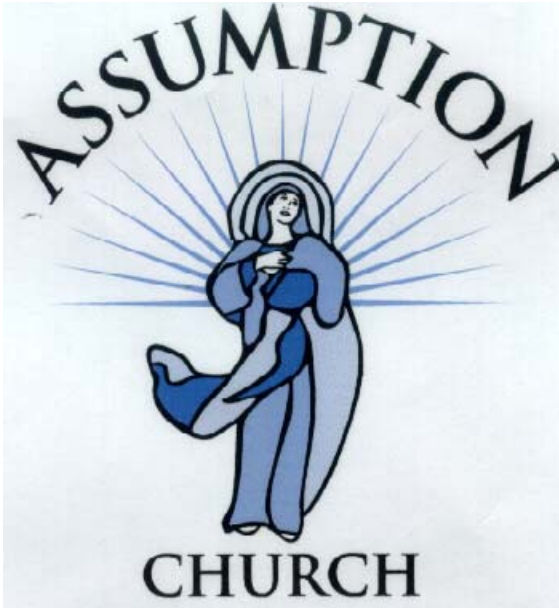


*Church of the Assumption
Broadview Heights, Ohio*



*Continuing
Our
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Over the past several years, charitable donations to the Church of the Assumption through the Sunday offertory and numerous fund raising events have made it possible for us to keep pace with our regular operating parish expenses. However, a lack of sufficient funds has forced us to neglect some important maintenance projects relating to the infrastructure of our parish buildings, including:

- **Repair/Replacement of the Church Roof**
- **Refurbishment of the Worship Space**— including repairs to the ceiling & walls, addressing flooring issues, updating lighting, and restoration of the pews
- **Restoration of the “Old Church” Building**

To properly prepare for the future, all Assumption parishioners are asked to participate in *Continuing Our Journey Together* to help meet these goals:

- *Increase donations* so that we may address looming short term and long term maintenance issues that will need our attention in the coming years.
- *Focus* parishioner giving on the Sunday offertory, thereby reducing the number of requests for donations that are made of parishioners through special envelopes and fund raising events.
- *Update* the options for donating to the parish, including offering donors the ability to give by E.F.T. (electronic funds transfer).

It's Up To You!

You determine what you can and will give

Your participation will help to keep our parish operating on a sound fiscal basis

Your generosity will determine how well we maintain our facilities

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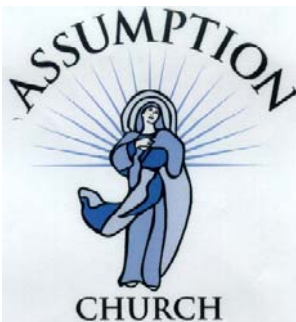
Financial Review

A review of our finances shows that over the past five fiscal years, parish revenue has increased by an average of 5.8% per year. While this is a testament to the generosity of our parishioners, our annual parish expenses have increased by an average of 5.6% over the same period of time.

Please keep in mind: There are significant costs associated with maintaining our parish buildings are **not** budgeted for (and therefore above the annual parish expense totals).

Therefore: We need to ask for your help to address our growing list of parish maintenance projects.

A note on the economy: We are all experiencing changes in the cost of living. Keep in mind that increases in cost for health care, energy and normal everyday expenditures affect our parish, too. While we have been able to meet our obligations, in order to plan properly it is necessary to take action now with this program.



*The Assumption Parish
Community is a reflection of
each of our members.
A small sacrifice will make
a big difference!*

SUGGESTED GUIDELINES FOR GIVING

Annual commitments of a specific amount that are promised to the parish for the coming year will allow us to keep our parish operating on a sound fiscal basis. Every donor to our church can choose their method of payment and frequency in which to make their gifts.

Each of our families have unique financial circumstances, this is well understood. All parishioners are asked to prayerfully consider the following suggested commitment plans:

SUGGESTED WEEKLY COMMITMENT PLANS BASED ON INCOME		
Annual Income	Annual Commitment	Weekly Offering
\$100,000	\$5,000	\$100
\$75,000	\$3,750	\$75
\$60,000	\$3,000	\$60
\$50,000	\$2,500	\$50
\$40,000	\$2,000	\$40
\$30,000	\$1,500	\$30
\$25,000	\$1,250	\$25
\$20,000	\$1,000	\$20
\$15,000	\$750	\$15
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IS \$20 PER WEEK POSSIBLE?

While it may sound like a lot, twenty dollars will buy about a third to a half of a tank of gasoline, two or three meals at a fast food restaurant, or two movie tickets.

Some families will not be able to make this size of financial commitment, but many of us do have this potential and possibly more!

There are many challenges in maintaining a household budget, whether it is for the family home or our spiritual home. Whatever you decide to commit, your gift should be proportionate and have some relationship to how you live.

SUGGESTED NEW WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION

Current Contribution	20% Increase	30% Increase	40% Increase
\$5.00	\$6.00	\$6.50	\$7.00
\$10.00	\$12.00	\$13.00	\$14.00
\$15.00	\$18.00	\$19.50	\$21.00
\$20.00	\$24.00	\$26.00	\$28.00
\$25.00	\$30.00	\$32.50	\$35.00
\$30.00	\$36.00	\$39.00	\$42.00
\$40.00	\$48.00	\$52.00	\$56.00
\$50.00	\$60.00	\$65.00	\$70.00
\$75.00	\$90.00	\$97.50	\$105.00
\$100.00	\$120.00	\$130.00	\$140.00

Your generosity to this program is an investment in the future of our parish that will allow us to continue to minister to all of our families and the community-at-large.

Please keep in mind that if circumstances prevent you from fulfilling your intention, an appropriate adjustment will be made.

We pray for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary as we respond to this challenge with faith and hope.

Automated Giving is now Available!

Our parish is introducing ParishPay, an automatic giving program that makes it possible to make a contribution electronically from your checking, savings, or credit card account. There is no cost to donors that participate in this program!

Getting started is simple— either go to www.parishpay.com, or check the appropriate box on your Commitment Envelope and an enrollment form will be sent to you. Additional information on electronic giving will be shared in our weekly bulletin.

How and When to make an Annual Commitment

Please complete and return an offertory Commitment Envelope to the Parish Office as soon as possible, or bring it to Mass the weekend of October 11th and 12th.

Your new commitment will begin upon your response, or at the time of your choosing.

Thank you for your support!

**To learn more about
Continuing our Journey Together
visit our parish web site:
www.coabvm.org**