



Our Lady of the Assumption  
Catholic Community  
Stewardship Report  
2010-2011

**Mission Statement:**

We as faithful followers of Jesus Christ, create, nurture and maintain a community of love through worship, reconciliation, healing, formation, education and service.

Through Word and Eucharist, we seek the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit, embracing the love of the Creator in each thought, word and action.

As humble servants of God, we remain faithful to the teachings of the Holy Roman Catholic Church, waiting in joyful hope for our Lord's coming.

**Pastor's Letter:**

*My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,*

*This stewardship report is filled with many of the wonderful things that we accomplished together and as you read through it I hope that it brings to you the same sense of gratitude and an awareness of the blessings that have been bestowed upon our community.*

*This past year brought the continuation of many of our ministries and also the introduction of a new ministry: Many Meals. The goal of the Many Meals program is to serve a **weekly** balanced, generous and nutritious, hot meal for **anyone** in need in our community. The dignity of those who come to Many Meals is a high priority, and the people attending Many Meals will be treated like "family" – like they are visiting our home, here at Our Lady of the Assumption.*

*Our parish has over 50 ministries filled with dedicated volunteers working to help those in our parish community as well as our surrounding community. I am overwhelmed by the dedication of our volunteers.*

*It is with a profound sense of gratitude that I look back on the last year and it is with a renewed sense of anticipation, excitement and commitment that I look to the future. May God continue to bless our families and our community as He has, and continues to bless me as your pastor.*

*In Christ,*

*Father Steve*

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**W**e give thanks for the development and growth of Our Lady of the Assumption during the past fiscal year.

From July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, there has been a continual focus of our time, talent and treasure aimed toward the renewal and spiritual growth of our parish as well as combining, strengthening and supporting ongoing ministries. Our parish has 3094 registered households, an increase of 312 families over the previous fiscal year.

In an effort to live and fulfill our parish mission statement:

**We as faithful followers of Jesus Christ, create, nurture and maintain a community of love...**

**...through WORSHIP**

Attendance has continued to increase at all Sunday masses during the past year. Parishioners are regularly visiting St. Julie's Chapel for Eucharistic Adoration. The time schedule of Adoration is from Wednesday morning through Sunday morning (8:30 a.m.) each week. As more people commit themselves for an hour of prayer, the intent is to have adoration 24/7.

**...through RECONCILIATION AND HEALING**

Eucharistic Ministers to the sick and homebound continue to take the Eucharist to those in the hospital, convalescent homes and those homebound. We remember and pray for them at daily mass.

**...through FORMATION**

During the 2010-2011 fiscal year, Our Lady of Assumption Community has welcomed and nurtured many to the Catholic faith by preparing both young and older Catholics for fuller participation in the sacraments, including:

244	Infant Baptisms	30	Adult Confirmations
40	Minor Baptisms	108	Youth Confirmations
8	Adult Baptisms	40	Weddings
197	First Holy Communions	77	Recorded Deaths
11	Professions of Faith	5	Men Ordained to the Diaconate

**...through EDUCATION**

Our parish school (Pre-school through 8<sup>th</sup> grade) continues to provide educational excellence, in a Catholic values environment, to a total of 320 students.

The Religious Education Program (REP) continues to bring Christ's message to many children and their families. In the 2010-2011 school year 250 children between 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades were in attendance. Sunday School is also provided to pre-school aged children on Sunday mornings.

Our Life Teen ministry continues to grow. Many teens have been nurtured and grown in their spiritual journey by participating on the mission trips held over the summer.

Our Jr. High ministry is enjoying tremendous growth. Middle school youth come together weekly to build community and grow in their faith.

The University series of lectures/presentations has been a highlight for the educational growth of all during Lent covering many Catholic issues of interest.

The Men’s Ministry continues to hold small group weekly study for male spirituality as well as bi-monthly barbeques featuring a speaker.

The Women’s Ministry continues to hold periodic educational events. This past year they sponsored the comedy, “Late Night Catechist”, which raised money to help sponsor women for retreats and other events.

**...through SERVICE**

Many parishioners provide time, talent and treasure to improve the lives and wellbeing of others. During each season of Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter approximately 125 households receive a food basket.

OLA parishioners continue to provide a hot breakfast twice each month for the poor and homeless through Family to Family project in the Ventura Avenue area. Many toys and gifts were once again collected and delivered at Christmas time. This year we traveled to Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Mecca, California where we donated approximately 1000 toys for 600–700 children, 30–40 bags of clothes, a hot meal and cake for 1200 people. Toys were also donated to St. Vincent de Paul, Tender Life, Knights of Columbus, One Stop, The Kingdom Center, and Catholic Charities through the Y.L.I. Santa Sacks.

St. Vincent de Paul Society assisted approximately 437 families/1300 clients with rental assistance, food, gas and more.

This year, we introduced Many Meals to our parish and surrounding community... In the short time that Many Meals has been in existence we have provided over 200 hot meals to both parishioners and those in the community.

**Charities**

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish generously contributes to local, national and international charities that include the following:

Archdiocesan Collections:	
National Needs	\$583.00
Cardinal McIntyre Fund	\$2,707.00
Universal Combined Collection	\$1,659.00
Retirement Fund for Archdiocesan Priests	\$1,183.00
Holy Father	\$1,073.00
Holy Land	\$3,540.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$1,705.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$701.00
Mission Co-op	\$922.00
St. Vincent de Paul Collection	\$79,730.00
Together in Mission - Goal: \$118,712.00 Pledged: \$133,636.50 Collected: \$125,658.50	

## Cash or In-Kind Donations to the Needy

Christian Service	\$8,705
Catholic Charities - Family to Family	\$4,020
Holiday Food Baskets	390 families
Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mecca, CA	Over 1000 toys
Homeless Breakfasts	Over 400 each month
One Stop Lunches	100 lunches weekly

Everyone is asked to pray and reflect on the blessings we have received in our parish, school and charities. All of us at Our Lady of the Assumption are asked to sustain our many ministries and outreach efforts with our time, talent and treasure.

### *Your Offerings at Work*

The cost of operating, maintaining and going about God's work is not exempt from increases. Higher cost for utilities, fuel, food and supplies impact the parish budget. Fixed costs i.e. insurances, healthcare, employee benefits and salaries adjusted for the rising cost of living in Ventura area have all been increased.

As a reminder, 90% of each dollar stays here in Our Lady of the Assumption with only 10 cents of the dollar sent to the Archdiocese by way of parish assessments.

The chart below depicts how the majority of the donations were dispersed: Salaries and related cost of parish personnel (\$645,405.00) Church operations (\$514,066.00) and Ministries/programs (\$108,413.00).

<u>Operating Income</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>School</u>
Envelopes	\$1,272,326.00	\$0.00
Tuition and Fees	0.00	994,050.00
Sacramental	41,763.00	0.00
Fundraising	0.00	136,000.00
Restricted Donations	148,077.00	6,900.00
Bank Interest	134.00	0.00
Investment Pool – Return	19,532.00	0.00
School Subsidy	0.00	30,000.00
Religious Education	111,235.00	0.00
Preschool & Daycare	0.00	170,900.00
Other Donations	67,214.00	35,000.00
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,660,281.00</b>	<b>\$1,372,850.00</b>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>		
Salaries & Benefits	\$645,405.00	\$1,041,735.00
Operating Costs	514,066.00	163,600
Ministry Costs	108,413.00	0.00
Educational Costs	111,507.00	145,200.00
Capital	29,631.00	14,800.00
Archdiocesan Assessment	135,105.00	0.00
Annual Appeal	0.00	0.00
School Subsidy	30,000.00	0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,574,127.00</b>	<b>\$1,365,335.00</b>

Have you remembered our parish or school in your will or trust?  
For further information please contact the rectory at 642-7966 ext.101