


December 8, 2013
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
*Reform your lives; live in God's
 peace so that justice may flourish.*



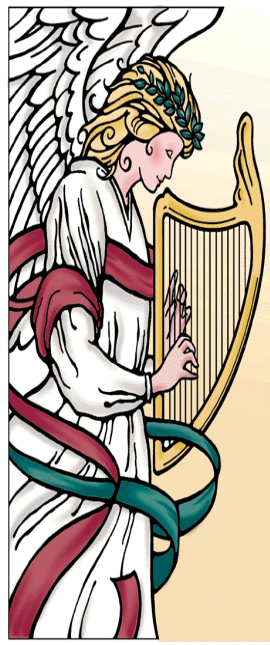
**WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL
 LIFE**

December 9	10:30 AM	
Pro Populo		
December 11	11:00 PM	
Adriana Reyes		RIP
December 12	10:30 PM	
Fr. Bill Lane		RIP
December 13	10:30 AM	
Sumako Egashira		RIP
December 14	5:00 PM	
Caridad Saturay		RIP
December 15	8:30 AM	
Pro Populo		
	10:30 AM	
Garfield Penley		RIP
	12:30 PM	
Fr. Bill Lane		RIP

 This week the
 Sanctuary Lamp burns
 in honor of :
Nina Sternhagen

**Daily Worship
 Week of December 8, 2013**

Monday, December 9 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Psalm 98:1-4 Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12 Luke 1:26-38
Tuesday, December 10	Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Luke 10:21-24
Wednesday, December 11	Isaiah 40:25-31 Psalm 103:1-4, 8-10 Matthew 11:28-30
Thursday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe	Zechariah 2:14-17 Judith 13:18bc; 19 Luke 1:26-38
Friday, December 13 Saint Lucy	Isaiah 48:17-19 Psalm 1:1-4, 6 Matthew 11:16-19
Saturday, December 14 Saint John of the Cross	Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Matthew 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday, December 15 Third Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 Psalm 146:6-10 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11



**CHRISTMAS
 SCHEDULE**

**December 24th
 Christmas Eve**

Mass 4:00 pm
 (There will be no incense
 at the 4:00 pm mass)
 Mass 7:00 pm
 Midnight Mass 12:00 AM

**Christmas Day
 Mass 10:30 AM**

Come early to enjoy the
 caroling that
 begins one half hour
 before Mass.

**EVENING PRAYER
 and
 EXPOSITION OF THE
 BLESSED SACRAMENT**



Tuesday eves.
Beginning at 6:30 PM
 Adoration of the Blessed
 Sacrament continues until
 Wednesday evening and ends with
 Benediction at
 5:45 PM, and Mass at 6 PM.
 For any changes please call Karen
 at 671-1544.

**HEALING PRAYER
 MINISTRY
 Wednesday after Mass
 6:45-8:30 PM**

"Rejoice in the Lord always,
 I shall say it again: Rejoice!
 Your kindness should be known
 to all. The Lord is near.
 Have no anxiety at all, but in
 everything, by prayer and
 petition, with thanksgiving, make
 your requests known to God.
 Then the peace of God that
 surpasses all understanding
 will guard your hearts and minds
 in Christ Jesus." Phil.:4-7

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

1:30-3:30 PM in the Stafford Rm.
 "You indeed, O Lord, give light
 to my lamp; O my God, you
 brighten the darkness about me;
 For with your aid I run against an
 armed band, and by the help of
 my God I leap over a wall.
 God's way is unerring, the prom-
 ise of the Lord is fire-tried; he is a
 shield to all who take refuge in
 him." Ps. 18:29-31.

Please consider supporting the vendors listed on the back of the bulletin.
 Their advertising allows us to have the cover page of the bulletin printed free.

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEED AN IDEA FOR A CHRISTMAS GIFT?

Be Part of a Child's Catholic Education—Give to Assumption Catholic School's Adopt a Student Program.

ADVENT PRAYER SERVICES

You are invited to participate in two advent prayer services with Assumption Catholic School on December 9 & 16 at 8:15 in the morning.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Calling all children in grades K-8 of Assumption Parish.

Come be a part of the Christmas Eve Children's Choir at the 4:00 P.M. Mass on December 24th.

You can still join us for the last practice. The last practice will be on Wednesday, December 18, in the church, from 6:45 to 7:45 P.M.

If you are interested email Susan Roland
sroland@school.assumption.org.

TREASURE FROM THE TRUNK

Fellow Assumption Parishioners, Whatcom Museum is hosting a display entitled "Treasures from the Trunk"...which is all about historic Bellinghamster J.J. Donovan, who was a central figure in the establishment of both Assumption Parish and St. Joseph hospital. Considering this year and next are important parish milestones, a visit to this marvelous display will give parishioners new appreciation for this fine Catholic man's courage and wisdom.

ATTENTION MOTHERS!

Our next Mother and Children's group will be Thursday, December 12th. Please join us with your child(ren) at 11 in the Stafford Room. This week we will have an amazing guest speaker whom you will not want to miss.

For more information please contact Bev Williams at bevjohnson_13@hotmail.com.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS are sponsoring the 2014 Education Contest with the themes of "Jesus Loves Us, How Do We Spread that Love?" and "How Do I Promote Peace In The World?" This contest is open to all youth from the 4th grade through the 12th grade. Details are posted on the Assumption Church website and on the Assumption School website.

PRO-LIFE PRAYER VIGIL

Come and pray with us once a month on the 3rd Sunday for one hour from 2 - 3pm at Whatcom County's abortion clinic: Mt. Baker Planned Parenthood (1530 Ellis St.). Our monthly vigil will be Sunday, December 15, rain or shine. Let us pray for an end to all abortions and healing for all women suffering from post-abortion syndrome. For more information call Kathy St.Hilaire @ 671-4836.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 11 MASS

We will not be having a 6 PM Mass on Wednesday December 11th. The mass for the Virgin of Guadalupe will be at 11:00 PM on Wednesday. You are all invited to attend.

HORARIO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

Martes, Dec. 10th. 2013

6:30PM – Exposición Del Santísimo

Miércoles, Dec. 11th. 2013

Continua Exposición Del Santísimo
siguiente horario:

Miércoles 11 de diciembre:

7:00 – 8:30PM	Cena en el gimnasio (música)
8:30PM–9:30PM	Bailes de niños/poemas/canciones
9:30PM–9:40PM	Procesión a la Iglesia
9:40PM–10:10PM	Rosario
10:10PM–10:45PM	Alabanzas y Oración con Jesús Sacramentado
10:45PM–11:00PM	Bendición
11:00PM–12:00AM	Misa
12:00AM	Mañanitas



ANNUAL NATIVITY OPEN HOUSE

Sam and Carol Raines of Assumption Catholic Parish are once again opening their home to view their extensive Nativity

Set Collection. The Raineses have well over 850 nativities scenes from all over the world. They are members of the National Friends of The Crèche, active in international collecting, and have been written up in the Northwest Catholic Progress. You will see interesting ways that different countries depict the Nativity as well as the interpretation from different artist around the world. All ages are welcome but parents should insure their children look but not touch. Sam and Carol will explain the history and origin of many of the nativities.

Viewing times will be 2-5 PM on the first two Sundays of Advent – December 1st and 8th. The address is: 3612 Sylvan Place, Bellingham. Directions: follow Alabama Street to the East, over the hill and down toward the lake; turn left on Sylvan Street and go all the way to the top, passing Big Rock Park; turn left on Sylvan Place (a small cul-de-sac). The Raines' home is third on the left. Please do not block neighbor's driveways. Visitors will have to negotiate stairs to the lower level of the home. If you saw the collection last year, new Nativities have been added this year.

POSADAS CELEBRATION

The Knights of Columbus in Whatcom County will be assisting with Posada celebrations in all of the Catholic Parishes in Whatcom County as part of our "Keep Christ in Christmas" program. Everyone is invited to attend any or all of these celebrations. The celebrations will begin **Monday, 16 December at Church of the Assumption at 7:00 PM.** The celebrations will continue sequentially at all of the Catholic Churches in Whatcom County beginning at 7:00 PM with one exception as follows:

Tuesday, December 17 St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church in Ferndale,

Wednesday, December 18 St. Anne Roman Catholic Church in Blaine,

Thursday, December 19 Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Fairhaven,

Friday, December 20 St. Joachim Roman Catholic Church on the Lummi Reservation,

Saturday, December 21 at St Joseph Roman Catholic Church in Lynden at **8:00 PM** following the Spanish Mass,

Sunday, December 22 at St Peter Roman Catholic Church in Deming.

The final night of the Posada celebration will be **Monday, December 23 at Church of the Assumption** where there will be a traditional potluck dinner to which everyone in all of the Parishes are invited. Come and enjoy the festivities as our children get in to the swing with a piñata. Please contact Scott Hulse at 360 243 0745 (scottehulse@att.net) or Adriana Estrada at the Parish Office should you have questions or require additional information.



LAS CELEBRACIONES DE LAS POSADAS

Los Knights de Columbus del condado de Whatcom ayudarán con las celebraciones de las Posadas en todas las parroquias católicas del condado como parte del programa "Keep Christ in Christmas". Está invitada toda la gente a las festividades. Comenzamos **el lunes, día 16 de diciembre a las 7:00 de la tarde**

en la Iglesia de la Asunción. Seguirán las festividades con una nueva celebración cada noche a las 7:00 de la tarde en el siguiente orden:

Martes, 17 de diciembre en la iglesia de San José (St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church) de Ferndale;

Miércoles, 18 de diciembre en la iglesia Santa Anna (St. Anne Roman Catholic Church) en Blaine;

Jueves, 19 de diciembre en la iglesia del Sagrado Corazón (Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church) en Fairhaven;

Viernes, 20 de diciembre en la iglesia San Joaquin (St. Joachim Roman Catholic Church) en la Reserva del tribu Lummi;

Sábado, 21 de diciembre, en la iglesia San José (St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church) en Lynden a las 8:00 de la tarde después de la misa en español;

Domingo, 22 de diciembre, en la iglesia San Pedro (St Peter Roman Catholic Church) en Deming.

Invitamos a la gente de todas las parroquias a celebrar la última noche de Posada el **lunes, día 23, en nuestra Iglesia de la Asunción** donde celebraremos además con una cena comunitaria tradicional. Vengan todos y disfrutar de las festividades mientras que los niños toman su turno con la piñata. Por favor, de contactar a Scott Hulse en (360) 243-0745 (scottehulse@att.net) o Adriana Estrada en la oficina de la parroquia si tiene dudas o necesita más información.

VISITAS DE VIP

Nuestra Campaña de Financiación Espiritual se está moviendo hacia adelante! Hace dos semanas empezamos nuestras visitas de VIP y hemos estado muy contentos de unirnos a nuestra parroquia a través de la visión, la información y la Oración. Si todavía no ha sido contactado, estará usted contactado por un voluntario que está ayudando a nuestra comunidad de Asunción, a compartir nuestra visión, obtener información valiosa de usted, y asegurarse de que sus oraciones e intenciones se llevan a la vigilia de oración el 6 y 7 de diciembre. Nosotros deseamos conocer sus necesidades del ministerio en estas próximas semanas, y vemos esto como una gran oportunidad para nosotros para conocer a nuevos feligreses de la Iglesia Asunción y compartir nuestra visión común. Para obtener mas información sobre las visitas VIP, póngase en contacto con Kathy Ernst al 733-1380, Ext. 23.

VIP VISITATIONS

Our Spiritual Funding Campaign is moving forward! Two weeks ago we began our VIP visits and are excited to unite our parish through Vision, Information and Prayer. If you haven't already, you will all be contacted by a volunteer who is helping our Assumption community by sharing our vision, getting valuable input from you, and making sure that your prayers and intentions are brought to the Prayer Vigil on December 6th and 7th. We very much want to learn your ministry needs in these upcoming weeks, and see this as a wonderful opportunity for us to meet new Assumption parishioners and share our common vision. For information on the VIP visits, contact Kathy Ernst at 733-1380, ext. 23.

ENGAGED CHURCH—IN MY PARISH MY SPIRITUAL NEEDS ARE MET.

ASSUMPTION MUSIC MINISTRY

1. "Sound Technicians needed! Assumption Music Ministry needs your help to improve our sound! No prior experience necessary—complete professional training provided if needed. This position can be counted as volunteer hours for grade school and even be a part of a senior project for high school."
2. "Christmas Choir! All singers are invited to join our Christmas Choir to sing for Midnight Mass and/or Christmas Day 10:30am. We will rehearse the first four Monday evenings in December from 6:30-8:30pm in the Church. This is a wonderful way to prepare for Christmas during the Advent season! Be a part of our big and beautiful sound with voices, brass, strings and organ! We will provide everything that you need. Please contact Angus McDonell our Pastoral Assistant for Music Ministry if you are interested."

WARMTH FOR THE SOUL



Join EDGE in collecting new/gently used blankets and sleeping bags for HOPE HOUSE to distribute to those in need in our community!

Donations can be collected in the gathering space Nov 23 - Dec 9th

CALOR PARA EL ALMA



Únete a EDGE y done mantas nuevas o con poco uso y sacos de dormir para la Casa de Esperanza. Ponga donaciones en la entrada de iglesia.

El 23 de noviembre
al 8 de diciembre



¡Gracias!

SEEKING JESUS?

Find CHRIST IN THE PSALMS, a 12-week Bible study beginning Tuesday, January 14, 2014. Sessions are held in the Stafford Room at 1 p.m., repeated at 7 p.m., your choice. Cost is \$10. For further information or to register call Christine at 671-9712.



CHRISTMAS CLEANING

Sign-up sheets are available in the Gathering Space to help us clean the church in preparation for Christmas. We are spreading the cleaning chores out over several days so we can do it more thoroughly. Cleaning time is from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm on December 13, 20 and 23. Cleaning supplies are provided. Come join the fun!

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

For information and instruction, contact Kathy St.Hilaire, certified teacher of Natural Family Planning, 671-4836.

PREPARE THE WAY: RENEW YOUR MARRIAGE

In today's gospel from St. Matthew, we hear how John the Baptist warned the Israelites to prepare the way for the Lord. Isn't this something we should do in our marriages--prepare ourselves and our spouses to meet the Lord? After all, the best love is that which desires eternal salvation for the other. At a Marriage Encounter you can learn how your marriage can prepare yourself and your spouse. Be prepared! Sign up today to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend in Bellevue – Feb 14-16, 2014 (www.SeattleWWME.org or contact Dawn & Rory Myers at SeattleWWME@Yahoo.com or 206-772-2344) or for Weekends in Gig Harbor, www.MRWWME.org or contact John and Martha Ryland, 253-859-9174 , jmryland@comcast.net .



FAITH FORMATION, SCHOOL, PARISH EVENTS

ATTENTION SCRIP SUPPORTERS

Please note: Scrip will be sold on the **first & third** Sunday of the month after the 8:30 AM Mass and before the 10:30 AM mass.

El Scrip ya esta en venta después de la misa en Español. Gracias por su apoyo.

PRAY FOR OUR ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ MILITARY

Floyd Carpenter
Chris Formichella
Don Veltum
Capt. Mark Bieda
Capt. Trevor Corrigan
Adam Honda
Jason Woolsey
Steve Ploog
Corey McDaniel
Patrick Kelley
Patrick L. Blake
Paul Cleary
Michael Condit
Gabriel Feely
John Hutson
Gabriel Rodriguez
Steven Faecke
Maj. Gregory DeMarco
Keanu Franco
Michael Dahl
Matt Edge
Kyle Frisbie
Kurt DeVries
Cadet Garrett Burnham

ENGAGED CHURCH—IN MY PARISH I HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO WHAT I DO

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & LIFE, JUSTICE & PEACE MINISTRY

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Bill Attebery
Jim Gibson
Jerilou Jones
Carlos Muñoz
José Ordóñez
Denise Plaisier
Sam Raines
Belen Saturay
Jean Wilford
Tashie Zang

COMMISSION & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Faith Formation Commission
John Getchell
Parish Life & Social
Mary & Bill Chambers
Spiritual Life & Worship
Ronald Delbecq
School Commission
Dan Kamkoff
Life, Justice & Peace
Michael DiSpigno
Pastoral Care
Carol Frazey
Building & Grounds
Eric Schueler
Stewardship/Engaged Church
Patti & James Wright
Finance Council
Bill Zang
Pastoral Council
Jim Gibson
Bill Attebery
Belen Saturay

SEVERE WEATHER SHELTER TRAINING

The Severe Weather Shelters provide safety, food and a warm welcome to homeless people. The shelters are staffed by volunteers from 5PM to 8 AM. Become a Severe Weather Shelter volunteer and experience the grace of giving and also the grace of receiving the gratitude of the guests.

Join us Monday, December 16 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM for a volunteer training. Interested individuals and couples may volunteer for one of three shifts. Only female volunteers staff the women's shelter, but women also may work at the men's shelter during the evening and morning shifts. The trainings will be offered at the two shelter sites. Please go to the site where you are interested in volunteering. The men's shelter is at Faith Lutheran Church, 2750 McLeod Road, and the women's and children's shelter is at Garden St. United Methodist Church, 1326 N. Garden St. in Bellingham. For additional information, please call Interfaith at 734-3983.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The Knights of Columbus in Whatcom County will be assisting Habitat for Humanity with construction of a house two Saturdays, 7 and 14 December, 2013. The construction site is at 2780 W Indiana Street in Bellingham, which is near Bellingham Technical College. Please call Scott Hulse at 360 243 0745 or send an email to scotte-hulse@att.net if you are interested in assisting with this project on either day so that safety and logistical information that must be reviewed by all volunteers can be sent to you before 4 December, 2013. Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

WHATCOM CHORALE AT ASSUMPTION

Please come celebrate the profound gift of this most holy season at a concert of sacred choral music performed by Whatcom Chorale at Assumption Church on Sunday, December 15, at 3pm. Much of the music, which dates from the Renaissance up to the 20th century, was intentionally written to be sung in acoustically rich churches before an assembly of believers. The music, the season, our church and you are all a perfect match! Please plan to attend. Tickets are available at Village Books, Piper Music, The Greenhouse, and both Food Co-Op locations in Bellingham. Ticket prices are adults: \$20, seniors and students: \$15, under 18 yrs: \$5.

ARCHDIOCESAN SIMBANG GABI COMMISSIONING

Saturday, December 14, 11:00 AM. Catholics from throughout the Archdiocese will gather in St. James Cathedral to begin the Advent novena of Masses in honor of Mary to prepare, in her company, for the celebration of Christmas. Archbishop Peter Sartain will preside at this Mass which includes the blessing and commissioning of Simbang Gabi coordinators from some 80 participating parishes in the archdiocese. This celebration points to Christ, Light of the World, symbolized by the *parols* (Christmas lanterns). All are invited and warmly welcome.

RACHEL'S CORNER

Hope and Healing After Abortion

"Listen and let it penetrate your heart...do not be troubled or weighed down with grief. Am I not here who am your mother? Are you not in the folds of my mantle?"

-Our lady of Guadalupe; Feast Day: Dec. 12

Pray for the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, "Mystical Rose", and let her words of mercy and peace penetrate your heart with hope. We can help. **Feb 28-March 2, 2014.**

Call Valerie: 1-800-822-HOPE (4673)

You are loved with an everlasting Love!

Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.

WEEK	<u>Monday, December 9th</u>		
	8:15 AM	School Advent Prayer Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Immaculate Conception Mass	Church
	3:00 PM	Basketball Practice	Gym
	6:00 PM	Charismatic Prayer Group	Stafford
	6:00 PM	English Choir Rehearsal	Church
	6:00 PM	Just Faith	PC 2nd floor
	6:30 PM	Prayer Group	St. Cecilia
6:30 PM	One King Light Weigh	PCLR	
7:00 PM	Novena	Room 1	
7:00 PM	Edge	Gym	

ATTAIN	<u>Tuesday, December 10th</u>		
	3:00 PM	Basketball Practice	Gym
	3:00 PM	Cub Scout Pack Meeting	Stafford
	6:30 PM	Adoration	Church
	6:45 PM	Girl Scout Troop 50222	Room 1
	7:00 PM	Novena	Stafford
	7:00 PM	Frassati Society	PCLR
	7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop 16 Meeting	Gym
7:00 PM	Knights of Columbus Mtg.	St. Cecilia	
7:00 PM	Coalition Against Human Trafficking	LMC	

GLANN	<u>Wednesday, December 11th</u>		
	12:00 AM	Adoration	Church
	10:00 AM	Women's Scripture Study	Stafford
	11:00 AM	Deanery Meetings	Off-site
	7:00 PM	Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta	Gym
	7:00 PM	St. Teresa of Avila	Stafford
	7:00 PM	Prayer Ministry	Church
	8:00 PM	Our Lady-Rosary	Church
10:45 PM	Benediction	Church	
11:00 PM	Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass	Church	

CE	<u>Thursday, December 12th</u>		
	<u>Our Lady of Guadalupe Day</u>		
	12:00 AM	Mañanitas	Church
	10:30 AM	Mass	Church
	11:00 AM	Mothers & Children	Stafford
	11:30 AM	Pro Life Rosary	Church
	1:00 PM	Purple Readers Group	Stafford
5:30 PM	Life Teen Core Team	PC 3rd floor	
7:00 PM	RCIA Catechumenate	LMC	

<u>Friday, December 13th</u>		
10:30 AM	Mass	Church
11:30 AM	Rosary Prayer Group	Church
1:30 PM	Grief Support	Stafford
3:00 PM	Basketball Practice	Gym
7:00 PM	Grupo de Compartir el Evangelio	LMC

<u>Saturday, December 14th</u>		
8:00 AM	Movimiento Familiar Cristiano	LMC
1:00 PM	Rosary Makers	Stafford
3:30 PM	Reconciliation	Church
4:00 PM	Cantor Rehearsal	St. Cecilia
5:00 PM	Mass	Church
6:00 PM	Capital Campaign Follow-up Team Training	Gym
6:00 PM	Dinner Club	Off-site

<u>Sunday, December 15th</u>		
<u>3rd Sunday of Advent</u>		
7:45 AM	English Choir Rehearsal	Church
8:30 AM	Mass	Church
8:30 AM	RCIA Dismissal	PCLR
8:30 AM	RCIC Dismissal	Stafford
9:30 AM	English Choir Rehearsal	Church
9:30 AM	Coffee Hour	Gym
10:00 AM	Grupo de Oración	Room 1
10:30 AM	Mass	Church
11:30 AM	K-5 Faith Formation	LMC
11:30 AM	Ensayo de Coro	St. Cecilia
11:30 AM	Coffee Hour	Gym
12:30 PM	Misa	Iglesia
2:00 PM	Faith & Light	LMC
3:00 PM	Whatcom Chorale Concert	Church
6:00 PM	Lifeteen	Gym



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

December 8th falls on a Sunday this year. Therefore, the church has chosen to move the Feast of the Immaculate Conception to Monday December 9th. We will have mass at 10:30 AM, but it is not a holy day of Obligation. You are welcome but not require to attend.

SUNDAY EVENING MASS CHANGES

There will be no 5 PM Mass on Sunday December 15, 22, 29.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

	Wk(12/01/2013)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$17,404	\$17,404	\$382,888
Contributions received:	\$16,476	\$16,476	\$372,448
Over/under for wk/mo/yr	-\$ 928	-\$ 928	-\$ 10 440

Thank you for sharing God's blessings with our parish community.

Debt Reduction	Wk(12/01/2013)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$1,058	\$1,058	\$23,276
Contributions received:	\$ 180	\$ 180	\$21,521
Over/Under for wk/mo/yr	-\$ 878	-\$ 878	-\$ 1 755

GIFTS FROM THE OTHER HALF OF OUR STEWARDSHIP GIVING

Hope House	\$ 356
Catholic Relief Services (Philippines)	\$ 150
Catholic Community Services	\$ 484

Thank you for sharing God's blessings with the larger community.

Ushers & Greeters: Psst.....hey you; yeah, I mean you. What a great deal I have for you. Have you ever wanted to be happy, smile, engage with other people, make friendly gestures, and be helpful to others? How about becoming a member of the Assumption Parish Hospitality Team. We have immediate openings for “ushers” and “greeters” at all Masses. No experience necessary. Just a willingness to be helpful to others, offer warm smiles, words of welcome, and an ability to make everyone feel as though Assumption is their home and fellow parishioners are just like family. On the job training with no stress, no pressure, and the rewards are unlimited. This is truly an offer you can't refuse. For ushering, contact Greg Brethour at 733-5908, and for greeters, contact Elizabeth Suel at 676-2266. Come on; don't say no, you can do it! God is counting on you.

TAX PLANNING

Any gifts or payments you want credited to the **2013 calendar year for tax purposes** need to be in the parish office by December 31st. If you are mailing in the payment, the **postmark must be stamped by Dec 31, 2013 in order to be applied in the 2013 calendar year.**

THE YEAR OF FAITH HAS ENDED, BUT OUR STUDY OF THE FAITH CONTINUES!

Join flocknote to Read the Catechism in a Year and Study the Gospels in a Year

This Advent, flocknote.com is renewing its service of providing a free, daily email containing a piece of the Catechism to the inbox of registered users. It will start from the beginning and use the Q & A format found in the YouCat (Youth Catechism). **New** this Advent is their complementary program of providing daily snippets of the Gospels along with Ignatius Study Bible commentary!

To sign up go to: flocknote.com/catechism and flocknote.com/gospels.

A Stewardship Moment

Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the psalmist, “The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!”

Un Momento De Corresponsabilidad

Los buenos administradores de los bienes de Dios creen que Dios, quien ha empezado esta buena obra en ellos, la llevará a cabo hasta su terminación. En palabra y obras, ellos pueden cantar con el Salmista, ¡“El Señor ha hecho grandes cosas por nosotros, estamos llenos de alegría!”



Good and gracious God,
 We thank you for all we are,
 and all we have.
 Everything is a gift from your
 infinite generosity.
 We marvel how bountiful is
 your kindness.
 We rest in appreciation of
 your enduring mercy.
 As we explore our responsi-
 bility to be good stewards,
 Fill us with the compassion of
 Jesus, your Son.
 Give us eyes to see the needs
 of those around us,
 In the faces of our neighbours
 near and far.
 Give us hearts that are moved
 by the pleas of those who cry
 out.
 On behalf of the children, the
 refugees, the sick, and the
 suffering.
 Give us hands that are eager
 to share what has been en-
 trusted to us.
 For the homeless and those
 alone in their homes.
 Give us feet to venture wher-
 ever the Spirit leads.
 For the mission to bring your
 good news to all.
 As we resolve to be mindful
 of the needs of others, we
 pray that
 You instill in us your gener-
 osity, your kindness, and your
 mercy.
 Free us from all attachments
 to the things of this world.
 Keep us focused in our mis-
 sion of good stewardship.

 In Jesus' name we pray.
 Amen.