

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The kingdom of God

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is like a mustard seed
that is the smallest
of all the seeds.
But once it is sown,
it springs up
and becomes
the largest of plants.

Mark 4:31-32

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time • June 13, 2021

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.



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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 Chapel
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,



Good News – Since the COVID-19 cases continue to drop in our area and more people are getting vaccinated the archbishop of St. Louis, Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski, is lifting the dispensation of the faithful to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation as of July 1, 2021. (Archbishop Rozanski has made a video inviting us all back to Mass in the following link: <https://youtu.be/dCYuyopNEVM>).

Please note that this does not mean that the dispensation does not still exist for those with special concerns. Parishioners who are sick, homebound, immunocompromised and gravely concerned for their health retain the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass, which has always been the case in normal times. Rather, the lifting of the specific dispensation is a recognition that for the general public these exceptions are no longer the case.

With the decreasing spread of the virus in our community we are also able to relax some of our precautionary practices at Mass. We have already incorporated these:

Those fully vaccinated are no longer required to wear masks in the church. Those not fully vaccinated are asked to please wear masks except for when they are receiving the Eucharist.

Part of the church will still have every other pew blocked to continue the full 6 ft. social distancing (for the rest of the church we ask that you still respect social distancing as much as possible with a 3 ft. minimum).

Additional relaxations:

Holy water fonts will be filled with holy water.

Hymnals/Missalettes will be available for use from a book cart in the narthex (we ask people to take one as they go in and please return it after Mass). (Readings and hymns will still be projected for Sunday Mass.)

Offertory baskets will be used again for collections at Sunday Mass (starting after July 1st).

Choirs will be returning within guidelines.

Restrictions remaining:

The distribution of the Chalice of the Precious Blood will not be reinstated at this time.

Eucharistic Ministers will continue to wear masks when distributing the Eucharist.

Please let me know if there are other changes that you think would help us gather to celebrate Mass. We are trying to provide an environment where all feel that they can gather safely without undue fear of contracting the virus, but also to allow us to unite in our worship.

Peace,

Fr. Nick



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

- Ephesians 4:15-16

Adult Formation

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Carol Leonard
Sister of Joan Grawe

Lois Daues
Of Our Parish Family



Ready to be an official member of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish?

We can't wait to welcome you!

There are several ways to register! You can call the parish office 636-240-3721 or Lynn Crews 314-578-0741 and register over the phone; or we have a link on our web page. Simply click on the link and download the registration form and either email the form to Peggy Brewer at peggy.assumption@yahoo.com print it off and mail it to the parish office or drop it in the parish office drop box.

Covid Guideline Updates

"I am fully vaccinated."

If you are fully vaccinated for the Covid-19 virus you are **not required to wear a face covering** inside the church.

"I am not fully vaccinated."

We ask those who are not fully vaccinated for the Covid-19 virus to **please wear a face covering** at all times while inside the church except to receive the Eucharist.

You will notice that we have taken down some of the ribbons blocking pews in the church but not all. Ribbons blocking pews have been maintained in parts of the church to provide areas for those who desire to continue the full 6 ft. of social distancing. Where ribbons are no longer present, feel free to sit in all pews but please continue to respect social distancing as much as possible (3 ft. minimum) except between family members. We are glad to have so many back in person to pray and worship together. For those who continue to join us online, we thank you for joining us and hope you may be able to be with us again soon.





“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



June 13, 2021 — Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

EZ 17:22-24; PS 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16; 2 COR 5:6-10; MK 4:26-34

As we enter back into Ordinary Time, our readings today remind us that heaven is our true home and that we cannot make it there without God's assistance.

In our First Reading, the prophet Ezekiel foretells the coming of the Kingdom of God. We can see that Jesus is the cedar that will become refuge for all people. He will humble the proud, lift up the lowly and produce good fruit in the weakened. It is God who does the wondrous works.

We often go through life wanting to be in control. We try to solve all our problems, as we think, *"I can do it myself."* We cling to our own ideas by putting certain events, future plans or even day-to-day moments into a perfect little box, *"This is the way I want it."* We can even push back in moments of suffering by trying to find every possible way to get out of it. We are *"in control."*

Imagine what life would be like if we surrendered a little more. It is easier said than done — but, oh, how freeing it would be. What if we opened our clenched hands to God and said, *"Thy will be done"*? We would become free from attachment and more blessed than we could ever imagine.

Only God can do all that He promised in our First Reading. **We need Him.** All we need to do is surrender. To help us on this journey of total surrender, try starting each day with a prayer of surrender, ***"Lord, I give You this day and all that You have in store for me, my family and friends."*** With the guidance of the Lord, surely we will make it home to heaven.

Volleyball and Soccer Registration Now Open



Thanks to all the volunteers who support our athletic association we are able to open up volleyball registration for 3rd through 8th grade boys and girls and soccer registration for pre-k through 8th graders until June 30th.

For more information please contact :

Mike Bardgett at assumptionsports@charter.net

Week at a Glance

	MONDAY 6.14.21	TUESDAY 6.15.21	WEDNESDAY 6.16.21
Mass Times/Intentions	6:30am Michelle Drennen 8:00am Frank & Mary Muenks	6:30am Henry Prinster 8:00am Jackie Alt	6:30am The Storms Family 8:00am Frances Vomund
Readings	1st Reading: 2 Cor 6:1-10 Gospel: Mt 5:38-42 7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	1st Reading: 2 Cor 8:1-9 Gospel: Mk 5:43-48 7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	1st Reading: 2 Cor 9:6-11 Gospel: Mt 6:1-6 7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment
Reconciliation			

Eucharistic Adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament

Beginning Tuesday, June 1, we will go back to having Eucharistic Adoration with the Blessed Sacrament exposed only on Tuesdays, from 8:00am-6:00pm. Then, at 6:00pm, we will have Perpetual Help, Benediction, and Reposition.

So that Jesus is not alone during the times of Adoration, we need Adorers to pray during the times the Blessed Sacrament is exposed.

To sign-up and pray, please visit:
www.assumptionbvm@weadorehim.com

Adorers may also sign up for a time by calling Jeannette at 636-240-3721 ext. 247.



2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

It's not too late to turn in your pledge card. You can give by dropping your pledge card in the mail, dropping it off at the parish office or in the collection basket, or directly online at aca.archstl.org. Please visit aca.archstl.org to learn more about how the Appeal uplifts the lives of those we serve. Assumption Parish's goal for 2021 is **\$176,400**.

Our pledges we have received as of June 6th are: **\$139,693**. Thank you all, for your support!



PRAYER:

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

All are Welcome, Every TUESDAY!

Please come and pray for peace and special intentions. The Rosary and Perpetual Help Devotions: Tuesdays at 5:45 pm beginning with the rosary in the Chapel.

Legion Of Mary

The Legion of Mary wants to offer the picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe to visit your home. Let us turn to our Mother for continue protection. Please contact Diane Donnelly at (978) 223-8597 or dianedon63@gmail.com or Kathy Boyd at (314) 308-7332 or mikebsr8518@gmail.com.

Prayer

THURSDAY 6.17.21

6:30am Matt & Kerry Doucet & Family
8:00am Connie Loomis

1st Reading: 2 Cor 11:1-11
Gospel: Mt 6:7-15

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

FRIDAY 6.18.21

6:30am Rachel Akerley
8:00am Donald & Kay Muenks

1st Reading: 2Cor 11:18, 21-30
Gospel: Mt 6:19-23

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

SATURDAY 6.19.21

9:00am Sr Mary Lou Roussin
CPPS
5:00pm Juanita Kaltenbach

1st Reading: 2 Cor 12:1-10
Gospel: Mt 6:24-34

4:00 - 4:45pm Church
Or by appointment

SUNDAY 6.20.21

8:00am Ken Wilmas
10:00am Audrey Lang
12:00pm People of the Parish
5:30pm William Vogt

1st Reading: Jb 38:1, 8-11
2nd Reading: 2 Cor 5:14-17
Gospel: Mk 4:35-41
By appointment



Youth Formation

**FOR-
MATION**
Continuous
conversion
of mind
and heart
"Following
Jesus is the
work of a
lifetime"



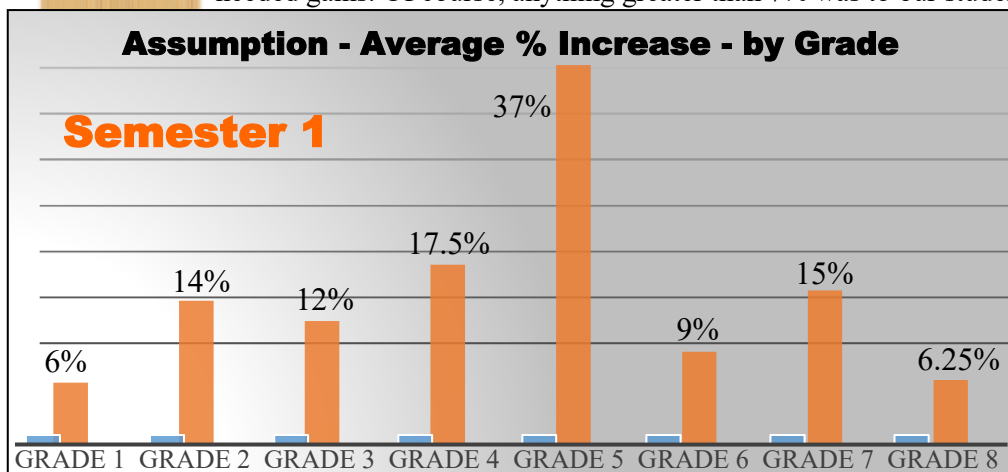
From the Principal's Pen

Assumption focus on Math in 2020-2021 Semester 1 (August – December, 2020)

Anyone in Education will tell you that they had expected a loss in "learning" between March and May of 2020. The question has always been, "How much of a loss has there been?" Unfortunately, in August, no actual data had been collected, so Assumption developed a "plan of action" during SEMESTER 1 (August- December, 2020). We weren't sure of our specific "loss" percentage, but Assumption determined that the focus on Math improvement was a continued necessity.

In August, all grades 1 through 8 were given a Math Assessment. This assessment was actually the "End of Year" test from the previous grade. In other words, our students in grade 4 took the end of year Math assessment from Grade 3. Why? Because that was the year those students had experienced the COVID-19 changes in education. We recorded the test data for each grade level. This data became our baseline for comparison for growth. Then, faculty of Assumption set forth on our plan of action for improvement.

In December, 2020 we administered the exact same assessment to our students. This gave us data which would show gains or losses in Math. Nationally, actual data on losses in Math across the United States, was on average about 7%. If we did not achieve about 7% increase in each grade level, we had not made the needed gains in learning – however, if we gained approximately 7%, we had achieved the needed gains. Of course, anything greater than 7% was to our student's advantage. **Results:**

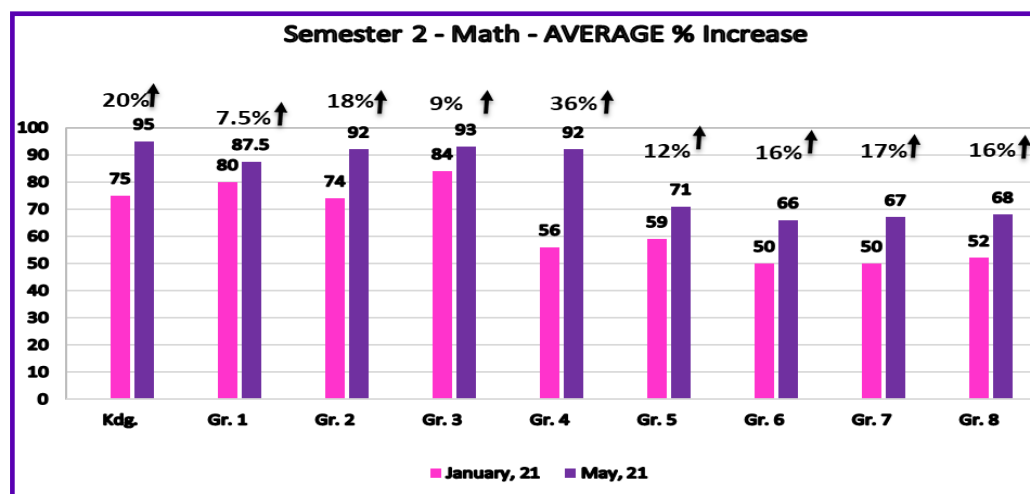


Semester 2 (January – May, 2021)

Continuing the Action Plan, and to check for continued growth in Math understanding, Assumption administered the "END of YEAR" Math assessment for each grade level in January, 21. It is important to realize that this was a test that was normally given at the end of the year – but we chose to give it in January, 2021 (a full

semester early). By giving the test in January, 21 and again in May, 21, we would see how students had progressed in their understanding of Math during the semester of learning.

As you can see, growth continued throughout the second (2nd) semester, ranging from a 7% increase for grade 1 to a 36% increase in grade 4.



Kudos to our faculty and staff, who provide and support our efforts each and every day! In that same vein, thank you for sending your children to Assumption. They do light up our life each and every day.

Thanks for reading about our school!

Pat Hensley



Welcome to Assumption Life Teen Summer!

We have an incredible summer of fun and faith planned for our teens and can't wait to see how God moves.



@assumption_life_teen



Assumption Life Teen



@assumption_LT



Youth Formation

Sunday, June 13 – Friday, June 18: Catholic Heart Work Camp

This week, our teens are headed to Catholic Heart Work Camp (CHWC), a week-long retreat focusing on growing in faith and service. We are 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. Please pray for us!

Sunday, June 13 – Ice Cream After Mass!

All teens are invited to join us after the Life Teen Mass to get some ice cream and build community! We will be going to Fritz's on Highway K directly following the Life Teen Mass.

Tuesday, June 15

Breakfast Club & Open HQ

Tuesday is THE day as far as Life Teen Summer goes, with Breakfast Club: 8 a.m. Mass in the Chapel, followed by breakfast out! The fun continues with Open HQ from 3 – 6 p.m., featuring food, games, community, and opportunities for prayer.



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

What's Coming Next?!



**Next Week: Field Trip
City Scavenger Hunt (June 24)**

In Two Weeks: Life Teen Leadership Conference (June 28-July 2) Next Month: Steubenville (July 16-18)

Thank you for your incredible generosity with our annual Calendar Big Board fundraiser! Thanks to your partnering with us, we've raised nearly \$24,000 to invest in the present and future of our Church—the teens—throughout this year and beyond. We can't wait to see how God blesses what we've been given. We're looking forward to praying through this year with you, our parish family.

Missed out on the Big Board? Don't worry – we still have plenty of dates left! **Check out our website** to see if your sacred days are still available.

Have a question? Contact **Becky Whitaker, Director of Youth Ministry**
636-240-3721 ext. 243 or becky.assumptionlt@gmail.com - Instagram: @assumption_life_teen



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

Weekday Masses Move to the Chapel

BOTH THE 6:30am & 8:00am WEEKDAY MASSES WILL BE HELD IN
THE CHAPEL FOR THE SUMMER. THEY WILL RESUME
IN THE CHURCH WHEN ASSUMPTION SCHOOL IS
BACK IN SESSION.

CONFESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE CHAPEL 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE
WEEKDAY 8:00am MASS AND WILL END 10 MINUTES BEFORE MASS BEGINS.
WE WILL NOT BE USING THE TWO CONFESSIONALS ON THE SIDE AISLES, WE
WILL USE THE LARGE CONFESSIONAL LOCATED IN THE ALCOVE NEAR THE
RESTROOMS.

Update Membership Information for our 2021/22 Member & Ministry Directory

Does our Parish database have YOUR family membership record correct?

Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual **Membership & Ministry Directory** (if you have-
n't already done so).

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in
YOUR family over the past year.

Have you changed your phone number?

Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon?

Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record?

Do you want your record published?

If you have not already informed the Parish Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so
that the information in the **Membership & Ministry Directory** is correct. The Parish Office number is
636.240.3721.

Legion Of Mary

Do you pray the Rosary everyday already? The Legion of Mary NEEDS you. We are in need of full-time Active members and Aux-
iliary members to join us in the battle for souls.

Our Active members meet every Thursday evening from 7:00pm to 8:30pm and we make home visits throughout the week (due to
the Covid-19 pandemic, we are having our meetings on Zoom and have suspended the home visits). We would be delighted to have
you join us.

Our Auxiliary members undertake a service of prayer in Our Lady's name; praying the daily Rosary along with a few other prayers
on the Legion prayer card, magnifying the glory of God through Mary our Mother. Our Auxiliary members are so vital to the Le-
gion of Mary that without their prayers the fighting forces of the Active members are powerless. Mary is the Queen of the Legion
and Mary uses the Auxiliary prayers where they will accomplish most.

If you feel called about praying with us, either as a full-time member or auxiliary member contact Kathy Boyd at (636) 240-6920 or
by email at mikebsr8518@gmail.com.

1st Annual SVDP Backpack Drive!

'Christmas In July'



Christmas in

JULY

OUR WONDERFUL ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY

would like to be able to provide our neighbors in need with backpacks and school supplies to start the 2021-2022 school year!

We need your help!

There will be Christmas Trees set up in the Narthex and Parish Center Lobby (Church basement) the weekends of: June 27th, July 4th and July 11th.

During the backpack drive we are asking parishioners to take a tag with 'school' items of need. The tags are broken into categories, Grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Tags will have a list of the supplies needed for each specific age group. We ask you to purchase and fill a backpack with the needed supplies and then *attach the tag* TO THE BACK PACK and then return them to church the weekends of August 1st & August 8th.

- ♦ **The idea is similar to that of the Giving Tree at Christmas time but in July with School Supplies!**
- ♦ **If you have questions, please contact Gina Ostermeyer at (314) 913-9601.**
- ♦ **WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESS!!**



"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

Pro Life Mass and Rosary at the Cathedral Basilica St. Louis



Please join us Saturday, June 19 at the 8:00am Mass and to pray the rosary for our unborn. If you need a ride please call Sylvia Kiphart 636.978.8803.

Our Gifts to God and Parish

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

	May 30, 2021	7/1/2020 - 5/30/2021
Envelopes (262) & Checks	\$ 17,377	\$ 1,044,229
Loose	\$ 275	\$ 8,034
Electronic	\$ 8,717	\$ 544,583
Total	\$ 26,369	\$ 1,596,846

Needed to sustain our mission 1,784,000

Loan Balance as of 5/31/2021: \$1,360,295

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

STEWARDSHIP
a way of life

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

TITHING

**New
HIRING**

The Sisters of the Most Precious Blood are seeking an Accountant.

This full-time position plays a pivotal role within the finance department by managing the accounting system of the Sisters and their missions. Candidate will have several years of fund accounting experience with aptitude to perform the following: maintain ledgers, prepare accounts, reconcile statements, prepare monthly reports, manage accounts payable, annual budget process and audit. Experience: A Bachelor's degree in Accounting or equivalent required. Background in fund accounting and strong computer skills with working knowledge of Microsoft Suite and accounting software is required. Apply at: info@collaborativegovernance.org

Assumption Parish is seeking applicants for temporary maintenance and cleaning positions during the summer months. Previous experience with commercial maintenance and custodial work is beneficial, but not required. Hours will be up to 40 per week. If interested, contact Mark Vogt, Business Manager, at 636-240-3721, extension 225, or mvogt.abvm@gmail.com.



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- Ephesians 4:15-16

Adult Formation

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS & Online Giving:

It's easy, convenient, and environmentally friendly!

Instructions:

- ~ Go to Assumption's website: assumptionbvm.org
- ~ Under Quick Links on the right, click on: Online Giving
- ~ Click on: Login/Create an Online Giving Account
- ~ Create username and password and keep it in a safe, easily accessible place.
(If you forget your username, call Mary Knapp in the parish office. If you forget your password, you can reset it.)
- ~ Follow the prompts for adding your personal information
- ~ Click on: New Donation, and then Designation: Sunday/Weekly Offering
- ~ Input the amount, frequency, and date of withdrawals. Click Save.
You may use your credit card, or draw from checking or savings account
- ~ You may also give to the Special Collections through this one account
- ~ If you pay your bills through Online Banking, just add Assumption and you may continue to do so.

Thank you for what you sacrifice so that people might find Christ here and bring Christ to the world.

If you have questions or need additional help, please call Mary Knapp, 636-240-3721, ext. 234.

- **K of C Queen of Hearts.** KC Hall, every Tuesday. Doors open at 5:00pm and drawings begin at 7:00.
- Our Hall is available for rentals!
- **K of C 100th Anniversary celebration** will be this August! Be on the look-out for exciting events this Summer...More information to come.



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by Tuesday 9:00am

WEBSITE

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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 314-294.0821.

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