Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

May 10, 2026

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

Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass
Monday-Friday: 6:30am, 8am
Saturday: 8am

Weekend Mass
Saturday Vigil: 5pm
Sunday: 8am, 10am, 12pm, 5:30pm

Confessions
Monday-Friday: 7:30-7:50am (Church)
Saturday: 4-4:50pm (Church) or by appointment
Sunday: by appointment

Holy Days
Vigil for Feast Day: 5:30pm
Feast Day: 6:30am, 8am, 7pm

Parish Information

403 N. Main Street
O'Fallon, MO 63366
Parish Office: 636-240-3721

Parish Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday: 8am-4pm
Friday: 8am-3pm; Summer 8am-2pm

SACRAMENTS AND PARISH INFORMATION

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Please call the Parish Office, 636-240-3721. Select Option #2.

BAPTISM
Baptism is scheduled every Sunday at 1:15pm. Baptism preparation class is required. Call Angie Gloriod, ext 235.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (formally RCIA)
Process through which adults are initiated into the Catholic Church by Baptism or Profession of Faith.
Contact Missy Lowrey, 314-630-3983.

FUNERALS
Please contact Debbie Collins at the Parish Office, 636-240-3721, ext 221.

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE
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 Gloriod at the Parish Office, ext 235.

CONFIRMATION
Preparation begins in September for students entering eighth grade. For more information, call Holly Woytus, 636-240-1020.

FIRST COMMUNION
Preparation begins in September for students entering second grade. Contact Holly Woytus, 636-240-1020 for more information.

Welcome

403 N. Main St.
O'Fallon, MO 63366
assumptionbvm.org

Assumption Staff
636-240-3721 and Ext:

Pastor
242 Fr. Nick Kastenholz
nicholaskastenholz@archstl.org

Senior Associate Pastor
226 Msgr. Dennis Stehly
dennisstehly@archstl.org

In Residence
Fr. Brad Modde

Deacons
Deacon Fred Volansky
Deacon Richard Tadlock
deaconrichard@charter.net

Parish Manager
225 Mark Vogt
business@abvmtech.org

Parish Secretary
221 Debbie Collins
debbiecollins@abvmtech.org

Bulletin Announcements:
bulletin.assumption@gmail.com
(by Tuesday at 9am)

Bookkeeper
234 Mary Knapp
accounting@abvmtech.org

Director of Religious Education and PSR Director
328 Holly Woytus; 636-240-1020
hwoytus@abvmtech.org

Baptism/Wedding Coordinator; Records and Scheduling
235 Angie Gloriod
agloriod@abvmtech.org

Director of Youth Ministry
243 Becky Whitaker
beckywhitaker@abvmtech.org

EDGE Youth Minister
333 Nick Bone
nickbone@abvmtech.org

Director of Music Ministry
Elizabeth Smith
music@abvmtech.org

Director of Communication
239 Nancy Gomer
ngomer@abvmtech.org

Parish Day School/Preschool Principal: Jamie Burbridge
636-240-4474

Child Safety Coordinator
Lynn Crews 314-578-0741
lynncrews@abvmtech.org

Parish Council
abvparishcouncil3721@gmail.com

School Board
abvmschoolboard@gmail.com

Happy Mother's Day,

With it being Mother's Day, and we have the celebration of Our Lady of Fatima this week, I thought it might be interesting to give a very brief summary of this Marian apparition and to mention a couple others.

The Feast of Our Lady of Fatima is on May 13. This was the first of six times that Mary appeared to three children in Fatima, Portugal in 1917. Some of the facts that made this such a significant apparition for the twentieth century were what became known as 'the three secrets of Fatima' and particularly the second secret. The first secret was a vision of hell that the children saw and were then encouraged to pray for the salvation of souls. The second secret talked about the end of a war (this was during WWI), the warning of another war (WWII), and the need to consecrate Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary to prevent them from spreading some of their errors throughout the world and to find peace. These two 'secrets' were publicly revealed in 1941. The third secret has been interpreted to be about the pope and other bishops, priests and others who would die for their faith and has been referenced to the shooting of John Paul II and was only publicly revealed in 2000.

Along with the apparitions that the children saw and the secrets they were told, this also gained wide attention due to the reported 70,000 who were present for the final apparition. While only the children saw Mary, it is reported that the others saw the dancing of the sun, with various descriptions being given. Like other apparitions, this greatly increased the practice of the daily praying of the rosary.

This apparition, along with 15 others, have been recognized by the Vatican, and nine others have been approved by their local bishop but have not completed the full investigation and approval by the Vatican yet. The most well-known American apparition is undoubtedly Our Lady of Guadalupe, in Mexico. Mary appeared to St. Juan Diego and instructed him to have the bishop build a church at that place. To convince the bishop that this was authentic, she instructed Juan Diego to gather nearby roses in his cloak and to take them to show to the bishop – when he showed them to the bishop the image of Mary appeared on the cloak, and the cloak and image are still present in the chapel today. This was in 1531 and was followed by a massive conversion of Native Americans in Mexico to Catholicism.

The only apparition in the United States is in Champion, Wisconsin (just a little east of Green Bay). Mary appeared to Adele Brise three times in 1859, instructing her to teach the local children the faith. Adele did so and eventually others joined her. In 1871, a fire that would burn 1.2 million acres and kill over 1000 people, went through the area, but amidst this a small area of the chapel grounds where Adele and her companions were praying and others fled to when the fire hit, were left unscathed. In 2010, the bishop of Green Bay, after investigating the events, declared the apparitions "Worthy of Belief."

Mary, mother of God, pray for us.

Peace, and Happy Mother's Day,

Fr. Nick

?ASCENSION THURSDAY?

The Feast of the Ascension is celebrated on Sunday, May 17. Because of this, Thursday, May 14 is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

ASSUMPTION PRAYER CHAPEL

Adoration is available 24/7 in the Chapel (the old church) by using the code at the north transit entrance. You can call or come to the Church Office to receive the code.

EXPOSITION is on Tuesdays, 9am-10pm. At 6:15pm, the Rosary is prayed, followed by our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions. Exposition continues until 10pm.

During Eucharistic Exposition, when the Eucharist is in the monstrance and exposed, an adorer must be present. If you are interested in being an adorer for an hour, visit assumptionbvm.weadorehim.com to sign up and choose a time. Thank you!

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Elizabeth Baine
wife of Larry Baine

James McHugh
husband of Gail McHugh
father to Jen (John) Dawson
Tim (Haley) McHugh
Brian (Annie) McHugh

Forrest Bolton
father of Dale (Pat) Bolton
grandfather of Mandy Dovin

Rick Geiser
brother of Paul (Jackie) Geiser

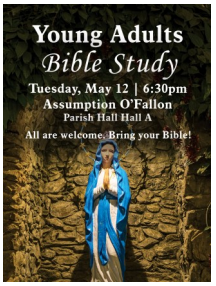
O'FALLON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2269 UPCOMING EVENTS

Queen of Hearts raffle | Every Tuesday
Join us every Tuesday for our weekly raffle. Doors open at 5pm with drawing at 7pm. Food and beverages available for purchase.

YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY BIBLE STUDY

MAY 12 | 6:30PM

All young adults ages 18–35 are invited to join us for our next Bible Study on Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30pm in Parish Center, Hall A. Together we'll open the Scriptures, reflect on how God speaks into our lives today, and grow in faith through honest, meaningful conversation. Whether you're new to reading the Bible or have been studying for years, you'll find a welcoming space to ask questions, share insights, and encounter Christ in His Word.



Come as you are, bring a friend, and be part of a community that seeks to know and love God more deeply. For more information, reach out to Logan Jordan at 636-541-0765.

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE SHRINE MASS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 7PM

Welcome back! Spring is finally here. Join us at 7pm for our outdoor Mass at the Mary Queen of Peace Shrine, located at 301 Coronation Dr, O'Fallon. (Corner of Civic Park Dr & Imperial Dr, passed Sigmund Auto Service). Fr. Nick will preside the Mass, followed by the rosary and divine mercy rosary (weather permitting).

Please bring a lawn chair. Collections for priests will be taken after Mass.

If you have any questions, please contact Sylvia Kiphart, 636–978–8803.

50 PLUS CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS

Potluck Dinner | May 18, 6:30pm

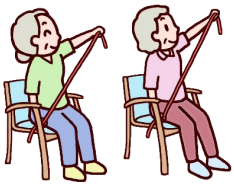
To all 50+ Club members, come join us for a potluck dinner on Monday May 18. We ask that everyone bring your favorite dish, salad, or dessert to share and catch up with those we haven't seen in awhile. We will have coffee, tea, and water. Doors open at 6pm and we will start at 6:30pm.

Trip to Maine | September 19-27

We will be going on a trip to **Maine, leaving on September 19 and return on September 27**. We will be taking tours of Portland, Kennebunkport, Lighthouse, Victorian Mansion, and Boothbay Railway. We will also take a trolley ride through the countryside, visit the Franciscan Monastery Gardens, and the Civil War Museum. We will have an authentic lobster dinner (or something other than lobster), and much more.

Cost is $1410 per person based on a double occupancy, a single cost is an additional $459. Contact Linda Lambing at 314-599-8429 if interested.

FIT AND FUNCTIONAL EXERCISE CLASS



A new session of the FIT and FUNctional Exercise classes has begun. Come join us! We typically meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week, but will NOT have class on Thursday, May 14 or Thursday, May 28. Classes start at 8:45am in the Parish Center, usually in Hall C.

Our exercise class, geared towards folks 50+, and taught by a Physical Therapist, is intended to accommodate various activity levels to improve strength, flexibility, balance and mobility. We use resistance bands and/or small hand weights. Resistance bands are provided in class. We do much of the class in sitting, but also work some in standing because life requires that, too! We work hard, but we also have fun! Call if you have questions, or just come to any class to get started. Cost assumes coming twice a week for 8 weeks ($60), we can prorate that if you'll be attending less often.

Questions? Contact Debbie Gentry, PT at 314-306-2697 or AtHomePartnersLLC@gmail.com.

HELP WANTED: As a side note, if you/someone you know would like to assist with teaching classes, especially when Debbie cannot be there, please contact me! I am looking for someone to join me in providing this much-needed and helpful class perpetually!

Mass Times and Intentions	SUNDAY 5.10.26	MONDAY 5.11.26	TUESDAY 5.12.26	WEDNESDAY 5.13.26
	8:00am Kevin Hale	6:30am Paul & Angie Siemer	6:30am Monique Moyer (special intention)	6:30am Poor Souls in Purgatory
	10:00am Geri Sachs (special intention)	8:00am M.C. & Marge Gentemann	8:00am Terry Ely	8:00am John Groark
	12:00pm Stan Bytnar			
	5:30pm Alice Forbeck			
Reconciliation	By Appointment	7:30-7:50am Church or by appointment	7:30-7:50am Church or by appointment	7:30-7:50am Church or by appointment

ASSUMPTION VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DONATIONS NEEDED

Assumption's Vacation Bible School, **Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God**, is scheduled for June 15-19, and we are excited to welcome our children for a week of faith, fun, and discovery. **To help make this experience special, we have created an Amazon Wishlist with items needed for crafts, snacks, decorations, and activities.** We kindly invite you to consider supporting VBS by purchasing an item from the list using the QR code in the graphic now through June 15. Your generosity helps us create a joyful and memorable experience for our children.

Thank you for your consideration. We are deeply grateful for your continued support of our parish youth!

In Christ,
Holly Woytus, Director of Religious Education

RUN FOR LIFE AND LEARNING
BENEFITTING BIRTHRIGHT COUNSELING, ST. LOUIS
JUNE 6

Join us at Creve Coeur Lake for a chip-timed 6K Run/Walk, 1 Mile Fun Walk/Run, and ¼ Mile Kids Run.

To register or donate, scan the QR Code or visit runsignup.com/run4lifeandlearning. Proceeds enable women who are financially stressed by an unplanned pregnancy to continue their education and secure better lives for themselves and their families.

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND AND CENTRAL EUROPE
MARCH 1-16, 2027

A Divine Mercy pilgrimage to Poland offers a profound spiritual journey through the homeland of St. Faustina, St. John Paul II, and St. Maximilian Kolbe. **Walk Where Saints Walked; A Journey of Divine Mercy: Poland, Prague, Vienna**. Rediscover the beauty of the Church and the depth of God's mercy.

To learn more, contact Fr. Matt Flatley, Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Jefferson City, at 573-202-3590 or e-mail: mflatley@diojeffcity.org to receive a full color brochure. We will gather for an information night at Immaculate Conception Parish in Jefferson City on Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 6 pm.

THURSDAY 5.14.26	FRIDAY 5.15.26	SATURDAY 5.16.26	SUNDAY 5.17.26
6:30am Priests Intention	6:30am Lester Wood	8:00am Raymond Sommerkamp	8:00am Stan Bytnar
8:00am Helen Binstock	8:00am Jean Hodgdon	5:00pm Patsy Wilmes	10:00am Dean Wehmeier
			12:00pm People of the Parish
			5:30pm Kate Bauer
7:30-7:50am Church or by appointment	7:30-7:50am Church or by appointment	4-4:50pm Church or by appointment	By Appointment

HANDMADE QUILTS FOR SALE

If you're looking for the perfect gift, look no further! The Assumption Quilters are selling beautiful handmade quilts! Each quilt is hand-stitched with care by the group. There are several styles and sizes to choose from, which include:

♦ 8 Baby Quilts ♦ 2 Lap Quilts ♦ 1 Full Size Quilt

If you are interested in purchasing a quilt, contact Mary Pieper at 636-272-8292 and leave a message.

Lap Quilt Batik Blues: $100

Lap Quilt Bright Colored Flowers: $100

Full size Patchwork Squares: $125

Baby Quilt: Pink Lullaby: $75

Baby Quilt Sports Bears: $65

Baby Quilt Clown: $85

Baby Quilt Sweetest Heart: $75

Baby Quilt: Cats: $75

Baby Quilt: Cowboy Owls: $65

Baby Quilt Fairies: $75

Baby Quilt Sailboats: $85

QUILT-OF-THE-MONTH RAFFLE BENEFITING CHAPEL RESTORATION STILL GOING STRONG

Congratulations to **Gloria Swoboda of Assumption Parish** for winning the April quilt! **There are 3 more quilts to win, so you still have time to send in your tickets.** All proceeds for the Quilt-of-the-Month raffle benefit restoring areas of the Assumption Prayer Chapel, so be sure to support our worthy cause. Take a chance and spread the news about the raffle! Drawings will be held during the last week of each month. The winner wins the quilt assigned to that month. These quilts are valued at $500-$800 each.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church
Quilt-of-the-Month
August 2025 through July 2026

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Phone: _____

Donation: $10 each or 3 for $25

- Tickets are **$10 for one ticket or $25 for three tickets**. Non-winning tickets remain in the raffle through July 2026.
- Checks can be made out to Assumption Church
- You can fill out the tickets, drop it in Sunday's collection basket with your payment, turn it in at the Parish Office or via mail: Assumption Church, 403 N. Main St., O'Fallon, MO 63366. Photos of all quilts can be viewed at **assumptionbvm.org**.

The Assumption Quilters thank you very much for supporting Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church.

PRINCIPAL'S PEN

This week we will celebrate our 2nd Annual Student Spotlight Awards Night! This event has quickly become a cherished tradition where we pause to recognize the exceptional character and leadership within our school community.

Being selected is a significant achievement; this year, we are honoring an elite group of only 38 students out of 471, representing the top 8% of our student body. These individuals were chosen because they consistently "shine bright" by serving as role models and exemplifying what it means to follow Jesus through their words and actions.

Congratulations to the 2025-2026 Student Spotlight recipients:

Piper Bray	Oliver Davis	Peyton Lowrey	Katilyn O'Neall	Charlotte Wilson
Kinsley Brown	Callahan Deeken	Brecklynn Mann	Nora Pupillo	Lainey Willis
Emma Bryant	Crew Deeken	Colette Markway	Theo Rapplean	Quinn Wimsatt
Scottie Buckmaster	Saoirse Dolan	Reese Meier	Nora Reller	Emmy Winkelmann
Liam Burris	Lyla Finazzo	Chase Meyer	Brody Schaub	Lucas Zapata
Rory Conway	Ethan Heiss	Ava Mitchell	Grace Schulte	Vinny Zwilling
Tallulah Copeland	Gabi Hutchison	Charlie Molitor	David Smith	
Stella Criebaum	Parker Lowe	Caroline Mueller	Faith Springwater	

FALL FESTIVAL PLANNING IN FULL SWING

Our Annual Fall Festival is Saturday, October 3, and Sunday, October 4! The two-day community event is a favorite, packed with lots of fun for the entire family. Don't miss the opportunity to support the Parish and get involved.

EVENT AND GOLD SPONSORSHIPS: Do you have a business or know someone who does that would like to be part of something truly special and showcase their company at the event? Gold or Event Sponsorships offer incredible exposure and publicity while making a meaningful impact on our community. For more details, visit our website at **assumptionbvm.org** or contact Nancy Gomer at 636-240-3721 ext. 239 to discuss.

CO-CAPTAINS: We're looking for festival Co-Captains to assist with all areas–from children's and adult games and raffles to concessions and dinner tents and everything else in between! If you are interested or have questions about what this may involve, contact captain Scott Wilcox at 636-614-8321.

COUNTRY STORE DONATIONS: Please keep us in mind when you are going through your spring cleaning. We are especially looking for (NEW or VERY GENTLY USED) items to resell – crafted items, seasonal items, religious items, and home decor. Place the donations in the pre-function area of the Parish Center NOW! If you have any questions about donations, contact Jeannine Bedel at 636-561-8189 or Mary Martin at 314-330-1718.

For all the details about the Assumption Fall Festival, contact festival chair Scott Wilcox at 636-614-8321 or co-chair Russ Schaller at 314-608-6551.

COMING SOON: FALL FESTIVAL CARNIVAL RIDE WRISTBAND SALES: Experience the joy and excitement of our annual Assumption Fall Festival, Saturday, Oct. 3, and Sunday, Oct. 4! Get ready for two unforgettable days packed with laughter, fellowship, and thrilling carnival rides! Starting Saturday, May 16, you can secure your carnival ride wristbands ONLINE ONLY by visiting our website at assumptionbvm.org.

Fountain City Amusements returns with 12 thrilling carnival rides for all ages—perfect for toddlers, young children, teens, and adults! Choose your adventure:

- $45 for unlimited rides on Saturday, October 3
- $25 for unlimited rides on Sunday, October 4
- $60 for unlimited rides all weekend long!

Don't miss this chance to make lasting memories and celebrate together as a beautiful parish family. Mark your calendars and spread the word because the fun will be here before you know it! Questions? Contact Nancy Gomer, Assumption Director of Marketing and Communications, at 636-240-3721 ext. 239.

MISSOURI RIGHT TO LIFE BANQUET AND PROGRAM MAY 20

Missouri Right to Life is hosting a banquet Wednesday, May 20 at the St. Charles Convention Center with keynote speaker Riley Gaines. We will also honor Carl Landwehr with the Champion of Life Award. Attendance for the event is $100. Full details for registration or donations are at missourilife.org/ERbanquet or by calling 314-434-4900.

- Social Hour: 6pm
- Dinner and Program: 7pm

1 Convention Center Plaza
St. Charles, MO 63303

HELLO FROM ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY!

As we **draw our Spring Semester** to a close, we are filled with gratitude for all that the Lord has done this semester: a beautiful Luke 18 retreat, Life Nights and EDGE Nights marked by prayer and community, transformative mentorship through LTLC, the dedication of our incredible Life Teen and EDGE Core teams–truly we have so much to be grateful for! **We will be taking a break from Life Nights and EDGE Nights as we prepare for our summer programming. Life Nights will resume in early June.**

Becky Whitaker has now concluded her time of service as Youth Minister here at Assumption, and will begin work with the Office off Youth Ministry as their new Coordinator of Events this Monday. Please pray for her as she transitions into her new role with the Archdiocese, and know of her prayers for you!

Nick Bone will be stepping into the Life Teen Youth Minister role over the summer, and we will begin a **hiring process soon** for a Middle School Youth Minister and Administrative role. Stay tuned! We know that "**all things work for good**" (Romans 8:28) and that great things continue to be in store for our thriving Youth Ministry program here at Assumption!

Know of our prayers in this time of celebration and transition!

Wednesday, May 13
Life Teen Bible Study
8-9pm in HQ*
All high school teens are invited to join us as we share pizza and fellowship, while exploring the upcoming Sunday's readings. ***Life Teen Headquarters (HQ) is the small yellow house by the Knights of Columbus Hall.**

2026 EVENTS:

June 8-13: Life Teen Camp Cana
June 22-26: Life Teen Leadership Conference
July 17-19: Steubenville Conference

Summer Retreat Registration is OPEN! Please Register ASAP!
All rising freshmen through graduated seniors are invited to come and experience the beauty of their Catholic faith in new ways through our summer retreats: Life Teen Camp Cana and the Steubenville Youth Conference! **Registration this year is fully online. To reserve retreat spots, complete the registration form found on our website at assumptionbvm.org/Youth-Young-Adult-Ministries/Life-Teen and submit a deposit.** No teen is ever turned away from a retreat due to financial need, please reach out if needing a scholarship!

Follow us on Social Media:
Instagram:
@assumption_life_teen and @assumption_edge
Facebook:
Assumption Life Teen and Assumption EDGE

QUESTIONS?
Contact **Nick Bone**,
Life Teen Youth Minister
636-240-3721 ext. 333 or nickbone@abvmtech.org

Did you know?

On July 20, 1941, an interesting announcement was published in the Assumption Church bulletin requesting families to donate special items for the annual parish picnic.

Each family was asked to bring six chickens, one can of corn, one can of peas, one can of fruit, ten cents for bread, four articles for the quarter stand, one sleeper prize, two dish towels, and pies and cakes.

It was later posted in the bulletin that parishioners were needed to assist with picking out the chickens for the picnic.

To this day, we still host an annual parish picnic the first weekend of October called the Fall Festival, but we don't ask for chickens... Cakes, pies, and other dessert donations are still requested, though.

You might remember this iconic scene featuring the men of the parish grilling sausages for the festivities. Kudos to these men for their unwavering support back in 1985.

A Legacy of Faith. A Future of Hope

OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Weekly Offertory	April 19, 2026	YTD 7/1/25–4/19/26
Actual Collections	$47,430	$1,732,230
Budget Target	$50,000	$1,995,000
Surplus / (Shortfall)	$(2,570)	$(262,770)

Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school

Original Loan	$3,306,127
Current balance owed	$25,778
Monthly payment	$20,923

Last expected payment will be in June 2026.

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

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

If you would like to give online, please go to:
assumptionbvm.org/About-Us/Online-Giving
or scan the QR Code and create an account.

OFFICE INFORMATION

ADDRESS/PHONE/HOURS
403 N Main Street, O'Fallon MO 63366
636-240-3721 Parish Office
Hours: Monday–Thurs 8am-4pm
Friday 8am-2pm (summer hours)

ASSUMPTION SCHOOL
636-240-4474

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY
636-272-4758 (Helpline)

BULLETIN NOTICES
Submit to Parish Office
Bulletin.assumption@gmail.com
by 9am on the Tuesday before Sunday's edition (five days prior)

SOCIAL MEDIA
Website: assumptionbvm.org
Instagram: @abvmofallon
Facebook.com: @assumptionparish
Youtube: @assumptionmedia1

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, or information regarding our grief support series, which is held twice per year, contact Lynn Crews at 314-578-0741.