



## From the Pastor's Desk Christmas 2017

A blessed and holy Christmas to everyone!!! As we prepare to gather to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord beginning on Sunday evening, 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 into 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 on the parish staff, you are wished a holy and happy Christmas Day and the joy of the Christmas Season.

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

#### ❖ Dec. 24/25 Christmas Masses:

##### at Assumption Church

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

Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m.

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

Christmas Eve at 4:30 p.m.

Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m.

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

#### ❖ Jan. 1 New Years Day Mass

*With the obligation to attend mass removed this year as the feast falls on a Monday, there is only one mass scheduled at both churches.*

##### at Assumption Church

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

##### At St. Margaret Mary Church:

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

## Parish Office Holiday Hours

The holiday office hours for the parish office are as followed:

Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> .....Closed

Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> .....Closing at Noon

Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> .....Closed

Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, December 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday,

December 29<sup>th</sup> the office is open limited hours. Please call

first. If there is an emergency, please call St. Margaret Mary at 521-7387. Thank you.

## Rise Against Hunger

Are you looking for a way to add corporal works of mercy to your holiday schedule? Assumption Pastoral Council is co-sponsoring a food packaging event with Rise Against Hunger on Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. Goal is to package over 16,000 meals. There are jobs for all ages and levels of physical ability. Please call Chris Krebs (886-7473) with any questions.

## From Adam Couch

### Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation

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

	Dec. 24	Dec. 31
1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation	No Class	No Class

### Catholic Charities Household Items Donations

We continue accepting donations of household items to benefit Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio refugee resettlement program through January 7<sup>th</sup>. A full list of recommended items can be found on Assumption's website or at the household items drop-off box in the corner of the church. If you are interested in volunteering with Catholic Charities, a list of available opportunities is also on that list. Thank you for your continued generosity to help those in need!

### Lent Mission

Register today for our 2018 Lenten Mission, 'Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi, Lex Vivendi' – Mondays, February 19, 26, March 5, & 12 from 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM in Assumption's church. Join us for four evenings of prayer, song, preaching, and sharing on the Mass. Come and learn about the gathering rites, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist and see how our Sunday liturgy connects to our everyday living! Registration is required (due February 12) and is available in the back of the church and on the Assumption website. Invite your friends for this informative and faith-filled mission!

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

## Mass Intentions

<b>Monday</b> 10:00 A.M.	<b>December 25 Christmas Day</b> Yacchari & Hockney Families
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 A.M.	<b>December 26</b> No Service
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 A.M.	<b>December 27</b> Communion Service
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 A.M.	<b>December 28</b> Communion Service
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 A.M.	<b>December 29</b> Communion Service
<b>Saturday</b> 4:00 P.M.	<b>December 30</b> Kathy Harris
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	<b>December 31</b> For the Parish Dennis Schott

## This Week in the Parish

Tuesday 12/26	Rise Against Hunger	6:30 P.M.
Wednesday 12/27	Choir	7:30 P.M.

## With Sympathy

Please pray for the soul of Donald Harvey whose mass of Christian burial was offered this past week. May he rest in peace.

## 5200 Club

Week #13 Winner: Joan Ems

Seller: Julie Schmetzer

Ticket: 2535

## Collection

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

## Night at the Races

Mark your calendars for January 20, 2018. Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association presents Night at the Races. Doors open at 7:00 P.M. Admission is \$15.00, Seniors \$10.00 and can be bought from Jennie Ludwig at 266-8226, Rodney Rosenacker at 479-2646 or Joe Cooper at 482-0331 or online at [www.squareup.com/store/OLGAA](http://www.squareup.com/store/OLGAA). No admission without a ticket and you must be 21 years old.

## St. Vincent de Paul

Imagine how Mary felt at the birth of Jesus: excited, awed, frightened. Deep faith was her light in the darkness, for Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. **Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought light into the darkness surrounding the heart of those living in poverty, bringing them the real, lasting, and deep joy of Christmas.**

## Men's Catholic Conference

The Perfect Christmas Gift - A Ticket to the Cincinnati Men's Conference Saturday, April 28th, 2018 at the Taft Theatre. A Faith-filled day where men from all over will enjoy Catholic inspiration and spiritual growth. **Featured Speakers:** 1) Fr. Mitch Pacwa of EWTN 2) Fr. Larry Richards, Founder of Reason For Hope Foundation 3) Coach Gerry Faust, former head football coach of Moeller High School and University of Notre Dame. 4) Most Reverend Archbishop Dennis Schnurr as the main celebrant 5) A surprise 5th speaker to be announced. Get complete information on the conference and purchase tickets at [www.CincinnatiMensConference.com](http://www.CincinnatiMensConference.com).



OUR LADY OF GRACE  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**School will re-open on  
Wednesday, January 3rd**

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**New Students for 2018-2019**

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

## Sponsor of the Week

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**Merry Christmas**