

GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

January 6, 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord

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**"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people,
Israel." -Mt 2:6b**

MASS

Sunday: 7:30 a.m./9 a.m.
10:30 a.m./Noon/ 6 p.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m./5 p.m.
Monday-Friday: 6:30 a.m./8 a.m.

CONFESSION

Sundays Before Masses
Saturdays 4-4:45 p.m.
Wednesdays 6-6:45 p.m.
By Appt: Call Father Keller
or Father Weber

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This Week

SUN 1/6	8 a.m. TWB Gift Cards Available -LL 7 p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life-AC 7 p.m. Men's Pickup Basketball-GYM
MON 1/7	8:30 a.m. Rosary-CH 5:30 p.m. PSR Choir-LL 6:15 p.m. PSR Classes-CH 6:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Society-REC 7 p.m. Separated/Divorced Catholics-LL
TUE 1/8	8:30 a.m. Rosary-CH 8:30 a.m. Exercise-CH 4 p.m. Tiger Cubs (Hager) -LL 6:30 p.m. Fatima Rosary-CH 6:30 p.m. Women's ACTS Mtg-ACTS ROOM
WED 1/9	8:30 a.m. Rosary-CH 8:30 a.m. Senior Wednesday Activities -LL 9 a.m. Quilters-LL 1 p.m. 50+ Game Day-LL 5:30 p.m. Daisies (Collin)-LL 6 p.m. Parish Holy Hour-CH 7 p.m. Adult Choir-LL 7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (Thomas) -CAFÉ
THU 1/10	8:30 a.m. Rosary-CH 8:30 a.m. Exercise-LL 3:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (Bailey)-LL 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (Barker)-SC 7 p.m. Men's ACTS small group-REC 7 p.m. Women's ACTS team-ACTS Room
FRI 1/11	8:30 a.m. Rosary-CH 10 a.m. Chair Exercises-LL 2:45 p.m. Daisies (Menendez)-LL
SAT 1/12	8:30 a.m. Rosary-CH 4 p.m. Confessions-CH 4 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner—Boy Scouts-CAFÉ 4:30 p.m. Rosary-CH
SUN 1/13	8 a.m. TWB Gift Cards Available -LL 7 p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life-AC 7 p.m. Men's Pickup Basketball-GYM

CH—Church SC—School CAFÉ—Cafeteria
H—Parish Center REC—Rectory Lower Level
LL—Church Lower Level AC—Chapel

Special Events

Jan. 31-Feb 3 Women's ACTS Retreat

Ladies of the Little Flower

The Ladies of the Little Flower will meet on Monday evening, January 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the church lower level. Michelle Schiller-Baker will speak with us about St. Martha's Hall, which is a shelter for abused women. We will also be collecting items to donate to the shelter. For a list of items needed, call Robbie at 314-487-1824. Ladies with last names P - Z, please bring a snack to share.



All-You-Can-Eat

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Benefiting Boy Scout Troop 169

01.12.19

4-8 pm | Saturday

\$10 (13 & Up)

\$5 (12 & under)

Spaghetti, Salsiccia, Salad, & Bread

Assumption Parish
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Flocknote Leader Training:

Do you lead an organization connected to Assumption? Are you still using old-school email or group texts to communicate? Assumption is offering more Flocknote training sessions for leaders/ "note-senders" at 7 p.m. on Jan. 15 & Jan. 21 in the Rectory Lower Level. Come learn how to use this amazing tool to communicate more effectively with your group
RSVP to detwilerc@assumptionstl.org

Notice:

Stewardship numbers were not available at the time of print this week, due to our Parish Office having been closed for Christmas break **and then for New Year's break.** They will be reported next week.
Thank you for your patience!

Mass Intentions †

January 6	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
9 a.m.	Robert Bryant †
10:30 a.m.	Linda Albes-Dover †
Noon	Linda DeClue †
6 p.m.	Jimmy McGrath †
January 7	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Emma Fisch †
8 a.m.	Michael Manning
January 8	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Cissie Koprivica †
8 a.m.	Elmer Loeffler †
January 9	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Isla Taylor
8 a.m.	Anne Tornatore †
January 10	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Thom & Peggy Oliver
8 a.m.	Tom Renaud †
January 11	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	Eileen Otti †
8 a.m.	Nick Porter
January 12	SATURDAY
8 a.m.	John N. Dee †
5 p.m.	Larry Chiodini †
January 13	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Craig Wnuk †
9 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	Doris Fay Schmidt †
Noon	Lois & Tom Albes †
6 p.m.	William Fitzgerald †
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Richard Jaggie
Harold Johnston
Julie Kauffmann
Betty Keller
Carol Keller
Elizabeth Kelly
Bob Kemper
Kent Kenniston
Debra Kersting
Ruth Kinsella
Shirley Klahs
Joan Klutho
Denny Krentz

OUR MILITARY *denotes parishioner

Justin Lock USA
Stephen Miloscia USN
Ryan Nardin
Todd Nicely USMC*
Ryan O'Neil USA
Jordan Osmack
Daniel Parker USA
Michael Rapp USN
Derek Ryan
Austin Shields
John Siebert
Todd Smick USN
Aaron Staryak

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Finance Council —New Members

The Assumption Finance Council needs a few new members. Specifically, we are looking for individuals who are or were *small business owners* or who have *accounting, management* or *investing* experience. The Finance Council meets once a month on the fourth Wednesday of month at 6:15 p.m. Members make yearly commitments and can always renew their commitment. Please contact Fr. Keller 314-487-7970 ex 1202 or email kellert@assumptionstl.org

Have a question about our Catholic faith?

Email it to newsletter@assumptionstl.org for our “Bother the Fathers” video series!

† Usual contributions for Mass offerings are \$5. Please stop by the Parish Office during office hours.

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Share the Good News!

Are you celebrating a significant anniversary or birthday in 2019? Share it with us!

newsletter@assumptionstl.org

Pastor's Column



There is an ancient tradition of publishing the major feasts on Epiphany. In this spirit, here are all the anticipated liturgical ceremonies for 2019! – Fr. Keller

Candlemas

Saturday, February 2, 2019
Blessing of Liturgical Candles
at the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Feast of St. Blaise

Sunday, February 3, 2019
Blessing of Throats after all Masses

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes/ World Day of the Sick:

Monday, February 11, 2019
Confessions and Rosary: 11:00 a.m.
Anointing of the Sick and Holy
Communion: 11:30 a.m.
Social: Noon

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 6, 2019
Masses: 6:30, 8:00, 10:00 a.m.,
Noon, 7:00 p.m..

Daily Lenten Masses (tentative schedule)

Monday-Friday Masses
6:30, 8:00 a.m. and Noon

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Solemnity of St. Joseph, husband of Mary

Tuesday, March 19, 2019
Blessing of St. Joseph's Bread
after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Holy Thursday

Thursday, April 18, 2019
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m.
Altar of Repose until Midnight

Good Friday

Friday, April 19, 2019
Stations of the Cross - Noon
Confession Noon-3:00 p.m.
Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday

Saturday, April 20, 2019
Confessions 4:00-5:00 p.m.
No 5:00 p.m. Mass
Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m.

Easter

Sunday, April 21, 2019
Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m.,
Noon, 6:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 18, 2019
Holy Hour - Chaplet, Confessions,
and conferral of the plenary
indulgence 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 12, 2019
May Crowning at 10:30 a.m. Mass
Blessing of Mothers at all Masses
Candlelight Rosary Procession
after 6:00 p.m. Mass

Memorial Day

Monday, May 27, 2019
Mass - 9:00 a.m.

Pentecost

Sunday, June 9, 2019
Conferral of the plenary
indulgence: Veni Creator
Spiritus after All Masses

Father's Day

Sunday, June 13, 2013
Blessing of Fathers at all Masses

Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who helped decorate the inside and outside of church for Christmas again this year. The decorations look beautiful! Thanks to all who donated to the Christmas Flower and Candle Fund. Special thanks to Suzanne Koenen, who painted the beautiful and interesting mural of modern-day Bethlehem behind the Nativity Scene background. God bless, Fr. Keller

Registering at Assumption

Everyone needs a family.
Belonging to a parish family unites us
with people of all ages and backgrounds
in the journey to Jesus Christ.

Assumption Parish (Mattese) warmly welcomes you to our family of Faith!

I/We would like to register at Assumption:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please return this slip to the Parish Office (located in the Rectory) or drop in the offertory basket, and we will be in touch soon to help you register here! You may also visit the office Monday-Friday, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to register.

Corpus Christi

Sunday, June 23, 2019
Eucharistic Procession after the
6:00 p.m. Mass

Feast of the Sacred Heart

Friday, June 28, 2019
Act of Consecration after
8:00 a.m. Mass

Independence Day

Thursday, July 4, 2019
Mass - 9:00 a.m.

Portuncula Privilege

Friday, August 2, 2019
A plenary indulgence is granted to
all who visit a parish church this day

**Sunday before Feast of
Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

Sunday, July 16, 2019
Investiture with the Brown Scapular
after Masses

Sunday before the Assumption

Sunday, August 11, 2019
Blessing of Students
- 10:30 a.m. Mass

**Novena in preparation of the
Assumption**

August 6-14, 2019
After 8:00 a.m. Masses

**Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

Thursday, August 15, 2019
Masses: 6:30, 8:00 a.m., Noon,
5:30, 7:00 p.m.

Labor Day

Monday, September 2, 2019
Mass - 9:00 a.m.

Adoration Under the Stars

Sunday, September 29, 2019
Adoration: 7:30-8:30 p.m. on the
field, weather permitting.

*... Pastor's Column Continued***All Saints Day**

Friday, November 1, 2019
Masses: 6:30, 8:00 a.m., Noon,
5:30, 7:00 p.m.

All Souls Day

Saturday, November 2, 2019
8:00 a.m. Mass followed by a
procession to the cemetery

Purgatorial Mass

Monday, November 4, 2019
7:00 p.m. Mass remembering
deceased friends and family

Christ the King

Sunday, November 24, 2019
Act of Consecration at the
end of all Masses

Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 28, 2019
Mass - 9:00 a.m.
(Thanksgiving Brunch after Mass)

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 1, 2019
Blessing of Advent Wreath(s)
at all Masses
Lessons and Carols - 3:00 p.m.

First Wednesday of Advent

Wednesday, December 4, 2019
Advent Penance Service -
6:00-7:00 p.m.

**Novena in preparation of the
Immaculate Conception**

November 30-December 8, 2019
After 8:00 a.m. Masses
(7:30 a.m. Sundays)

**Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

Monday, November 9, 2019
Masses: 6:30, 8:00 a.m., Noon,
5:30, 7:00 p.m.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Thursday, December 12, 2019
8:00 a.m. Mass: Children's
reenactment of Juan Diego's
appearance before the bishop

Christmas Eve**(tentative schedule)**

Tuesday, December 24, 2019
Masses 4:00, 6:00, 10:00 p.m.

Christmas (tentative schedule)

Wednesday, December 25, 2019
Traditional Latin Mass
chanted at Midnight
Morning Masses: 8:00, 10:00 a.m.

Holy Family Sunday

Sunday, December 28, 2019
Family Consecration to the Holy
Family after all Masses

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of
God / New Year's Eve**

Tuesday, December 31, 2019
Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.
Solemn Benediction and the
conferral of the plenary
indulgence: Te Deum after
all Masses

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of
God / New Year's Day**

Wednesday, January 1, 2020
Masses: 8:00, 10:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.
Solemn Benediction and the
conferral of the plenary
indulgence: Veni Creator
Spiritus after all Masses

Epiphany

Sunday, January 4, 2020
Blessing of Chalk for the inscription
on homes after all Masses

RECLAIMING MY CATHOLIC FAITH

Week 6 Meditation on Prayer

Everyone knows someone who has said, “I quit going to church because I prayed for something and God didn’t answer my prayer.”

That makes it kind of scary to pray. What if God doesn’t answer my prayers? There’s more to prayer than expecting God to give you anything you want or even seem to need.

Prayer is an act of the virtue of religion which consists in asking for proper gifts of graces from God. In a more general sense, it is the application of the mind to Divine things. It is a means by which Christians can acquire union with God here on earth.

There are four types of prayer:

- Thanksgiving
- Praise
- Adoration
- Petition

There are three different ways to pray:

- Community prayer
- Vocal prayer
- Mental prayer

Although we don’t usually think of it like this, prayer is first and foremost a duty. We owe the God who created us and redeemed us praise and thanksgiving.

Adoration is a form of prayer based on a deep love for God.

Petition is the most common form of prayer. Oftentimes, we ask God for things that are important to us, or, to those closest to us. It is not wrong to pray for things we need. We should remember, though, that God does not always give us the temporal things we think we need, but God always gives us the graces we need for salvation. Sometimes, things we ask for may not be beneficial for our or others’ salvation. God cannot grant something that is not beneficial to our salvation.

What should we pray for? First, we should pray for deeper Faith, fuller Hope in the resurrection and greater Charity for others. Then, we should hold up those other needs we have.

God answers prayers first and foremost by bestowing grace. Sometimes, God grants a supernatural grace that affects the natural world and that is called a miracle. Sometimes, the greatest miracle is when someone has a change of heart.

Questions:

- Do I take time to pray?
- Do I prioritize praise and thanksgiving in my prayer?
- Does my love for God overflow into my prayer?

Early Learning Center
Shelly Michael
Director



“From melted snowmen to glitter Christmas lights, Toddler 2 had a blast getting ready for Christmas! We wish everyone a wonderful season of Christmas and a Happy New Year!”



Elementary Religious Education
Valerie Stringer
Director



Many helpers came to the Materials Making party for the Atrium on December 28th. Major tasks included making wall charts, sewing aprons and painting figures for the Infancy Narratives.

Would you like to get involved with helping the young children in the Atrium? I'm looking for an assistant for the Thursday afternoon sessions from 4-5:15 p.m. Email stringerv@assumptionstl.org if you would like to help!



Senior Ministry
Laura Benson
Senior Apostolate Coordinator

2018 in review!



Can't wait to make more fun memories in 2019!



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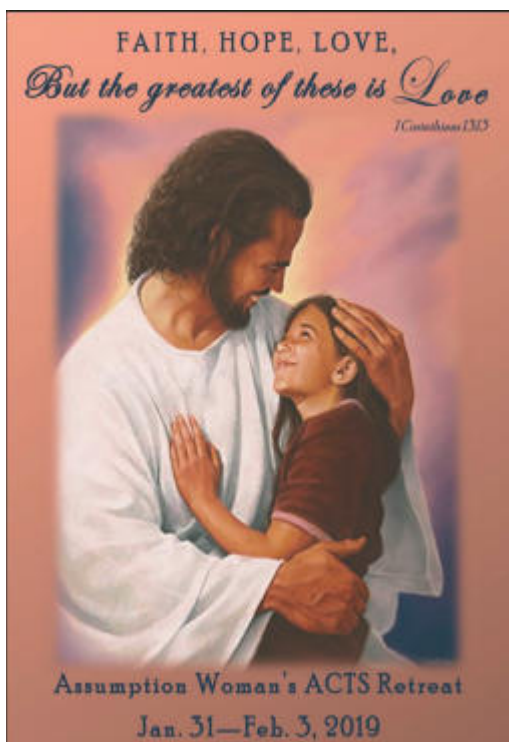
January 6th

**LIGHTS
OUT
DODGE
BALL**

Kicking off our next semester with...
Not your average game of dodgeball.
After 6 p.m. Mass.
Wear all black & bring all your friends.
You don't want to miss this!



LIFE TEEN



Women's ACTS Retreat

SAVE THE DATE!

The Assumption Women's ACTS Retreat is **Jan. 31–Feb. 3, 2019**. To register for the retreat, simply fill out and mail in a registration form (found in the foyers of Church).

For more information or to **register and pay your deposit online**, go to www.assumptionstl.org/ACTS-Ret. Financial scholarships are available!

Help Wanted:

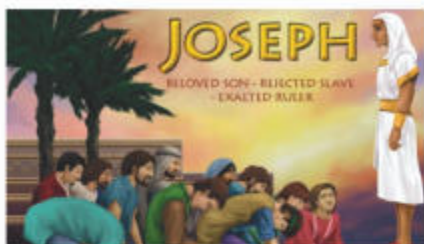
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Young Adult Pro-Life Holy Hour

In collaboration with the Office of Young Adult Ministry, the Respect Life Apostolate is hosting a Pro-Life Holy Hour on Thursday, January 17 for young adults 19-39 throughout the archdiocese. Starting at 6 p.m. in Boland Hall at the Cathedral Basilica, the event includes dinner, fellowship, Eucharistic Adoration, the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and a dynamic pro-life speaker!

For more information, email stlya@archstl.org or call 314-792-7555

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The Parish Holy Hour is open to everyone. It is intended as an opportunity for parishioners to spend time in prayer and adoration, as well as receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Join us each Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the church.



Our Lady Help of Christians Adoration Chapel

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Assumption Parish Mission

Our Mission:

- Worship God
- Share the Good News of Jesus
- Serve Christ in others

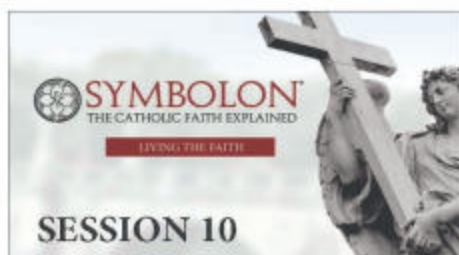
Our vision:

Continue the work of Jesus Christ

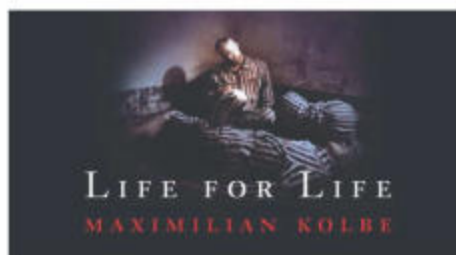
Our Goal:

Every parishioner— a saint!

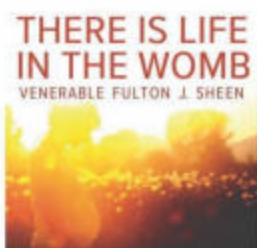
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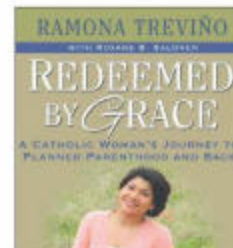
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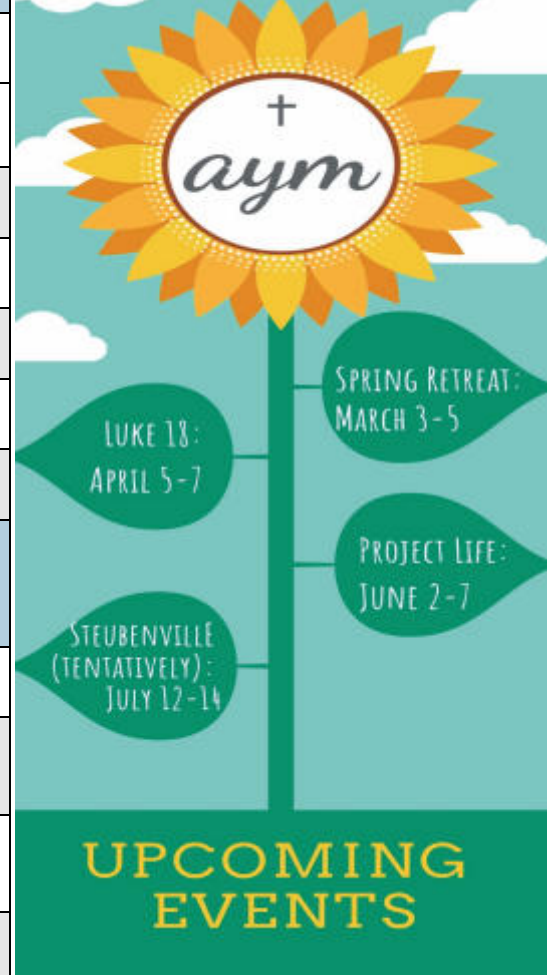
Good News Messenger

Issue	Deadline (4 p.m.)
Jan. 13	Jan. 4
Jan. 20	Jan. 11

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- NO FLYERS, unless the same textual content is also submitted via email

Please submit news to:
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Save the dates!



Our Lady's Inn Benefit Trivia Night

Our Lady's Inn Maternity Homes is having their Annual Trivia Night —Saturday, January 19th at Chaminade College Prep School (425 S. Lindbergh). Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and trivia begins at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person and \$200 for a table of ten. For more information or to register, visit www.ourladyinn.org or call Katrina at 314-736-1544.

The 20th Anniversary St. Louis Marian Conference

The Conference, which is filled with incredible speakers, such as Bishop Hermann and Cardinal Burke, will be held at the Renaissance Hotel Jan. 11-13, 2019. For additional information, call 314-401-1707, or visit stlmarianconference.net

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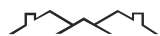
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