

# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



## First Sunday of *Advent*

December 2, 2018

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength  
to escape the tribulations that are imminent  
and to stand before the Son of Man.

Luke 21:36

### Sacraments/Other Information



#### BAPTISM

2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 1:15pm. Required Preparation Class. Call 636-240-3721 ext 235 to register.



#### 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.



#### 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.



#### CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Those preparing for marriage should contact the parish office at least one year in advance. One party must be a registered member of Assumption and living an active, practicing Catholic life. Contact Angie at the Parish Office, ext 235.



#### FUNERALS

Please contact Amanda Suchara, Funeral Coordinator, 636-577-3776, to make final arrangements.



#### FIRST COMMUNION

Preparation begins in September for all students who are entering 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Please contact Ann Marie Quan at 636-240-1020.



#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721

# Welcome



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When the heavens and the earth begin to shake, we who believe in Jesus will stand confident knowing that all of creation is being gathered up in God's grace and mercy; God's victory over sin and death, won on the cross of Christ, can only be described in apocalyptic terms, yet the unfolding itself is more about glory than about destruction. We are the ones who stand strong and gather all of creation to join us in the new, the heavenly Jerusalem. Pablo Neruda echoes our obligation as disciples in this poem.

*Fr. Mitch*

## The Poet's Obligation

-Pablo Neruda

To whoever is not listening to the sea  
this Friday morning, to whoever is cooped up  
in house or office, factory or woman  
or street or mine or harsh prison cell:  
to him I come, and, without speaking or looking,  
I arrive and open the door of his prison,  
and a vibration starts up, vague and insistent,  
a great fragment of thunder sets in motion  
the rumble of the planet and the foam,  
the raucous rivers of the ocean flood,  
the star vibrates swiftly in its corona,  
and the sea is beating, dying and continuing.

So, drawn on by my destiny,  
I ceaselessly must listen to and keep  
the sea's lamenting in my awareness,  
I must feel the crash of the hard water  
and gather it up in a perpetual cup  
so that, wherever those in prison may be,  
wherever they suffer the autumn's castigation,  
I may be there with an errant wave,  
I may move, passing through windows,  
and hearing me, eyes will glance upward  
saying, "How can I reach the sea?"  
And I shall broadcast, saying nothing,  
the starry echoes of the wave,  
a breaking up of foam and of quicksand,  
a rustling of salt withdrawing,  
the grey cry of sea-birds on the coast.

So, through me, freedom and the sea  
will make their answer to the shuttered heart.





**HOSPITALITY:**

Christian Kindness  
"We are ALL hospitality ministers"

Hospitality



**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY, THIS Weekend, December 2nd!**



Join us for Hospitality Sunday, December 2nd, after all Masses, in Halls A/B from 7:30am - 1:30pm. Stop by after any Mass and visit with fellow parishioners and enjoy donuts, bagels, juice, milk and coffee! We welcome all parishioners and guests to visit in friendship and fellowship encouraging them to find Christ here and to bring Christ to the world.

**Christmas Concert**

The Concert Arts Assoc. invites you to join them for their 47<sup>th</sup> season of musical excitement on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm as the "Choral Arts Singers" present their annual CHRISTMAS CONCERT here at Assumption Parish in the CHAPEL. "Peace & Joy" includes a mix of both popular and religious selections to help grow peace and joy inside each of us this Christmas season. Admission is free, but donations are welcome to help the Concert Arts Assoc. continue their efforts of bringing musical enjoyment to our community. For additional information and concert dates, contact Bonnie Lang at 636-887-2899 or visit *concertarts.org*.

**It's Time for a NEW Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Pictorial Directory - Mark Your Calendar!**

Please join us for a free professional photography session and be included in the new Assumption Parish Directory. We need you to help make our directory complete! Photography starts July 12<sup>th</sup>. You will receive a free 8x10 portrait, a free printed directory, and have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits. Remember, this directory will not be the same without you! More details to come soon with a full photo shoot calendar!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V-bRECB6G2I>



**December 8**

- Feast of the Immaculate Conception/Holy Day of Obligation
- Breakfast with Santa
- Book Fair begins
- St. Vincent de Paul Baskets

**December 12**

- Day School Christmas Program

**December 13**

- PSR Christmas Program



**Children's Sunday Mass Bags**

The "Children's Sunday Mass Bags" include a coloring page based on the Sunday readings, crayons; a board religious book; and Bible Story lacing cards. So, the little ones can get a little catechesis with their entertainment!

You'll notice a stand in the back of church - where we will keep the Mass Bags. As you enter church with your children, please grab a bag to take to your pew. As you leave, simply please put the bag back on the stand!

Also, don't forget, our "Children's Liturgy of the Word" is every Saturday at the 5:00pm Mass for 3-to -6-year-olds to learn about the Scripture readings.



**New Member Registration, THIS WEEKEND, December 2nd!**

If you are attending Mass here but have not yet formally registered, we invite you to do so! So that we might welcome you personally, we invite you to attend Noon Mass and continue with parish registration in Hall C from 1:00 - 1:45pm.



“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

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation

December 8<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and a holy day of obligation. 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 here:



Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at  
5:30pm in Church  
(Vigil Mass)

Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at  
9:00am in Church



**Christmas Eve: Monday, December 24**  
4:00pm  
4:30pm (Chapel)  
6:00pm  
8:00pm (St. Joseph Chapel, CPPS Motherhouse)  
10:00pm

Our 6:00pm Christmas Eve Mass will be particularly family-friendly. Families are invited to bring the baby Jesus figurine from their Nativity sets, to be used as part of a special blessing that will be given during the Mass.

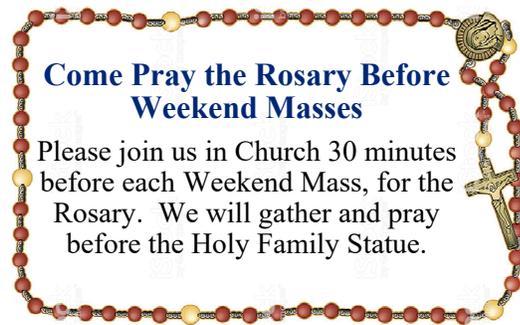
**Christmas Day: Tuesday, December 25**  
8:00am  
10:00am  
12:00pm

**Feast of Mary, Mother of God  
~ Holy Day of Obligation**

Monday, December 31: Vigil Mass: 5:30pm  
Tuesday, January 1: 9:00am

### All are welcome, EVERY TUESDAY!

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



### Come Pray the Rosary Before Weekend Masses

Please join us in Church 30 minutes before each Weekend Mass, for the Rosary. We will gather and pray before the Holy Family Statue.

## Week at a Glance

	MONDAY 12.03.18	TUESDAY 12.04.18	WEDNESDAY 12.05.18
<b>Mass Time / Intentions</b>	6:30am Richard Scholten 8:00am Elizabeth Sisennop	6:30am James Cole 8:00am Sally Hodge	6:30am Sr. Loretta Sigler, CPPS 8:00am Mary Jane Korman
<b>Readings</b>	1st Reading: Is 2:1-5 Gospel: Mt 8:5-11	1st Reading Is 11:1-10 Gospel: Lk 10:21-24	1st Reading: Is 25:6-10 Gospel: Mt 15:29-37
<b>Reconciliation</b>	7:30 - 8:00am Church 4 - 4:30pm & 9 - 9:30pm Chapel	7:30 - 8:00am Church 4 - 4:30pm & 9 - 9:30pm Chapel	7:30 - 8:00am Church 4 - 4:30pm & 9 - 9:30pm Chapel
<b>Other Events/Activities</b>	Bible Study 10am Meyer 1 Old Tstmt. Bible Study 10am Myr 2 Bible Study 7pm Rooms D/E Finance Committee 7:00pm Myer 2	Bible Study/Fr Mitch 9:30am Meyer K of C Queen of Hearts 5pm Hall C Perpetual Help Dev, 6:15pm Chapel PSR Gr 6-8 Confessions Church	PSR Gr 6-8 Confessions Church Life Teen 7:00pm Meyer Combined Bible Study 7:00pm Rooms D/E SVDP Meeting 7:00pm SVDP Center



**December 2, 2018**  
**First**  
**Sunday**  
**of Advent**

*JER 33: 14-16; PS 25:4-5, 8-9,10, 14; 1THES 3:12-4:2; LK 21:25-28, 34-36*

We have arrived at the powerful season of Advent, a season to prepare with awe and wonder for the Feast of the Incarnation of Jesus — born to us as Savior and Brother. It is a season to prepare for His return at the end of time.

It is also a moment to remind ourselves that that our individual judgment day is coming, too, when we will be called to give an account for all that God has given to us during our lifetimes. In other words, Advent is a steward’s season!

Our readings for the first week of Advent waste no time in calling our urgent attention to these themes of reflection and preparation. They seem to shout, “Wake up! Get ready!” and offer us some practical advice as we enter into this season.

The Gospel, from Luke, warns, “*Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life.*” How easy it is to lose focus on our Lord either by too much indulgence in our lives or by too much worry about our lives. Both extremes are easy to fall prey to. To avoid these traps this we are told to “*be vigilant*” and “*pray for strength to sustain us.*”

During Advent, we Christian stewards must ask ourselves some hard questions. Am I staying faithful to my prayer life? Am I using my energy and skills to serve others? Am I overly concerned about material gain? Am I relying my “stuff” or my investments as my source of comfort or security? Am I living for the moment or for the coming of the Lord? Get ready Christian stewards! He’s coming! Let us prepare with awe and wonder.

~ Excerpts from: *Catholic Diocese of Wichita*



Please Pray for the  
 Repose of the Soul of:

*Nina Groeblinghoff*  
 Mother of *Peggy Wehmeier &*  
*Larry Groeblinghoff*

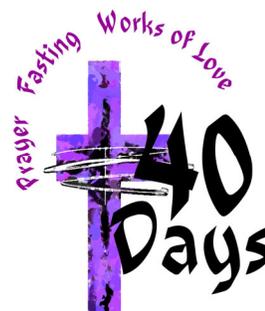
*Jackie Morgan*  
 Mother of *Terri Schwarz*

*Tom Dietz*  
 Father of *Tammy Young*

*Carolyn Elfrink*  
 Wife of *Scott Elfrink*

*James Strodman*  
 Father of *Mark Strodman*

*Melissa Thompson*  
 Niece of *Nancy Warren*



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

Prayer

**THURSDAY 12.06.18**

6:30 am Vocations  
 8:00 am William Grumich, Jr  
 1st Reading: Is 26:1-6  
 Gospel: Mt 7:21, 24-27  
 7:30 - 8:00am Church  
 4 - 4:30pm & 9 - 9:30pm Chapel  
 CRHP Women 6pm Meyer 2  
 Legion of Mary 7:00pm Hall D/E  
 Advent Series 6:30pm Chapel

**FRIDAY 12.07.18**

6:30 am Dolores Wimsatt  
 8:00 am Vocations to the  
 Priesthood and Religious Life  
 5:30pm David Busken, Sr.  
 1st Reading: Is 29:17-24  
 Gospel: Mt 9:27-31  
 7:30 - 8:00am Church  
 4 - 4:30pm & 9 - 9:30pm Chapel  
 Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass  
 5:30 pm Church

**SATURDAY 12.08.18**

9:00 am Denise Schnyder  
 5:00 pm Muriel Williams  
 1st Reading: Gn 3:9-15  
 2nd Reading: Eph 1:3-6, 11-12  
 Gospel: Lk 1:26-38  
 4:00 - 4:45pm Church  
 9:00 - 9:30 pm Chapel  
 Immaculate Conception Mass  
 9:00 am Church

**SUNDAY 12.09.18**

8:00 am Amon & MaryLou Owens  
 10:00 am Norbert Rothemich  
 12:00 pm People of the Parish  
 5:30 pm Glennon & Rose Ohmes  
 1st Reading: Bar 5:1-9  
 2nd Reading: Phil 1:4-6, 8-11  
 Gospel: Lk 3:1-6  
 4:00-4:30 & 9:00-9:30pm Chapel  
 RCIA 8:00am Hall C  
 Life Teen After 5:30pm Mass Hall C



“...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



Last reminder .....Our **Christmas Party** is December 10th at 6:00pm in Hall B/C. Please bring a dessert, fruit or salad (other than lettuce) If you find you cannot come, please call Martha, 636-294-3367. Our entertainer is Tim Moffitt, a very good Musician! Last day to sign up is December 7th.



**Women of the parish!** You are all invited to this beautiful event to celebrate the season of Advent! Come prepare your hearts with an evening of faith and fellowship! Our guest speaker this year will be Amie Koenen, mother, wife, and catholic educator. **THERE ARE STILL TABLES AVAILABLE!** Please call Tedra Courtis (636) 379-5958. Each table seats 8 guests with one serving as hostess.



**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary's Advent Speaker Series presents...**

**Sr. Theresa Jezl of the Most Precious Blood Sisters**

Sr. Theresa was born and raised on a farm near Tobias, Nebraska. The Precious Blood Sisters would come to her mission parish to teach religion every year right after school which ended in the Spring. Her opinion of them started with "what have we here" to "Hmm--tempting!" She joined the Most Precious Sisters after high school. Sr. Theresa completed her education during her novitiate while teaching at St. Stephen Protomartyr School for four years in south St. Louis. She then spent 48 years in Finland teaching and doing parish work. Sr. Theresa returned to the States in October, 2017 and is still re-connecting with her own country.

The theme of the Advent gatherings will be Reconciliation. We will begin with a factual event in history and the reconciliation at work because of that event, and then continue from there through the mystery of Advent.

Please plan on joining us: Thursdays, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> – at 7:00pm in our Chapel! **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**K of C Queen of Hearts Raffle**

December 4th, Hall C.  
Doors open at 5:00pm,  
drawing is at 6:30pm.  
The Jackpot for this  
Tuesday is \$6,340!!

*Remember...*  
Proceeds go to  
supporting the youth  
of our parish.

*Wedding Banns*



*Congratulations*

Kaleen Murphy & Christopher Ekiss  
Melinda Fishbeck & Patrick Dougherty



**Save the Date:** 3rd Annual Poker and Bunco Night. Benefits Assumption Athletics. January 26, 6:30pm, Assumption Parish Center. Check "Activities" on the school website soon for more information.



**CALENDAR**

Sun December 2 - Life Night: "Spiritual Warfare" with special guest (Hall C) - 7PM  
 Wed December 5 - "Faith & Film" Series (Parish Center Meyer Room) - 7PM  
 Sun December 9 - Life Night: Teen Planned and Led (Hall C) - 7PM  
 Wed December 12 - "Faith & Film" Series (Parish Center Meyer Room) - 7PM  
 Wed December 19 - "Faith & Film" Series (Parish Center Meyer Room) - 7PM  
 Sun December 16 - Life Night (Hall C) - 7PM  
 Sun December 23 - NO Life Night (Merry Christmas!)  
 Sun December 30 - Life Night: New Years Party

**IT'S LUKE 18 TIME!**

High Schoolers:

It's time to sign up to be Disciples and Cori Team members where you have a blast leading 8<sup>th</sup> graders closer to Jesus and deeper in their faith! Service Hours are available for this retreat. Sign up at this Google Form Link:  
<https://goo.gl/forms/WsOvgj4F3UnsYy0s2>

8<sup>th</sup> Graders:

This overnight retreat weekend is only open to 8<sup>th</sup> Graders and is always one of the high points of the year for 8<sup>th</sup> graders time and again!

If interested or want more info, please fill out this Google Form:  
<https://goo.gl/forms/V8aOabMy64fal9WB3>

These links are also on the Assumption Life Teen web page as well as our calendar of Youth Ministry Events at: [www.assumptionbvm.org/youth-ministry/life-teen](http://www.assumptionbvm.org/youth-ministry/life-teen)



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Assumption Life Teen Group



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

Youth Formation

**SCRIP Gift Cards Hospitality Sunday**

There will be a SCRIP table set up outside HALL A during Hospitality Sunday on December 2nd. Stop by the table to place your order. SCRIP cards not only make great gifts but can also be used for personal shopping like gas and groceries. Just bring your cash or check on Hospitality Sunday and then stop back by the following Sunday, December 9th to pick up your order. If you have questions about the SCRIP program or if you can't make it this Sunday but want to order, please feel free to contact Sarah Summers at 260-312-8983 or [SarahSummers1020@gmail.com](mailto:SarahSummers1020@gmail.com).

**A Christmas Story: Dec. 7-9 at St. Dominic High School**

Tickets are now on sale for St. Dominic High School's production of *A Christmas Story!* Join us December 7-9 for this Christmas comedy featuring performers from St. Dominic and area parish schools. Learn more and purchase tickets online at [www.stdominichs.org/AChristmasStory](http://www.stdominichs.org/AChristmasStory).

**TEENS Collecting Clothes for the Needy - NEED YOU!**

A group of Juniors at St. Dominic High School need your help to collect winter clothes for the less fortunate. They will be in the Parish Center collecting your donations the weekend of the Dec 8/9. All donations are welcome! Thank you!



**THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR!**

Parishioners are invited to come shop the fair, located in Hall C of the Parish Center, on the following dates:

- 12/7, Friday, 4pm-5pm, 6pm-7pm**  
(one hour before and after 5pm mass)
- 12/8, Saturday, 4pm-5pm, 6pm-7pm**  
(one hour before and after 5pm mass)
- 12/9, Sunday, 11am-Noon**  
(one hour following 10am mass)

There are books for children, Pre-School through 8th grade, with a large selection of Christmas and Christian themed books! Parishioners are also welcome to shop our virtual book fair from 11/27-12/11 at <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/abvm>.



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- Jeremiah 29:10-13

Prayer

## 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

# Stewardship in ACTION



This is a huge shout out and **THANK YOU** to all of the parishioners and both Assumption School's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class rooms *and* their teachers and our wonderful maintenance guy, Mark for helping put new covers on our 'Breaking Bread 2019' books!! It was no easy task,

however our community came together in a beautiful way to get this huge project completed - together!!



STEWARDSHIP  
*a way of life*



There are two trees set-up in the Narthex with tags that have wishes for members of our community. Please limit your amount to \$25 per tag. These gifts will need to be returned to the tree in the Parish Hall downstairs, with the tag, no later than December 9th, at the Noon Mass. Thank you! Any questions can be directed to Steve, 636-443-5854 .

**Thank you for your generous support of those in need at this time of the year!**



**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

## Our Gifts to God and Parish



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

	November 18, 2018	July 1 - Nov 18, 2018
Envelopes (471) & On Line	\$ 35,621	\$ 720,691
Loose	\$ 1,088	\$ 22,157
Total	\$ 36,709	\$ 742,848
<b>Needed to sustain our mission</b>		<b>783,300</b>

Loan Balance as of 10/31/2018: \$1,699,000

It takes an average weekly collection of \$37,300 to sustain our parish mission.

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

**The Bible Teaches It** (Mal 3:10-12)

**We Believe It** (Acts 4:32-36)

**God Honors It** (Gen 14:18-20)

**TITHING**

**The Guadeloupe Room**

The purpose of our beautiful Guadeloupe Room when we built our church building was for our brides to dress on their wedding day as well as a quiet space for mom's to bring their babies during Mass when needed.

**Beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**, if there are any items left in the Guadeloupe Room they will be disposed of, so please remove any items that you want to keep. We ask that you do not use this room as a pick-up/drop-off any longer as we are keeping this room clean and reflective. Also, there will no longer be shelving units in this room, these units are moving to the Chapel alcove where there is 24 hour access for anyone who needs to pick up a booklet, etc. *Thank you* for your assistance in keeping our Guadeloupe Room beautiful and to what this room was intended to be!



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SERVICE

**THE Growing Project**

**News from The Growing Project Team:**

We wanted to remind everyone that there are cards in the office that you can use to honor or in remembrance of people you know. They can be used for birthdays, anniversaries, Christmas or just to say "You are special. Thank you." You make a donation to Assumption and write *Growing Project* on the memo line. Then give the card to the person you are honoring.

That money will go, along with the parish tithes, to our farmers in Bucyrus to pay for seed, fertilizer and other expenses. After the crops are grown and harvested, the money from the sale of the crops will go overseas to be used to help people learn better ways of farming, storing, and marketing crops. Savings banks are also started for people to be able to save and to make loans to start up new businesses. Through these things, people are able to improve their lives and pass on their knowledge to neighbors to help them.

We also want to let you know that Foods Resource Bank, which is the organization that organizes the overseas projects, has changed its name. It is now called Growing Hope Globally. You can learn more about it and the work that is done at the website [growinghopeglobally.org](http://growinghopeglobally.org).

**Just a reminder...**



**Due to the Holidays, the Bulletin Company requires early transmission of our Bulletin. The early deadlines for Bulletin announcements are as follows:**

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