

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020



COME LORD JESUS

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.

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Hello,

Today is the first day of Advent, and while people may have many different ways they decorate for Christmas, and many different objects may remind you of Christmas, there is really only one thing that we identify so strongly with Advent, the Advent Wreath. I know growing up my family had the Advent Wreath on our kitchen table and after dinner we would light the appropriate candle(s) and read a part of a Gospel, reading that whole Gospel in the season of Advent. I have heard of others who might have a certain prayer they pray together each day around their Advent Wreath, or possibly reading from a book of reflections. I can't say if we will have any left by the time you read this, but the parish has 500 copies of a program you might use as a family called "A Journey through Advent & Christmas" that might be a part of your Advent this year.

At Mass on the First Sunday of Advent we have a blessing of the wreath in church that we will be lighting throughout the season as we prepare for and grow closer to Christmas. The petitions and prayers in this blessing help tell us what we should be doing in our preparations, so I thought sharing them here might be appropriate:

General Intercessions:

That the keeping of Advent may open our hearts to God's love,
we pray to the Lord.

That the light of Christ may penetrate the darkness of sin, we pray
to the Lord.

That this wreath may constantly remind us to prepare for the coming
of Christ, we pray to the Lord.

That the Christmas season may fill us with peace and joy as we
strive to follow the example of Jesus, we pray to the Lord.

Prayer of Blessing:

Lord God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior,
who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance
and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles
of this wreath; may their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is
Lord, forever and ever. Amen

May you and your families have a blessed Advent.

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



An Advent Evening

This year, due to Covid-19, this night will take the place of our annual *Advent By Candlelight*. However, we still have something very special planned. Join us from your homes or in church, Sunday, November 29 from 7-8:30pm!

Our special presenter this year will be our very own:

Missy Lowrey

Titled: Preparing Our Hearts and Renewing Our Spirits

We will be livestreaming our Advent Evening in church. We will have a talk with reflections and music. This year, we will open this evening up to families, small faith groups, anyone who would like to attend in person *or* online. Ladies, we still encourage you to gather your "tables of eight" if you are able to in your homes! You can come to the church for the presentation with your group and then head to your host home for refreshments and fellowship! Either way, we want you to take advantage of this very special evening as we begin to prepare our hearts for the birth of our Savior!

If you have any questions, please contact Tedra at 636-379-5958 or tedra.courtis@gmail.com.

Parish Office Volunteers Needed!! Do you have office experience and would like to volunteer at the Assumption parish office? (Even if you do not have office experience, we can teach you! It's easy and stress free! We have fun!)

We are in need of someone to answer phone calls, as well as do light office work during regular parish office hours and greet those coming to the parish office. Volunteer hours are varied and flexible. We have implemented safety measures for your peace of mind and are looking for friendly, caring and reliable people who can help us out. If you would be interested, please call Angie at 636-240-3721 ext. 235 for more information.

Now Hiring: Social Media Position ~ Assumption Parish is seeking a part-time social media employee. Responsibilities will include monitoring and responding to communications posted in public portals (website, general email, Facebook, Instagram, etc.), as well as creating social media content and sending e-mail blasts using 'Constant Contact'. Requires strong communication skills, attention to detail, experience with organizational social media and knowledge of Catholic teachings and practices. If you are interested, please send a cover letter and resume to mvogt.abvm@gmail.com.

**Now
Hiring!**

PREVENT AND PROTECT UPDATE:

As of December 31st, 2020 the old Virtus system used to show Compliance will be eliminated and Archdiocese Safe Environment program will be using the Prevent and Protect system only. To all those who work or volunteer here at Assumption Parish, you must be registered into this new Prevent and Protect system by December 31st in order to still be in Compliance with the Archdiocese. This is **MANDATORY**. You can go to our website; www.assumptionbvm.org, go to Quick Links, scroll down to the Safe Environment link, this link will take you to my link where you will find directions on how to register. If you have started this registration but have NOT received your **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION**, that means you are not in Compliance with the Archdiocese, so please go back into your P/P account and double check your requirement checklist to see what needs to be completed and submitted. If you have any questions or you are not sure of your status, please contact Lynn Crews at: 314-578-0741 or lynn.assumption@gmail.com.



Society of St. Vincent De Paul needs your help this Christmas!!

Neighbors In Need Christmas Day

Our SVDP is again sponsoring a Christmas program for our neighbors in need and our homeless clients that will take place on December 12th. We all know that 2020 has been a difficult year for everyone. So, *please* know that all donations of any kind will be GREATLY APPRECIATED. If you are not attending Mass in person but would like to help, we can assist you online, by phone, or we will pick up any donations as well. There are several ways that you can help those in need!



GIVING TREE GIFTS - We will have 2 trees set up in the Narthex for the next 3 weeks with wishes from members of the local community. There are options in the bulletin about tags if you cannot make it to Mass. Please limit your spending to \$20-\$25 per tag taken. Return your gifts to the tree in the downstairs hall no later than **noon on December 6th**. Any questions call Steve 636.443.5854.

Our **Neighbors In Need** lack the necessities that we often take for granted. When they pick up their items from the Adopt-A-Family or Giving Tree, they are invited to walk through the hall and choose a gift for themselves and/or one to give. If we have enough donations, they are able to pick up other *needed* items. Below are some ideas of items to help our *Neighbors in Need*:

STOCK THE HOUSE ITEMS - New items (unwrapped) such as: family games, lamps, kitchen or bath towels, blankets or comforters, tool sets, hardware mini kits, hand mixers, crockpots, pillows, batteries, sheet sets, inexpensive prepaid phones for the homeless, phone cards.

TWEEN GIFT ITEMS (Teen Items) - There is always a large need for: comfy sleep pants, ear buds, phone chargers, power banks, sports balls, lotion sets, earphones, gift cards, teen games.

ALSO COLLECTING any new or used wrapping paper and/or wrapping supplies that you would like to clear out. We try to give our families some 'wrapping supplies' for their family's gifts.

PLEASE KNOW.... We do offer 'no contact' PICK UP at your home, *or* you can drop items in the SVDP bin in Church. Whatever you feel comfortable with ...We are happy to assist in any way!

All Christmas Program info, including *links*, are now on the parish website! **Questions or to set up a donation pick up, please contact Tammy Young at 314-603-2395 or styoung6@aol.com.** Thank you so much to all of our generous parishioners!!

Giving Tree Volunteers !

Due to Covid, this year we will *not* have a tag making or sorting meeting, we are limiting the exposure in the group setting. If you want to support this year please take an extra tag from the tree. Questions? Please call Steve at 636.443.5854.



Prayer

"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

Week at a Glance

	MONDAY 11.30.20	TUESDAY 12.01.20	WEDNESDAY 12.02.20
Mass Times/Intentions	6:30am Frank Regan 8:00am Teri Hiatt	6:30am Family of Richard Scholten 8:00am Morris & Lucille Wessel	6:30am Sr Rosemary Russell 8:00am Deborah Riley
Readings	1st Reading: Rom 10:9-18 Gospel: Mt 4:18-22	1st Reading: Is 11:1-10 Gospel: Lk 10:21-24	1st Reading: Is 25:6-10 Gospel: Mt 15:29-37
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



Feast of the Immaculate Conception December 8, 2020

The Immaculate Conception means that the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose conception was brought about the normal way, was conceived without original sin or its stain—that's what "immaculate" means: without stain. The essence of original sin consists in the deprivation of sanctifying

grace, and its stain is a corrupt nature. Mary was preserved from these defects by God's grace; from the first instant of her existence she was in the state of sanctifying grace and was free from the corrupt nature original sin brings. We will celebrate Mary's state of being "immaculate" and "full of grace" with Mass times listed:

Monday, December 7th, 5:30pm in Church, Vigil Mass
Tuesday December 8th, 6:30am, 8:00am & 7:00pm in Church

***Please note that the 8:00am and the 7:00pm Masses will be live-streamed.**

All are Welcome, Every TUESDAY!

Please come and pray for peace and special intentions. The Rosary and Perpetual Help Devotions; Tuesdays at 6:15pm in the Chapel.



December early BULLETIN deadlines:

Bulletin for December 20th,
Announcements due by Dec. 9th,
Wednesday at 9:00am

Bulletin for December 27th,
Announcements due by Dec. 15th
Tuesday at 9:00am

Bulletin for January 2nd,
Announcements due by Dec. 21st
Monday at 9:00am

Please send bulletin
announcements to:
peggy.assumption@yahoo.com



PRAYER:

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

Prayer



St. Dominic High School Coat Drive

Do you have a 2nd hand coats, jackets and accessories like scarves and gloves that you would like to donate? A group of St. Dominic students have organized a coat drive for their leadership class and would love to take those jackets off your hands to give to those in most need! For the next two weeks, there will be boxes in the back of church for you to place your jackets and coats. All the items donated will be brought to the St. Patrick's center and donations will be picked up on November 30th. Please make sure they are in good shape! Thank you for your donation to help those most in need keep warm this winter!

THURSDAY 12.03.20

6:30am Sr. Marie Frances
Wiederholt CPPS
8:00am Ken Wilmas

1st Reading: Is 26:1-6
Gospel: Mt 7:21, 24-27

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

FRIDAY 12.04.20

6:30am Vocations to the Priest-
hood & Religious Life
8:00am Teri Hiatt

1st Reading: Is 29:17-24
Gospel: Mt 9:27-31

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

SATURDAY 12.05.20

9:00am Kristi Nickels & Family
5:00pm Joseph & Madlyn Krzan

1st Reading: Is 30:19-21, 23-26
Gospel: Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a 6-8

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

SUNDAY 12.06.20

8:00am William Grumich
10:00am People of the Parish
12:00pm Mark Henke
5:30pm Franca Debernardi

1st Reading: Is 40:1-5, 9-11
2nd Reading: 2 Pt 3:8-14
Gospel: Mk 1:1-8

By appointment



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Youth Formation



From the Principal's Pen

2nd Grade Prayer Chalice



Throughout fall, on a weekly basis, one second grade student in each class takes home a Prayer Chalice so it may be "filled with prayers". As members of the class receiving the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist this year, students also receive a binder of prayers to help each family deepen their appreciation for the Eucharist. All families review materials with their child and discuss the importance of Eucharistic Adoration, as well as some worship aides that help our students discover the meaning in this beautiful devotion.

Here is one of the "Celebrating First Eucharist" prayers that parent and child pray together:

Parent: After Jesus nourishes us in the Eucharist, we are asked to go out to be "Bread for the World". Eucharist calls us to help feed those around us who are hungry for food, others are hungry for love, or care, or friendship.

Parent: Some people in our world are hungry for food. They don't have enough to eat.

Child: Open our hands, God. Help us to share what we have with others.

Parent: Some people in our world are hungry for care. They are sad or lonely. They need comfort and support.

Child: Open our eyes, God. Help us see the needs of those around us.

Parent: Some people in our world are hungry for friendship. They are excluded because others think they are different in some way.

Child: Open our hearts, God. Help us to share your love with others.

Together, make a commitment to bring the love of Jesus to someone in need by asking and discussing the following:

Someone we know is in need of help is . . .

This person is hungry for (food, love, care, friendship, prayers) . . .

We will help bring Jesus' love and care to this person by . . .

Parent and Child: AMEN

Vocations and 6th Grade

The 6th graders are asked to pray with their families in search of a vocation, whether religious life, single life, or married life. Research shows that those choosing religious life, first considered these vocations around 6th grade. We provide information on what a "vocation" is and how to discern so that each 6th grader may best serve God and others.



Who is Entering RELIGIOUS Life?

Just who is considering religious life is tracked by a number of different organizations, including the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA), the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), the National Religious Vocation Conference, and VISION Vocation Network.

Newer entrants identify their primary reasons for coming to religious life as a sense of call, a desire to deepen their prayer and spiritual life, and a desire to live and work with others who share their faith and values.

In the United States

- Newer entrants are attracted to communities that have a strong Catholic identity, are hopeful about their future, have members who live together in community, and have a structured prayer life.
- There are more than 66,000 religious sisters, brothers, and priests in the United States in more than 800 religious institutes (approximately 600 institutes of women and 200 of men).
- Nearly 1,000 U.S. women are in formation preparing to become sisters.
- More than 100 women and men in the U.S. profess perpetual vows annually.
- Fifty percent of new religious report that they were 17 or younger when they first considered a vocation to religious life.
- In 2014 approximately 477 entered priesthood—266 to diocesan priesthood (from 114 dioceses) and 96 to religious priesthood. Among religious orders, the largest number of respondents came from the Jesuits, Dominicans and Benedictines.
- The average age of entrance to religious life is 30 for men and 32 for women.
- Newer entrants are 58 percent Caucasian; 21 percent Hispanic/Latino/a; 14 percent Asian/Pacific Islander; 6 percent African American; 1 percent other.
- 70 percent of newer entrants have a bachelor's degree when they enter.

Information gathered from the follow source:

<http://cara.georgetown.edu/CARAServices/requestedchurchstats.html>

**Thanks for reading about
our school! Pat Hensley**



@assumption_life_teen



Assumption Life Teen



@assumption_LT

Sunday, November 29th ~ No Life Night due to Thanksgiving

All teens are invited to come and see what the Life Teen family is all about in a fun, dynamic night of real talk at LT HQ, focusing on dealing with change through the eyes of faith. Expect fun, tasty snacks, community, and an opportunity to grow in relationship with others and with our incredible God. We can't wait to see you there.

Mass at 5:30 pm ~ Life Night from 6:30-8:15pm ~ We will meet in LT HQ!

Wednesday, December 2nd: Hang Out @ LT HQ!

Come and check out the entirely renovated Life Teen Headquarters (formerly known as the West House)! Teens, LT HQ is a place for you to come relax and have a snack, do some homework, reconnect with friends, core members, and youth ministry staff. **LT HQ will be open from 6 – 8pm**



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

Youth Formation

Next Weekend, December 4-6

Assumption Life Teen Winter Retreat

Our teens will be on an incredible weekend with the Assumption Life Teen Family! Our retreat weekend will be filled with great food, impactful stories, crazy good fun, powerful prayer, s'mores, the Sacraments and so much more! Please pray for our teens, core team, and YM staff during this weekend!

FYI...The LT HQ, Life Teen HeadQuarters, is the yellow house located at the NE corner of W. 2nd St. and Lincoln St. (123 W. 2nd Street)

Due to COVID-19, our Life Nights look different than they normally would as our highest priority is the holiness and health of our teens.

Here are the measures we are taking:

- * All Life Nights are held in a socially distant manner. Teens may only share a sitting space with a sibling or friend they have regularly been in contact with. Hand sanitizer is always available.
- * In the event of rain, we will be in the Hall and spread out in a socially distant manner.
- * All teens must wear a mask any time they are inside a building or if an activity requires movement.

Have a question? **Becky Whitaker,**

Director of Youth Ministry, 636-240-3721 ext. 243 OR becky.assumptionlt@gmail.com

Connect with us on Instagram: [@assumption_life_teen](https://www.instagram.com/assumption_life_teen)



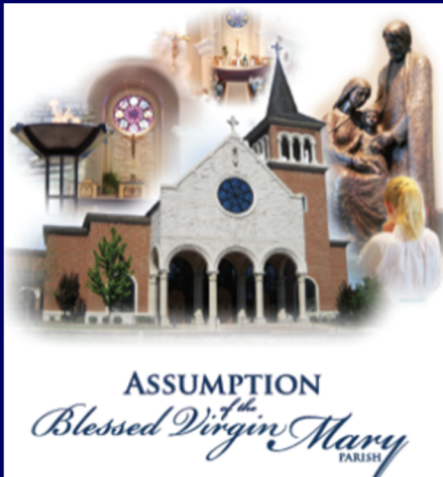
A Spiritual Journey

This Advent, **Assumption Parish** will be giving out a special gift to help ignite a deeper spiritual journey through Advent and Christmas. The bundle includes music by The Vigil Project, reflections by Fr Dave Pivonka TOR, and a devotional companion booklet for you and your family or small group.

Every bundle is carefully chosen and thoughtfully presented to be a journey that helps spiritually awaken, engage, and evangelize our parish community from the front pew to the fringes, especially this year given the state of our world and Church with COVID-19.

Bundles will be available to pick up after all Masses the weekend of November 28/29. If you did not reserve a copy, they will be first come first serve until they are gone!

It's simple, powerful, and cancel-proof, so you can ensure you are well-served this coming Advent & Christmas - rain, shine, or pandemic! Make this Advent and Christmas one like never before!



2020 Commitment Card
My Offering of Time, Talent & Treasure

Stewardship Renewal – It's not too late!

What a year this has been! None of us could have imagined how 2020 would play out. The global pandemic has affected every part of our lives. We quarantined in place, students and teachers had to learn how to do distance learning, and you watched Mass on your TV, tablet, or computer. Even with all the challenges, our mission to help people *find Christ here and bring Christ to the world* continues – with even greater urgency and enthusiasm.

Thank you for your steadfastness and your dedication in helping us. We have all struggled in these times, but we ask you to consider your support to our parish and our mission. How might Jesus be inviting you to give more *time* in prayer, more of yourself in *service*, and from your bounty – helping support the parish with your *treasure*?

Finally, this is truly a time for Renewal - for you and your family, and for our whole parish. Please pray with your family and ask God to guide you, and then bring your Commitment Card with you to **Mass**, **drop it off in one of the collec-**

tion baskets in the back of church or mail it to the parish office! You can even fill one out online through our webpage! www.assumptionbvm.org.

You will notice that in addition to our regular Time, Talent, and Treasure Commitment Form, we ask that you prayerfully consider your Prayer Commitment. You will also find a “*Stewardship Commitment of Prayer & Faith*” forms in the back of church for you to read through and pray about.

Parish Office Update

The parish office will be closed from Nov. 26 - Dec. 2. The staff will work from home, Nov. 30 through Dec. 2, and they will still be available to assist you. We can be reached by calling the parish office phone # (636) 240-3721 and pressing the 3-digit extension number listed below. Your call will be forwarded to our personal phones. If you prefer, you can send an email. We are here to serve you and hope that you have a blessed and peaceful Thanksgiving holiday.

Parish Secretary:	Peggy Brewer	ext. 221	peggy.assumption@yahoo.com
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"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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY! DECEMBER 4TH!

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

Call ahead to order: 636-281-9223 or 717-919-7558

OR Order on-line with a credit card:

knights-of-columbus-council-2269.square.site

The Non-Lenten Dates are: 12/4, 1/8, 2/5 and ALL Fridays in Lent.

We will be serving **delicious: Cod and Cat Fish, 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.

	November 15, 2020	7/1/2020 - 11/15/2020
Envelopes (232) & Checks	\$ 14,234	\$ 394,079
Loose	\$ 117	\$ 1,969
Electronic	\$ 13,354	\$ 222,251
Total	\$ 27,705	\$ 618,299

Needed to sustain our mission \$697,000

Loan Balance as of 8/31/2020: \$1,495,819

"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

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

The Advent Wreath Tradition & Meaning

For many Christians, Advent wreaths are a favorite way to celebrate the month of December leading up to Christmas Day. Although Advent Wreaths are popular among Christians, many are not aware of the rich meaning and symbolism embedded in the tradition. If we learn this meaning, we can appreciate it all the more!

DARKNESS AND LIGHT

The Advent candles readily demonstrate the strong contrast between darkness and light. In the Bible, Christ is referred to as the "Light of the World" contrasted with the darkness of sin. Human history spanned long ages before our prophesied Savior would finally make his appearance, and God's promise to make all things new through him.

As his Advent, or "coming" draws nearer another candle is lit, with each candle dispelling the darkness a little more. Thus, the Advent wreath helps us to spiritually contemplate the great drama of salvation history that surrounds the birth of God Incarnate who comes to redeem the human race.

SHAPE, NUMBER, AND COLOR

SHAPE: The circular shape of the wreath, without beginning or end, symbolizes God's complete and unending love for us—a love that sent his Son into the world to redeem us from the curse of sin. It also represents eternal life which becomes ours through faith in Jesus Christ.

NUMBER: The Advent Wreath traditionally holds four candles which are lit, one at a time, on each of the four Sundays of the Advent season. Each candle represents 1,000 years. Added together, the four candles symbolize the 4,000 years that humanity waited for the world's Savior—from Adam and Eve to Jesus, whose birth was foretold in the Old Testament.

Some Advent wreath traditions also include a fifth white "Christ" candle, symbolizing purity that is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas day. Many circular wreaths can incorporate a white candle by adding a pillar candle to the wreath center.

COLOR: Violet is a liturgical color that is used to signify a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice and is used during Advent and Lent. Advent, also called "little Lent," is the season where we spiritually wait in our "darkness" with hopeful expectation for our promised redemption, just as the whole world did before Christ's birth, and just as the whole world does now as we eagerly await his promised return.

THE FOUR WEEKS OF ADVENT

During the first two weeks of Advent we light the first two purple candles. The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. On this day we celebrate that our waiting for the birth of Jesus on Christmas day is almost over. Rose is a liturgical color that is used to signify joy, so we light the single pink candle on the third Sunday of Advent.

Then on the fourth Sunday of Advent, the final purple candle is lit to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait expectantly for the soon-coming birth of the King of Kings.

Traditionally, each of the four Advent candles have a deeper meaning which is depicted in the lovely Four Weeks of Advent Pewter Wreath:

- The **1st Sunday of Advent** symbolizes Hope with the "*Prophet's Candle*" reminding us that Jesus is coming.
- The **2nd Sunday of Advent** symbolizes Faith with the "*Bethlehem Candle*" reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.
- The **3rd Sunday of Advent** symbolizes Joy with the "*Shepherd's Candle*" reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus.
- The **4th Sunday of Advent** symbolizes Peace with the "*Angel's Candle*" reminding us of the message of the angels: "*Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men.*"

~Excerpts taken from the Catholic Company



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



OFFICE INFORMATION

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Office Hours - Weekdays 8:30am-4:00pm

ST VINCENT DE PAUL
636.272.4758 (Helpline)

ASSUMPTION SCHOOL
636.240.4474

BULLETIN NOTICES

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by Tuesday 9:00am

WEBSITE

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PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Religious instruction in the Catholic faith. Call
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