenden Seibert Ellie Prinster Caroline Victor Travis Schalk Anthony Northway Jeffrey Northway Virginia Brawley Joseph Gibbons Graham Mullin Jason Nickell Tanner Swafford Caleb McDowell Alex Murphy Drew Huskey Logan McCummisky Cody Wade

Son of Shelly and Jim Schneider Nephew of Judy Horvath Son of Mary and Don Boatright Son of Mary and Don Boatright Grandson of Lorraine Cully Son of Rick and Andrea Wild Son of Tammy and Tim Davis Granddaughter of Jerry and Ann Snow Grandson of Joyce Hunn

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Son of Jeanine Thomas Grandson of Bob and Jan Weber Grandson of Bob and Jan Weber Nephew of Madeline and Larry Gage and Grandson of Julitta Gage Grandson of Carol Nachtmann Grandson of Carol Nachtmann Nephew of Keith and Jean Boal Nephew of Keith and Jean Boal Niece of Keith and Jean Boal Granddaughter of Keith and Jean Boal Great Granddaughter of Ruth Ell Son of Cathy and Chuck Pabst Grandson of John and Sherry Busken Great Grandson of Clarence Schneider Grandson of Henrietta Cole Grandson of Howard and Carol Pieper Grandson of Larry and Shirley Boyer Granddaughter of Henry and Norma Prinster Granddaughter of Henry and Norma Prinster Grandson of Karl Schalk Grandson of Mary Lou Becker Grandson of Mary Lou Becker Granddaughter of Walter and Pat Curtis Grandson of John and Sharon Gibbons Grandson of Norbert and Mary Stoverink Nephew of Larry & Sue Buehler Grandson of Marilyn Shaffer Great Grandson of Larry & Dolores Lantiegne

Grandson of Larry & Dolores Lanteigne

Great Grandson of Arnold & Dottie Becker

Do you have family or friend who are currently serving in the Armed Forces? If so we would like to pray for them by name as a community! To **add** or **remove** a name from our list, please call the parish office, 636-240-3721. Thank you for your prayerful support to help keep our troops serving our country safe!

Momming is hard. You deserve a break!

Son of Karla & Bret Falkner

Son of Mike & Beth Wade

Join MOPS (Mothers of PreSchoolers)...for all moms of children newborn through 5 years old. We meet the second Wednesday of every month in the Meyer Room from 7:30-8:30pm. Children are not currently attending.

Contact Emily Hentschel by email, ehentschel0326@gmail.com, or phone (309-531-2515) for more details. We can't wait to meet you!



Boeing Matching Gifts Are Back!

Last year, Boeing removed us from their list of eligible schools for matching gifts, but we appealed our case and have just been reinstated! Employee donations are eligible for a 100% match, and retiree do-

nations receive a 50% match. THANK YOU!!!

For instructions on how to designate your contributions for matching gifts from Boeing, please visit www.assumptionbym.org and scroll your mouse over the Our Parish tab, where you will see the option for "Boeing Matching Gift".

Matching Gifts Program – FREE MONEY! As a reminder, matching gift programs are also available for employees and retirees of Tyco, McDonald's, Verizon, Well Fargo, Bank of America, First Data, Home Depot, Monsanto, IBM, Merrill Lynch, MasterCard, UPS, Ameren, and USAA!!!

These companies offer a matching gift program for private elementary schools and Assumption School should qualify. Did you know that... by designating your contributions to the school and requesting the matching gift for Assumption School, the parish subsidy for the school is reduced? If you work *or* are retired from one of these companies, please consider taking advantage of their matching gift program. For more information please contact Mark Vogt in the parish office at 636-240-3721 Ext 225 or mvogt.abvm@gmail.com.



"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

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<u>February 14, 2021 — Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time</u> LV 13:1-2, 44-46; PS 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 COR 10:31-11:1; MK 1:40-45

Today's readings prepare us for the penitential season of Lent.

In our Gospel, a leper knelt before Jesus and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Jesus reached out and touched this diseased man and healed him. He then encouraged the man to show himself to the priest and offer himself a cleansing, referencing what was commanded in the Law of Moses. By completing these rituals, this man might be reinstituted into the community.

Let us approach this holy season of Lent like the leper. By our faults, we have distanced ourselves from God and His community. The leper reminds us Who to go to so that we might be healed. Let us approach the Lord this season on our knees asking for forgiveness and healing from our offenses, saying, "If you wish, you can make me clean." There is no doubt that, if we have a contrite heart, Jesus will stretch out His hand in forgiveness and His mercy will touch our lives.

And like the leper, we too should go forth from being healed with a commitment to cleanse ourselves from the lasting effects of sin. Lent is a time to offer acts of reparation through Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving so that we might be purified in all areas of our life and walk with the Gracious Healer, Who sacrificed His life for our sake.

This holy season of Lent is an opportunity to be healed and cleansed on our journey as Disciples of Christ. Let us consider what we can do to offer acts of reparation so that we might be purified and one day partake in the resurrection of Christ.



Our Gifts to God and Parish

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

7/1/2020 - 1/31/2021 January 31, 2021 Envelopes (212) & Checks 669,349 18,067 Loose \$ 3,854 \$ 97 Electronic 350,700 \$ 10,758 Total 1,023,903 \$

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Loan Balance as of 1/31/2021: \$1,486,985

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

Adult Formatio

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vision Planning 2025



Dates:

Tuesday, March 2 Thursday, March 4 Tuesday, March 9 Thursday, March 11

Formation (Education)
Service/ Hospitality
Worship/ Prayer
Administration/Finance/Stewardship

Time: 7:00 to 8:30 pm each night

Location: ZOOM Meeting

You are invited to help shape the future of Assumption by participating in a highly engaging Vision Day. As many know, "strategic planning" is essential to any well-run organization. For parishes, this process is called Pastoral Planning, which begins with a "Vision Day".

What is a Vision Day?

Vision Day is a guided process to develop a shared vision of the parish through small group interaction and discernment. Mr. Vince Estrada, a faithful parishioner of Incarnate Word Parish and a worldwide business, philanthropic and parish consultant, has offered his expertise to guide us through the process – free of charge. As a parish community, we'll spend time reflecting on each of the main areas of parish life: Formation, Service/ Hospitality, Worship/ Prayer and Administration/ Finance/ Stewardship. This is a gathering for all parishioners to help develop the future goals and desires of our Assumption parish.

Who should attend?

All parishioners (age 18 or older) are welcome to join us.

Why should I participate?

It's an opportunity to learn more about the parish, to meet more people and to add your thoughts about our strengths and opportunities. Your input will contribute to the future direction and help assure the development of a successful Pastoral Plan.

Sign up information coming soon!

What if I'm new to the Parish, OR, don't feel knowledgeable about our Parish?

If you are a member of the parish – regardless of your tenure or involvement -- you are welcome and qualified! We encourage and welcome diverse perspectives, knowledge and experiences to this Vision Day.

What should I bring?

We invite you to bring an open mind and heart to listen and learn from others about this process and from parishioners who may express different ideas and perspectives.

Not comfortable with ZOOM?

If you wish to participate but have questions about or would like some assistance in participating in a ZOOM meeting please call or contact our parish office.

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ASSUMPTION SCHOOL 636.240.4474

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

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- Ephesians 4:15-16

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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