



## From the Pastor's Desk Christmas Schedule for 2016

With the observance of the Fourth Sunday of Advent and looking forward to next weekend's Christmas masses for the Feast of the Incarnation, I remind everyone that we do not have the regular Sunday schedule of masses on

Sunday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day, nor on Sunday, Jan. 1, New Year's Day, with only one Sunday morning mass (10:00 a.m.) scheduled for each of those weekends.

As the coming days can be busy, filled with final preparations, may we learn from the example of Mary "to ponder the meaning" of these events", finding time to be quiet for prayer and gratitude as we approach this great feast of our faith.

### Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule for the Pastoral Region:

#### ❖ Dec. 24/25 Christmas Masses:

##### at Assumption Church

on Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.

on Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m.

##### at St. Margaret Mary Church:

on Christmas Eve at 4:30 p.m.

on Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m.

*There are no scheduled times for confessions on Dec. 24 at both churches.*

#### ❖ Dec. 31/Jan. 1 New Year's Masses

##### at Assumption Church

on New Year's Eve: 4:00 p.m.

on New Year's Day 10:00 a.m.

##### at St. Margaret Mary Church:

on New Year's Eve at 4:30 p.m.

on New Year's Day at 10:00 a.m.

### Retirement Fund for Religious 2016

Thank you for supporting senior religious. A sister from Indiana writes, "Because of your kindness, our elderly sisters will have the comfort, security, and joy of living out their remaining years here in their home. You truly honor them and their many years of service by your generosity." Religious across the United States offer sincere thanks for your generosity to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

### Collection

Due to holiday deadline, please see next week's bulletin. Thank you.

### Baptism

We welcome Caroline Frances New, daughter of Paul and Michelle (Luken) New  
The Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

### This Week in the Parish

Monday	12/19	Prayer Group	12:30 P.M.
		Pastoral Council	7:00 P.M.
Tuesday	12/20	Y.A.G. Sports League	6:00 P.M.
Wednesday	12/21	Legion of Mary	9:15 A.M.
		Seniors Luncheon	11:30 A.M.
		Choir	7:30 P.M.

### Parish Office Holiday Hours

There will be limited office hours beginning December 19<sup>th</sup> till the end of the year. The office will be closed on Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> and Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> and Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. The office will re-open on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. If there is an **emergency** please call St. Margaret Mary @ 521-7387. Thank you.



OUR LADY OF GRACE  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**School will be closed until  
Tuesday, January 3rd  
Merry Christmas**

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### New Students for 2017-2018

If you have a child who will be attending Our Lady of Grace next year for the first time, please call the parish office. Thank you.

### Bulletin Deadlines

The following deadline insure your items for the bulletin will get into the correct issues. Thank you.  
For the **January 1<sup>st</sup>** bulletin, deadline is 3:00 P.M. Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### 5200 Club

Week #12 Winner: P & A Cagle  
Seller: Wil Cagle  
Ticket: 4182

## Mass Intentions

<b>Monday</b> 8:30 A.M.	<b>December 19</b> Anita Foley
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 A.M.	<b>December 20</b> Anthony Perchermeier
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 A.M.	<b>December 21</b> Communion Service
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 A.M.	<b>December 22</b> Communion Service
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 A.M.	<b>December 23</b> Communion Service
<b>Saturday</b> 4:00 P.M. 11:00 P.M.	<b>December 24 Christmas Eve</b> Alvin Rennekamp For the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 A.M.	<b>December 25 Christmas Day</b> Howard and Marie Miller

## Soup for the Soul

The Assumption Young Adult Group will **not** be meeting in January but will return in February. Thank you.

## Seniors Christmas Meeting

Join the Seniors for their Christmas luncheon on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 A.M. Lunch will be provided. If interested, there will be a gift exchange asking those interested to bring \$5.00 worth of lottery tickets. Place them in an envelope and each person who has filled an envelope will draw an envelope. The Seniors are also collecting items needed for the Mt. Healthy Alliance. See insert for information.

## Evangelization News

The Evangelization Team has a new CD called The Mystery of Christmas God Becomes Man by Fr. Larry Richards. In his inspiring talk, he illuminates how the true joy of Christmas is found and gets to the heart of the true meaning of Christmas.

## And they're off!

Mark your calendars for January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association presents Night at the Races. Doors open at 7:00 P.M. Admission tickets are \$15.00 and can be bought from Jennie Ludwig, 266-8226, Rodney Rosenacker, 479-2646, Joe Cooper, 482-0331 or Mike Rapien, 522-6126. NO admission without a ticket and you must be 21 years old.

## From Adam Couch

### Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation

#### Sacraments Class Schedule (9:50 – 10:50 AM)

	<b>Dec. 18</b>	<b>Dec. 25</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Communion	<b>9:00 AM MASS + CLASS</b>	No Class
Confirmation	<b>9:00 AM MASS + CLASS</b>	No Class

#### Class Rescheduled

The 1<sup>st</sup> Communion and Confirmation classes cancelled last weekend for the Santa Breakfast are rescheduled for Sunday, January 15.

#### Advent Reflection Series Continues

Each Sunday of Advent, you'll find a page in the bulletin dedicated to helping prepare for the birth of Christ. Each week we'll reflect upon an Advent theme: Peace, Hope, Love, & Joy. Previous reflections can be found online on the 'Sacraments & Religious Ed - Adult Faith' tab of our website.

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[faithformation.assumption@gmail.com](mailto:faithformation.assumption@gmail.com) with questions/comment

## Santa Breakfast Says Thanks

Assumption Santa Breakfast was a complete success again this year. It is a wonderful annual tradition here at Assumption that everyone enjoys. The "team" would like to thank everyone that helped us this year, from the long time helpers to all the new ones that joined in the festivities this year. We really appreciate everyone's hard work, starting with the cookie baking and icing helpers, the set-up and tear-down helpers, the workers that dished out and served each meal, to all the kids that helped with their characters and their chaperone, to our wonderful chicken fryers that make such scrumptious chicken, our fantastic boutique and bakery workers, our ticket selling table, our raffle table ticket seller, and our wonderful kitchen crew...we couldn't have done this without you! Thank you, thank you, THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts, we thank you! The Santa Breakfast team would like to wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year! Teri, Suzanne, Jennifer, Shelly and Joni.

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