



From the Pastor's Desk

**Christmas Greetings 2016
A Blessed and Holy Christmas to everyone!!!**

As we gather to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord today, we find that we are no different from the shepherds and the magi of the Gospel stories, in search of the

newborn child. We seek to come to Jesus Christ, to bring our gifts and to welcome him to our lives. May this celebration bring us joy as we encounter our Lord Jesus, born in Bethlehem, present always in our lives. On behalf of all the pastoral staff of Assumption Church you are wished a holy and happy Christmas Day.

New Years' Day and

The Feast of Mary, the Mother of God

Next Sunday is New Years' Day. It is the octave of Christmas and the celebration of the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God. As you prepare for this weekend, keep in mind that the **mass schedule is changed** from a regular Sunday mass schedule, with only one Mass scheduled on Sunday, at 10:00 a.m.

As we stay with the message of Christmas during this season, let us welcome the gift of peace that God alone can bring to us and to our world.

New Year Mass Schedule

for the Pastoral Region:

❖ **Saturday/Sunday: Dec. 31/Jan. 1**

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.

Liturgical Calendar Notes:

The calendar for this year's Christmas season finds the circumstance of both the celebrations of the Nativity of the Lord and the Feast of Mary, Mother of God falling on a Sunday. With this the celebration of the Feasts of the Holy Family and the Baptism of the Lord are transferred to other days accommodating the liturgical calendar. The Feast of the Holy Family will be celebrated on Friday, December 30, while the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord will be on Monday, January 9.

Baptism

We welcome John Adam Fath, son of Adam and Shannon (Meddles) Fath.

The Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

Collections

Sunday, December 11th\$7,843.26

Immaculate Conception.... \$1,265.00

Religious Retirement.....\$3,531.00

December 18th collection will be in the next bulletin due to holiday deadline. Thank you.

This Week in the Parish

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| Tuesday | 12/27 | Stop Hunger Now | 6:30 P.M. |
| Wednesday | 12/28 | Legion of Mary | 9:15 A.M. |
| | | Choir | 7:30 P.M. |

Parish Office Holiday Hours

There will be limited office hours this week. The office will be closed Monday, December 26th and Monday, January 2nd. The office will re-open on Tuesday, January 3rd. 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**

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.

5200 Club

Week #13 Winner: Brandon Lester

Seller: Bill Rocklin

Ticket: 3339



Mass Intentions

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| Monday 8:30 A.M. | December 26 No Mass |
| Tuesday 8:30 A.M. | December 27 Duane Rowekamp |
| Wednesday 8:30 A.M. | December 28 Communion Service |
| Thursday 8:30 A.M. | December 29 Communion Service |
| Friday 8:30 A.M. | December 30 Communion Service |
| Saturday 4:00 P.M. | December 31 New Year's Eve Daniel Hoeffler |
| Sunday 10:00 A.M. | January 1 New Year's Day For the Parish |

Stop Hunger Now

Assumption Pastoral Council is co-sponsoring a food packaging event with Stop Hunger Now on Tuesday, December 27th from 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. The goal is to package over 16,000 meals. There are jobs for all ages and levels of physical ability. To make a monetary donation or to volunteer please call Chris Krebs at 886-7473 or krebskaup@aol.com or go online at <http://events.stophungernow.org/KaupFamilyandAssumptionPastoralCouncil2016>.

Yearly Tax Statements

If you would like a yearly statement for income tax purposes, please call or e-mail the parish office and we will mail you your statement. We are only sending statements out to those who request them. Thank you.

And they're off!

Mark your calendars for January 21st, 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)

| | Dec. 25 | Jan. 1 |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1 st Communion | No Class | No Class |
| Confirmation | No Class | No Class |

Class Rescheduled

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

Confirmation Class Reminder

Confirmation Names sheets will be collected at the January 8 class. Contact Adam with any questions or if you need another sheet.

Contact me at

faithformation.assumption@gmail.com with questions/comment

Healing Mass

There will be a healing mass on Wednesday, January 4th at 7:30 P.M. at St. Ignatius Church. Healing includes the physical, spiritual, emotional aspects of life, it is not limited to a physical cure. Sponsored by Lighthouse Renewal Center. For more information call 471-5483.

Sponsor of the Week

Hodapp Funeral Home
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