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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Streaming on Church Website:
<https://assumptiongranger.org> by 5pm on Saturday
You tube: Assumption BVM Church on your Smart TV

MARRIAGE

Call the office at least 1 year prior to intended date of wedding.

BAPTISM

Call the church office at least one month before intended date. Our next Baptismal class is scheduled for May 17 @ 1pm. Call the parish office to register.

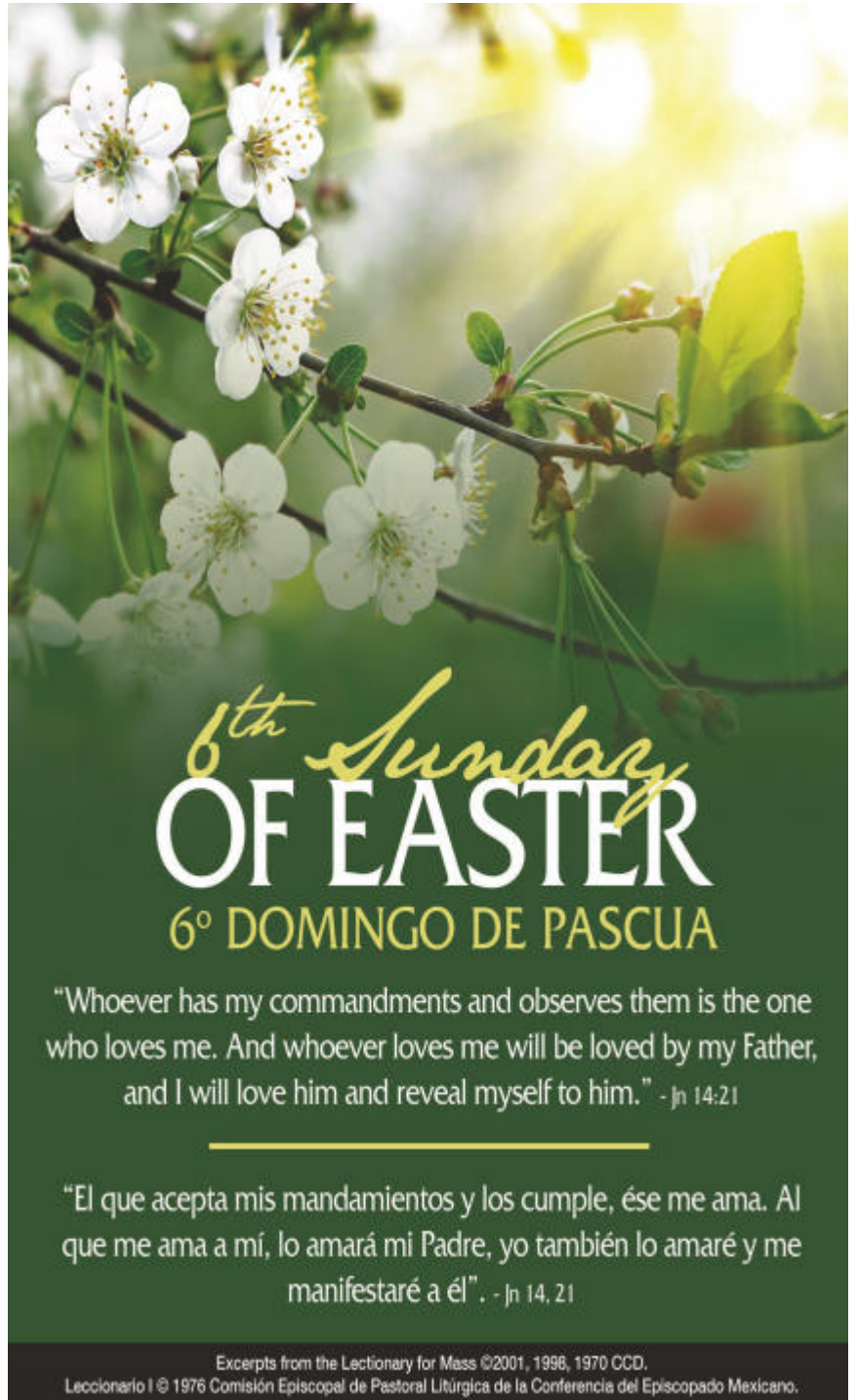
No Baptisms during Lent.

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ASSUMPTION PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

“To bring everyone together as people of God sharing the Bread of Life and living the Law of Love through service to all our neighbors”.



6th Sunday
OF EASTER
6º DOMINGO DE PASCUA

“Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.” - Jn 14:21

“El que acepta mis mandamientos y los cumple, ése me ama. Al que me ama a mí, lo amaré mi Padre, yo también lo amaré y me manifestaré a él” . - Jn 14, 21

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Monday, May 18
8:00 am Cancelled until further notice

Tuesday, May 19
8:00 am Cancelled until further notice

Wednesday, May 20
8:00 am Cancelled until further notice

Thursday, May 21
8:00 am Cancelled until further notice

Friday, May 22
5:30 pm Cancelled until further notice

Saturday, May 23 & Sunday May 24
Recorded Mass, In Memory of
Elizabeth Conrad & Dr. Nicholas Reed

Readings for the week of May 17, 2020

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/1 Pt 3:15-18/
Jn 14:15-21

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/
Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/
Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

7th Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 [13]/1 Pt 4:13-16/
Jn 17:1-11

PLENARY INDULGENCE

Additionally, the Church has published a plenary indulgence for people who are sick with the coronavirus COVID-19, and anyone caring for people who are sick with the coronavirus COVID-19, and people who are quarantined because of the coronavirus COVID-19.

The conditions for receiving the plenary indulgence are: a spirit of detachment from any sin (like saying “I hate sin”); the intention to go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, and pray for the Pope’s intentions as soon as possible; participate (even via the media) in the celebration of Holy Mass, or the Rosary, or the Way of the Cross, or if that isn’t possible, to recite the Creed, the Our Father and the Hail Mary.

During this time of pandemic, a plenary indulgence is also available to the Catholic faithful who – in addition to having a spirit of detachment from any sin, have the intention to go to Confession, receive Holy Communion and pray for the Pope’s intentions as soon as possible – make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, or read Scripture for at least 30 minutes, or pray the Rosary, or make the Way of the Cross, or recite the Divine Mercy chaplet for the following intentions: an end to the pandemic, relief to those afflicted, and eternal salvation for those who have died.

Finally, a plenary indulgence is granted to people at the moment of death, when they are unable to receive Anointing and Viaticum. The only conditions are that the person be properly disposed, have recited a few prayers during his/her lifetime, and at the moment of death to hold or look at a cross or crucifix, if possible.

BETHANY CHRISTIAN SERVICES

Today, more than 400,000 children are in foster care. That's unacceptable.

And because of the COVID-19 crisis, vulnerable children and families are experiencing even more stress and uncertainty. We anticipate that these challenging times will lead to more children and teens being in foster care or staying in foster care.

Bethany Christian Services believes *everyone* deserves to be safe, loved, and connected. And if you believe this too, we encourage you to join our bold mission to change the world through family.

Can several families in your church step up to become foster parents for children? Can you help us cover the costs to recruit more foster families?

info@bethany.org

In the face of the unfolding epidemic of the coronavirus COVID-19, we are moved to fervent prayer and renewed trust in the Lord of Life. We petition God that all people might be delivered from harm and that those who have been most greatly affected through death, illness, or loss of livelihood might know Christ’s compassion and, to the extent possible, restoration to peace and stability. Holy Mary, Comfort of the Sick, pray for us. St. Joseph, Patron of the Church, pray for us. Holy Archangels Michael, Raphael, and Gabriel, pray for us. Ss. Roch, Frances of Rome, and Aloysius Gonzaga, pray for us.



Please know of my own steadfast prayers, care, and love for you and all your families.
Bishop Joensen

Father of all, we pray to you for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May their soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

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Florence Moran Sweeney 3-7-2020
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**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

We will continue to expose the Blessed Sacrament on Friday’s however the times have changed. The new times are 6:30am-5pm. If no know is present when you leave we ask that you veil the Blessed Sacrament with the cloth.

**ROSARY WEBSITE:**

www.therosary3.com takes you to a quiet place within; away from the noise and din of life, and all its distractions ... into the presence of God.

Know Your Catholic Faith**Imitation of Christ**

The *Imitation of Christ* is the title of a devotional book of personal directions for the practice of the virtues found in the life of Christ; it is a collection of maxims and prayers urging one to pattern his or her life after that of Christ. It was first published early in the fourteen century and has been attributed to Thomas à Kempis. This book is also titled *The Following of Christ*. Its directives are arranged in such a manner that they seem to be communicated by Christ Himself as teacher and guide. With the exception of the Bible, it is perhaps the most widely read spiritual book in the world. (9:25)

Next week: Ascension.

If you would like a specific topic about the Catholic faith addressed, submit your question via email to parish@assumptiongranger.org with “Catholic Faith” included in the subject line.

HELP US FILL THE ALTAR WITH ROSES

We would like to try and fill the Altar area around the Mary statue with Roses. The hope would be that everyone in Assumption Parish would participate in praying during the time of, The Ascension of the Lord (Thursday, May 21st) to Pentecost (Sunday, May 31st). We would only ask that you take 20 to 30 minutes for prayer time each day. In Acts 1: 13-14, just after Jesus Ascended into Heaven, Mary, Apostles, and other Brothers and Sisters (this is us) devoted themselves with one accord to prayer.

Let us pray for the Church, her Leaders, and the Assumption Parish. That The Holy Spirit will continue to guide us in doing what is right in the Eyes of God and for an end to the coronavirus, and for all of us who continue to suffer from its presence.

As a sign of your participation in this event, A Rose would be placed near the statue of Mary for each participant. Hopefully you can imagine a path of roses flowing from the base of the steps up to the Mary. As most of us continue to participate in Mass from the comforts of our homes, this image will also show our strong Assumption Community continuing to exist, until we come together again.

You can either call the Parish Office to place an order for your rose, or if you like you can bring one into Church yourself and place it near the statue.

Please take a moment to call a fellow parishioner (s) to encourage them to also take part in this Beautiful event. Single vases for your rose are welcome.



Pope Francis is calling the faithful to "rediscover the beauty of praying the rosary at home during the month of May."

In a recent letter, Pope Francis asked us to join him in praying the rosary during the month of May as an act of spiritual unity with one another and to go to Mary, the Blessed Mother, with our petitions.

"Dear brothers and sister, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial."



Empower Individuals | Strengthen Families
YOU CAN HELP!

Food Pantry Volunteers needed: 9:45-12:30 & 12:00-3:45
In addition, families, groups or individuals can come in before the pantry opens, 8:30-10 to bag donations for hand outs. Contact: Holly hackermann@catholiccharitiesdm.org

Dear Faithful Community,



I am writing to you today with a request to support our homebound during this time. Our shut-ins are likely very lonely as well. They can have no one visit and can't get out during this time of the Pandemic. Please help us in supporting them by providing some love and kindness through reaching out to them from a distance in this time of need. If you and your family could write them a card, draw them a picture, share a book.....that would be great. You can create your gift of love and leave it in the Assumption Church gathering space in the box labeled "Love for Shut-Ins" between 6AM to 7PM . We will gather as many as your family would like to share. We will continue this project in the weeks ahead. After you have delivered your love to Assumption, we will make sure it gets shared with the roughly 25-30 residents at Granger Nursing Home, Kennybrook Village and homebound that are affiliated with our Church. Thank you for your consideration of giving back to our community in this way during this time of self isolation and social distancing.

If you have questions, please contact me at gretchen@assumptiongranger.org

A big "Thank You" to everyone who gave a gift this past weekend to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Our parish goal is 100% participation. **Each and every person's gift is important.** Remember, when we reach our parish goal, any additional gifts stay right here for our own use. For those who have not made their pledge, please join us in supporting the vital programs & services throughout the diocese that no single individual or parish can offer. Your gift to the ADA supports the ministries and services in this diocese from which you and this parish benefit. Simply fill out a pledge card and place it in the offertory basket or drop it in the mail Thank you for your generosity and your support of the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

**Our Parish Goal is \$100,029
We are currently at \$45,608**

Thank you to the 107 families that have participated out of 534 active families

Consider ACH or Auto debit for your weekly/monthly Tithing. Call the Parish Office to find out more.

SUPPORT PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

Join the St. Serra Club of Des Moines in praying for and supporting priesthood and religious vocations. Come to any of our monthly events and see what we're all about. For more information, contact Jim at 515-422-0960 or visit dmserra.com.

Our playground and all city parks in Granger have been **CLOSED** in accordance with city regulations regarding the pandemic until further notice.



COUNSELING AVAILABLE

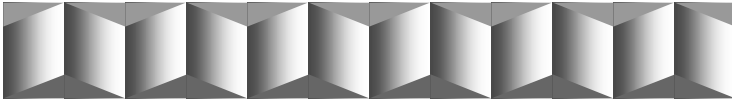
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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB CORNER

Upcoming Events:

For those of you who donated a dessert to one of our Knights of Columbus Fish Fry's you can find your pans on the coat racks located in the Church.

Thank you!



Prayer of Spiritual Communion

During this time of fasting from the Eucharist at Holy Mass, we can still reach out to Him by making a Spiritual Communion in prayer! The prayer below can be said at anytime, anywhere and as often as we like to bring oneself into spiritual union with Christ.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen



St. Thomas Aquinas once defined a Spiritual Communion as “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace Him as if we had actually received Him.”

One can also make a Spiritual Communion using the following prayer before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament (prayer before the tabernacle), or anywhere else where we feel moved by the Spirit.

**Oh Jesus, I turn toward the holy tabernacle where
You live hidden for love of me. I love you, O my
God. I cannot receive you in Holy Communion.
Come, nevertheless, and visit me with Your
grace. Come spiritually into my heart. Purify
it. Sanctify it. Render it like unto Your own. Amen.**

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

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Catholic Faith on demand!





From the Pastor
Rev. Dominic Assim



Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21.

"I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU ORPHANS"

Fellow parishioners, receive warm greetings from Ghana. I hope that you are all doing well and staying safe and healthy. I am doing well and staying safe and healthy over here in Ghana except that I miss Assumption and you all.

On this sixth Sunday of Easter, the risen Lord continues to give us a message of hope, comfort, and encouragement. Jesus in today's Gospel promises to give us another Advocate to be with us for ever. The word "Advocate" means to stand behind, to support, and to defend a person. As we continue to fight against the Corona Virus Pandemic and continue to live in these abnormal times, Jesus is giving us a message of hope, comfort, consolation, and encouragement. He is promising us the gift of the Holy Spirit to stand behind us, to support us, and to defend us in our fight against the Corona Virus Pandemic.

Jesus also assures us that He will not leave us orphans; He will come back to us. This is also a message of inspiration and hope that we can rely on. It is a fact that we are in difficult times and we are living "abnormally normal" lives but we shall overcome this deadly virus.

There is this song composed by a Ghanaian which really touches my heart and I take inspiration from during difficult times like this. Below are the lyrics:

We are going,
Heaven knows where we are going,
We know we will.

We will get there
Heaven knows how we will get there
We know we will

Refrain:
It will be hard we know
And the road will be muddy and rough
But we'll get there,
Heaven knows how we will get there
We know we will.


My dear parishioners, overcoming the Corona Virus Pandemic will be hard and the means to developing a vaccine will be muddy and rough but we will get there.

Once again, thanks so much for continuously supporting our wonderful parish in these difficult times. I am most grateful to you all.

Happy Easter!!! Hope to see you soon.

Fr. Dominic.

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