

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Palm Sunday

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

March 28, 2021

When the centurion
who stood facing him
saw how he breathed
his last he said,

"Truly this man was the Son of God!"

Mark 15:39

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.



ANOINTING 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,

This will be my second Triduum here at Assumption and yet my first with a congregation. Last year we had a limit of 10 people at Mass, which resulted in a quite different celebration. This year we still have some restrictions but hopefully you will be able to participate either in person or via live-stream as we will be live-streaming all of the Triduum services. As you can expect we will have to do some modifications due to pandemic restrictions, the following are the major changes so you won't be surprised and can participate fully instead of being distracted by what has changed.

Holy Thursday – 7:00pm – The Mass of the Lord's Supper – This Mass commemorates the institution of the Holy Eucharist, of the priestly Order, and the commandment of the Lord concerning fraternal charity. Uniquely at this Mass there is the ceremony of the Washing of the Feet, but with the pandemic that will not be included this year. The rest of the service will be basically normal except for the intentional spacing we will have to do at the end of the service as we process to the altar of repose in the chapel for adoration. The chapel will remain unlocked until 12pm for silent prayer and adoration of Christ in the incredible gift He gives us of Himself in the Eucharist.

Good Friday – 7:00pm – The Passion of the Lord – A central part of this service is the Adoration of the Cross when individuals would come up and often kiss or touching the Cross. As COVID precautions prevent this action, after the Cross has been brought into the sanctuary the presider will be lifting it up for a period of silent reflection in our pews for three different sections of our church. The tradition of taking a collection to support the church in the Holy Land will also be taken up, but as we enter and exit church, with our envelopes or online, in the manner we have had to take any collections this year.

Holy Saturday – 8:00pm – The Easter Vigil – The Vigil begins with the lighting of the Easter fire, the blessing and lighting of the Easter Candle, and then (weather permitting) the procession into the church as the fire from the Easter Candle spreads through all of church to the candles we each hold. We will only be inviting the ministers and those participating in the RCIA program outside this year and projecting this part of the ceremony on the wall for those in church. We will though still be able to have individual candles that will receive their flame from the Easter Candle both in the entrance procession and when we renew our Baptismal Promises. We will not be able to fully immerse the adults being baptized and keep water blessed at this service in the font throughout the Easter Season, but Baptisms and Sprinkling Rites will still go on.

As all of our gatherings and celebrations have had to be modified this last year, but I hope we can still be open to the graces offered in these services and maybe even more fully appreciate the true hope that Christ offers in his Resurrection.

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



As we near the end of the period of Purification and Enlightenment, we see the candidates developing a positive awareness of the baptism they have already received. The baptized candidates participate in the reflections on the Lenten Scriptures with the elect and share in all the spiritual preparations for and reflections on the Scrutinies. The candidates are called to undertake with the whole Church the spiritual tasks of coming to a deeper awareness of both “the mystery of sin, from which the whole world and every person longs to be delivered,” and the mystery of Christ the Redeemer who fills the spirit of the believer with living water, light, and life (RCIA, 143). Participation with the community of faith in the common Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving is also important for the candidates.

The profound celebration of Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday and a spiritual retreat for us. Please pray for us as we begin this final week of the journey to the Easter sacraments. The community, too, is reminded that this is a week of intense preparation to renew their own baptismal commitment. If you have not turned in your prayer cards, please do so today.



March 28, 2021 – Palm Sunday

IS 50:4-7; PS 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; PHIL 2:6-11; MK 14:1-15:47

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday. As we read about the climax of Christ’s mission here on earth, we are reminded that He is the Perfect Steward, a model for us all on our stewardship journey.

Our First Reading, from the prophet Isaiah, portrays a suffering servant. The suffering servant, in many ways, foreshadows what

Jesus endured during His passion. Even though He didn’t deserve such tortures, He humbly submitted to them. His mission as a steward was to fulfill His Father’s mission. We, too, play a unique role in our Father’s mission by bringing souls to Christ. It simply begins with the witness of our lives.

Today's Gospel shares the account of Jesus’ last days on earth, and how He lives them says a great deal about how we should be living ours as faithful stewards. Jesus does many things in these last days, and they all revolve around prayer and service — two trademark actions of a good and faithful Catholic. He hosts a Passover meal in which He gives us His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. He intensely prays to His Father. Lastly, He submits to humiliation, torture and death for our sake, calling out to God the Father in His weakest moments. We might not be called to the same type of prayer and service, but we are all called to commit time in daily prayer with our Lord, and to serve our families, churches and neighbors. As we embark on this Holy week, let us take some time to reflect on the life of Christ as He is our model Steward, and may we strive to imitate Him daily.



That Man is You!

(TMIY) sessions continue on Saturday mornings from 7:30-8:30am via Zoom. To register or for questions, please call Deacon Richard at 314-397-2433.

Knights Collection Drive -

Thank you for your support of our recent Knights of Columbus Collection Drive! Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will help many in our Parish and local community

K of C Queen of Hearts. KC Hall, every Tuesday. Doors open at 5:00pm and drawings begin at 7:00pm



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Carolyn Kenning
Mother of Patti Baratta

Al Katzler
Father of Marilyn Hartnett

Collection For Retired Priests - Archbishop Rozanski asks you to join him in supporting this year's

Collection For Retired Priests. As part of our Everlasting Devotion to our faith and our Lord, we must care for those who devote their life to His service. The COVID-19 pandemic has taken an especially great toll on our retired priests, with additional care needed to keep them safe. Our support is needed more than ever. Please be generous and support our retired priests on Easter Sunday.



“For thus says the Lord: When you call Me, and come and pray to Me, I will listen to you. When you look for Me, you will find Me. Yes, when you seek Me with all your heart, I will let you find Me...”

Jeremiah 29:10-13

Prayer



Today we celebrate Palm Sunday – A walk with Jesus

We know the length of the first Palm Sunday procession: it’s something like two miles from the Mount of Olives to the city of Jerusalem. But we really don’t know the pace of that procession of Jesus, his disciples and the large crowd. Was it fast or slow? Solemn and stately, or rather disorganized? We can’t get into a time machine and go back to find out. But wonder of wonders, this year we will not have any kind of procession, we will stand and swing our blessed palms in the air singing Hosanna and let Jesus: *the one who bore all our ills and infirmities; the one who renews our spiritual youth through his powerful grace; the one who eagerly ran his race to win our salvation; the one who leads us in our faith.*

Follow the leader

The spiritual procession of our Palm Sunday will be perfect for each of us as we enter into another Holy Week. On Palm Sunday, we follow Christ our Life where he leads us: to death to self. But Jesus never turned back: *“My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not as I will, but as you will”* (Matthew 26:39). Sometime, somewhere, in some circumstance, each follower of Jesus will need to say and mean these words, the words that mean death to self but life in Christ. This is God’s paschal mystery, God’s Easter plan for our salvation in the dying and rising of Jesus, in which we share through baptism.

Many people carried palm branches that first Palm Sunday; only Jesus carried the cross on Good Friday. But because he did, we find strength to follow his way of the cross through our *self-sacrifice*. Holy Week can be a great week for us if we enter more deeply into the dying and rising of Christ. The greatness of this week comes from what Christ has done for us in the past and does for us now. *“We do not live-in ungrateful forgetfulness,”* said St. Augustine, *“but we celebrate in grateful memory.”* Our *“grateful memory”* sets us on our *“closer walk”* with Jesus on Palm Sunday and during Holy Week.

Please pick up your palms on your way IN to Church. We will not be handing out the palms this year. They will be available at all entrances.

All are Welcome, Every TUESDAY!

Please come and pray for peace and special intentions. The Rosary and Perpetual Help Devotions: Tuesdays at 5:15pm in the Chapel.

Week at a Glance

	MONDAY 3.29.21	TUESDAY 3.30.21	WEDNESDAY 3.31.21
Mass Times/Intentions	6:30am Zachary Gasich 8:00am Helen Marie Copeland	6:30am Lorraine Salfen 8:00am Marilyn Meyers	6:30am Christopher Maassen 8:00am Ann Makarsky
Readings	1st Reading: Is 42:1-7 Gospel: Jn 12:1-11	1st Reading: Is 49:1-6 Gospel: Jn 13:21-33,36-38	1st Reading: Is 50:4-9 Gospel: Mt 26:14-25
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



* Holy Thursday * Good Friday * Holy Saturday *

Holy Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday – April 1, 2021

- 7:30am Gather in Chapel for the Office of Morning Prayer.
- 7:00pm The Holy Triduum begins.
- Gather in church for the celebration of the Eucharist of the Lord's Supper.
- After Mass: Eucharistic Adoration will take place in the chapel until Midnight!
- Containers will be in the Narthex for Rice Bowl collection and your gifts to the poor.

Good Friday – April 2, 2021

- 7:30am Gather in Chapel for the Office of Morning Prayer
- 12:00pm Gather in Church for "Tre Ore" – Video recording by Bishop Barron
- 3:00pm Gather in church for the "Walk the Way of the Cross" – lead by our Life Teen
- 7:00pm Gather in church for the Celebration of the Lord's Passion
- Containers will be in the Narthex for Rice Bowl collection and your gifts to the poor.

Holy Saturday – April 3, 2021

- 7:30am Gather in Chapel for the Office of Morning Prayer
- 7:30pm (Sat) Easter Vigil - Gather in church for the Night watch for the Lord. Reflective readings will begin a half hour before Mass.
- 8:00pm (Sat) Easter Vigil - Gather in church for our main Easter Mass which includes Baptisms and the lighting of the Easter fire.

Note: there will not be a 5pm Mass or Reconciliation

Easter Sunday Mass Schedule – April 4, 2021

- 8:00am Mass in Church; 8:15am Mass in Chapel; 10:00am Mass in Church
- 10:15am Mass in Chapel; 12:00pm Mass in Church

Note: there will not be a 5:30pm Mass on Easter!

All of our Holy Week Services will be Live-Streamed



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

Prayer

THURSDAY 4.01.21	FRIDAY 4.02.21	SATURDAY 4.03.21	SUNDAY 4.04.21
6:30am No Mass 8:00am No Mass 7:00pm Pat Liston	6:30am No Mass 8:00am No Mass	9:00am No Mass 8:00pm Zachary Gasich	8:00am AJ Renaud 8:15am Orville Maher 10:00am Richard Townsend 10:15am Laverne Schneider 12:00pm People of the Parish
1st Reading: Is 61:1-3, 6, 8-9 2nd Reading: Rv 1:5-8 Gospel: Lk 4:16-21	1st Reading Is 52:13-53:12 2nd Reading Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9 Gospel: Jn 18:1-19:42	1st Reading: Gn: 1:1-2:2 2nd Reading: Gn 22:1-18 Gospel: Mk 16:1-7	1st Reading: Act 10:34, 37-43 2nd Reading: Col 3:1-4 Gospel: Mk 16:1-7
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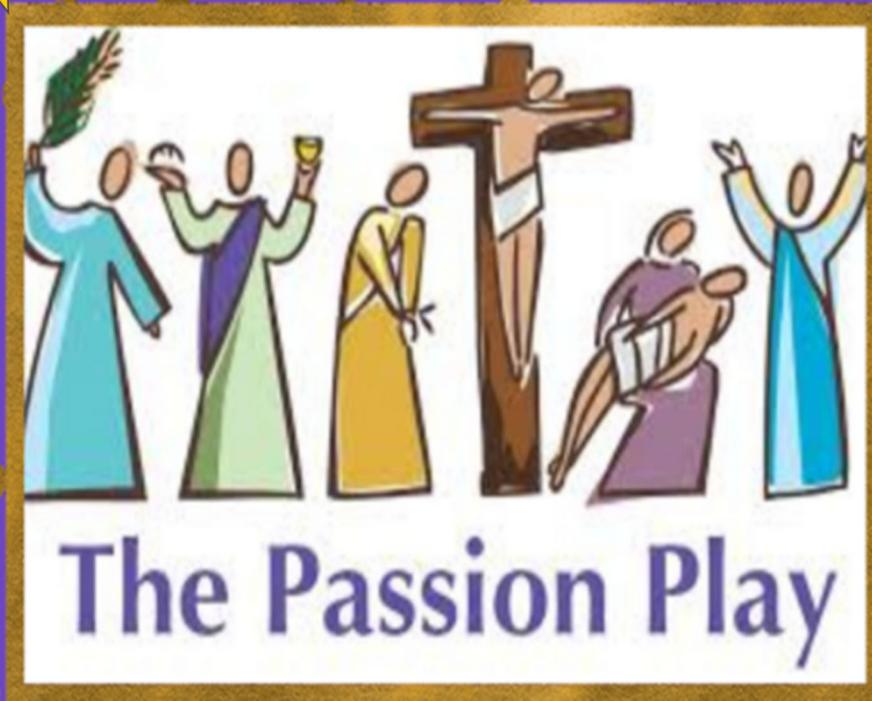


FORMATION
Continuous conversion of mind and heart
"Following Jesus is the work of a lifetime"

Youth Formation



From the Principal's Pen



PRESENTED BY

Assumption School and Mrs. Placatka's 7th Grade

APRIL 1ST - 11:15AM LIVE STREAMED FROM CHURCH

As we close the season of Lent at Assumption School, our focus is on the Triduum or Holy Week. As part of our preparation for these holy days, our entire school will watch Mrs. Placatka's 7th grade class provide the LIVE production of the **Passion of Christ**. As a Catholic School, our responsibility is to have our students understand that only through Christ's death and rising, are we born to eternal life. The production will be available (live-streamed) through our parish website on April 1st at 11:15am.

Thanks for reading about our school!

Pat Hensley



@assumption_life_teen
Assumption Life Teen
@assumption_LT



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Youth Formation

Sunday, March 28th: Freshmen Welcome!

On the heels of our incredible Luke 18 weekend, all of our 8th graders are now "rising freshmen" in our eyes and we can't wait to welcome them tonight into the Assumption

Life Teen Family! All teens, including our new "rising freshmen," can expect a night of pizza, ice cream, dance parties, and an Easter Egg Hunt like you've never seen before, including big prizes! Bring a friend and wear a mask. Also, if you attended Luke 18, please wear your Luke 18 shirt!

All Life Nights are held from 6:30 – 8:30 pm in Hall C.

Summer Retreats!

Join us this summer for two incredible retreat opportunities! Retreats are vital experiences of fun, faith, & friendships that can make your summer the best yet! We have two retreat opportunities this summer:

June 13-19: Catholic Heart Work Camp is a week-long retreat focusing on growing in faith and service. We will be going to Memphis, TN to serve and grow in faith together with teens from all over the country. During the day, teens work in groups doing works of mercy at various sites. Each day, we celebrate the Mass and have an opportunity to grow in a particular aspect of our faith. Teens grow in community, in fun, and return from this retreat with a greater appreciation of the dignity of the human person. \$305 per teen

July 16-18: Steubenville Mid-America Week 2 is a dynamic weekend youth conference held at Missouri State with thousands of teens from the Midwest. This exuberant & powerful weekend features some of the best speakers around, powerful worship, and transformative experiences of the Sacraments. Teens attending this conference grow strong bonds with other youth from their parish that invigorates the Life Teen Community throughout the year. \$160 per teen

Bundle Deal: Both Retreats for \$450!

Have a question?

Contact **Becky Whitaker, Director of Youth Ministry**

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

Instagram: [@assumption_life_teen](https://www.instagram.com/assumption_life_teen)

2021

ASSUMPTION LIFE TEEN

SUMMER RETREATS

CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP
JUNE 13-19

STEUBENVILLE MID-AMERICA
JULY 16-18

ASSUMPTION DINNER AUCTION

April 24, 2021



Tickets are on sale NOW!!!

TICKET OPTIONS:

In Person Event: \$70 OR Virtual Event: \$50

Tickets can be purchased here:
<https://ABVM2021.givesmart.com>

Or text: **ABVM2021 to 76278** and it will send you to the website

OR call Amy Rinearson at 314-412-5364 for Dinner Auction tickets, Raffle Tickets, to DONATE or for more information!

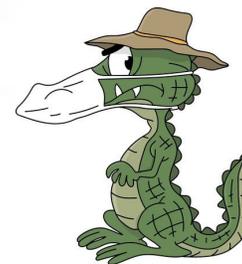
Chances for the **Golden Ticket** can be purchased along with your Dinner Auction tickets for \$100. Only 100 chances will be sold! Total payout is **\$5,000** if all 100 tickets are purchased. (50/50 drawing if not all tickets are sold)

You can also purchase your **Dress Down Pass** for \$25. This is good for the entire family; you only need to purchase one per family!

Don't forget about Donating! We still need donations!
Here are a few things on our Auction Wish list:

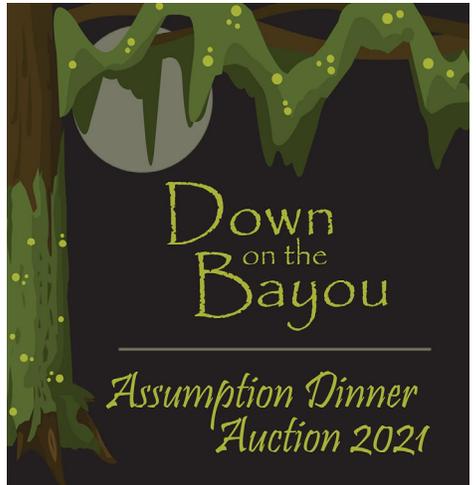
Are you willing to use your talents and donate a service?

- Carpenter/Furniture Maker
- Chef
- Landscaper
- Painter
- Cleaner/Organizer
- Travel Agent
- Artist
- Photographer
- Crafter
- Musician



- Do you own a Cabin? Condo? or Timeshare? We would love to auction a fun stay!
- Do you own a Camper or an RV? It would be fun for someone to hit the open road!
- Do you have any airline miles?
- Do you have contacts or connections for a party bus or limo?
- Do you have any connections or contacts for a hot air balloon ride or skydiving?
- Do you have a side gig? A donation is a great way to promote your business!

Any of these would be a great addition to the auction!

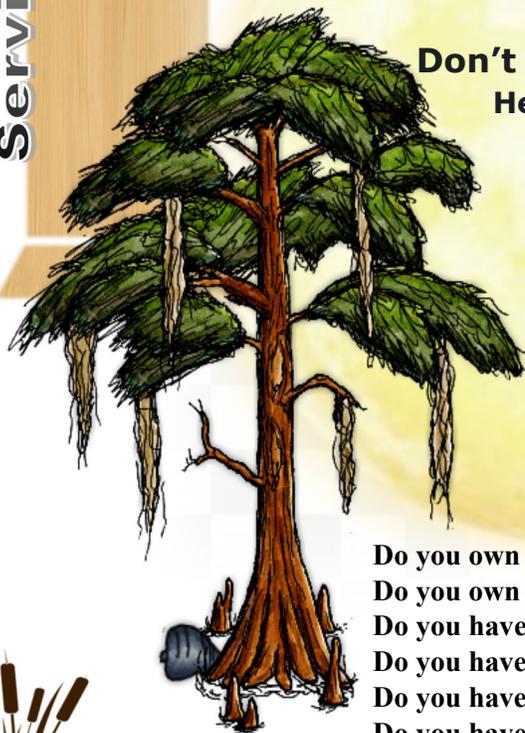


SERVICE:

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



Deacon Fred Volansky of our parish is coordinating a ...



BLANKET DRIVE

Would you like to help the homeless by keeping them warm during this Lenten Season? We are asking for donations of blankets, gently used or new!! There will be a box in the back of church as well as one in the pre-function area downstairs as you enter, for you

to bring your blankets! Deacon Fred will bring the donated blankets to the St. Patrick's Center in St. Louis. For more information, please contact the parish office at 636-240-3721.



"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

LAST Fish Fry during Lent!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY ~ 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



Menu: 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.



Our Gifts to God and Parish

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

	March 14, 2021	7/1/2020 - 3/14/2021
Envelopes (239) & Checks	\$ 18,316	\$ 787,327
Loose	\$ 257	\$ 5,063
Electronic	\$ 12,285	\$ 423,557
Total	\$ 30,858	\$ 1,215,947



Needed to sustain our mission 1,373,000

Loan Balance as of 2/28/2021: \$1,469,219

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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

Blood Drive Rescheduled The Assumption Blood Drive scheduled for Sunday, April 25, has been **RESCHEDULED** to **SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021**. Please mark your calendars! As always, we are grateful for our current donors and look forward to welcoming new donors to our drives. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Anne Robinson at 636-541-2823.

EARLY Bulletin Deadline

Bulletin for April 4th, Announcements due by Wednesday, March 24th, at 9:00am
Please send bulletin announcements to: peggy.assumption@yahoo.com



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- Ephesians 4:15-16

Adult Formation



Dear Assumption Athletic Families:

We hope you and your families are staying healthy and safe in these unusual times. But as they say, the show, for us the sports ministry, must go on!

In order to do so, we need your help please. As you may remember, the current Athletic Board is stepping down. We won't be opening Soccer, Volleyball, or any other sports for registrations. The new Athletic Board will need to do that. However, that Board has yet to be formed.

After our note last summer, we did have a few people step forward. However, we have many more positions to be filled. In addition to Board positions, we need a new soccer coordinator and soccer referee coordinator as well as a new basketball coordinator and basketball referee coordinator. In other words, we're in dire need of your assistance.

We know how generous the Assumption community is with their talent and treasure, so we are today asking for your time. If you feel like God is calling you to be a part of this vital ministry, the largest in the entire Assumption Parish, then please reach out to us soon as time is running short.

We can be contacted using this email: assumptionsports@charter.net

It's been a pleasure to see generations of children go through the Assumption Sports ministry. Thank you for letting us serve you!

The Assumption Athletic Board



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by Tuesday 9:00am

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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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