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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Streaming on Church Website:
<https://assumptiongranger.org> by 5pm on Saturday
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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 July 19 @ 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”.



Pentecost
SUNDAY
 DOMINGO DE PENTECOSTÉS

Jesus stood up and exclaimed, “Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink. As Scripture says:
Rivers of living water will flow from within him who believes in me.”

- Jn 7:37b-38

Exclamó Jesús en voz alta: “El que tenga sed, que venga a mí; y beba, aquel que cree en mí. Como dice la Escritura: *Del corazón del que cree en mí brotarán ríos de agua viva*”. - Jn 7, 37-38

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Monday, June 1
8:00 am Cancelled until further notice

Tuesday, June 2
8:00 am Cancelled until further notice

Wednesday, June 3
8:00 am Cancelled until further notice

Thursday, June 4
8:00 am Cancelled until further notice

Friday, June 5
5:30 pm Cancelled until further notice

Saturday, June 6 & Sunday June 7
Recorded Mass, In Memory of
Tye & Rita Schulte & Helen Wright

Readings for the week of May 31, 2020

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39.
Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/
Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 55, 56 [52b] or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/
Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35,
27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39. Day: Acts 2:1-11/
Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16 [1]/Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef [1b]/Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [4]/Mk 12:28-34

Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17/Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168 [165a]/
Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22 [cf. 15ab]/Mk 12:38-44

Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/2 Cor 13:11-13/
Jn 3:16-18

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?

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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

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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.

**Know Your Catholic Faith****Pentecost**

Originally, this was the second feast in rank for the Jews, the celebration of thanksgiving for the harvest and the ending of Passover time. Later it was also to become a celebration of the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai. In Christian recognition, Pentecost is the feast celebrated fifty days after Easter or ten days after the Feast of the Ascension. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. It marks the beginning of the active apostolic work and is hailed as the birthday of the Church, for it was through the coming of the Holy Spirit that the Church began to form members of the new kingdom. As St. Peter spoke on the first Pentecost of the new covenant: "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). It is the Spirit who makes effective the New Law and by coming to each one, enables us to profit by and fulfill the acts necessary for salvation. (9:27)

Next week: Trinity.

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.

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

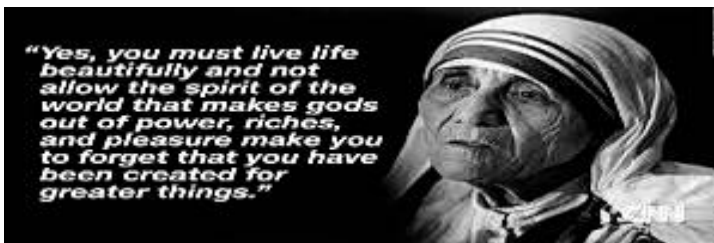
In a recent letter, Pope Francis asked us to join him in praying the rosary during the month of May as an act of spiritual unity with one another and to go to Mary, the Blessed Mother, with our petitions.

"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."



6 CHARACTERISTICS OF AN EVERYDAY STEWARD

1. **MINDFUL:** Lives in the present, without the baggage of the past, and without fear of the future.
2. **PRAYERFUL:** Sees entire day as an opportunity to be in the presence of God.
3. **GRATEFUL:** Give thanks for all of God's blessings, especially the little everyday ones.
4. **GRACIOUS:** Receives all of God's creation in a welcoming and hospitable manner.
5. **COMMITTED:** Perseveres daily in a way of life acknowledging everything belongs to God.
6. **ACCOUNTABLE:** Understands the value of parish community and the role it plays.



MINISTER TRAINING FOR RE-OPENING

In an effort to someday soon re-open our Church for Masses it is important to have those willing to Minister as well. I ask you to please contact Brenda in the Parish Office to let her know if you are still willing to participate in particular ministries so that she can work up schedules to reflect this. If you are currently a ministry and wish to be please call as well. There WILL BE a special mandatory training for all Greeters, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans for this first Phase I implementation. Please open your hearts to God and sign up today!



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



Let's Believe...Live...and Celebrate Our Faith!
We are happy to inform you that the conference will proceed planned Saturday & Sunday, September 26 & 27, with some exciting additions! Further information and guidelines will be announced soon.

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 \$45,858

Thank you to the 109 families that have participated out of 534 active families



2020 K of C SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



This has been a strange year for graduating seniors regarding the virus Covid-19 and the stay at home restrictions. Please go to the link below to open up our new Scholarship Application.

Just complete the application and follow the submission instructions at the top of the document.

Thank you for all that you do for the Parish and Community!

<https://assumptionknights.org/2020-knights-scholarships>

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.



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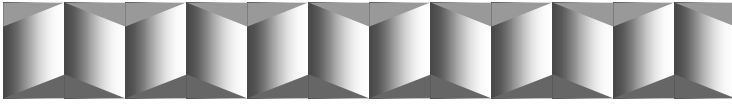
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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB CORNER

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



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-11; 1Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

Fellow parishioners, I once again send you warm greetings from Ghana. I am doing well and staying safe. I hope and trust that you are all doing great and staying safe.

Today, we celebrate the birthday of the Church. We are celebrating the day when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles to empower and propel them to boldly leave the confines of the upper room to proclaim that the Risen Lord is indeed the Son of God.

The mentality of the people during the time of Jesus was ruled by the belief in spirits. Thus, the Apostles associated the "Spirit of Pentecost" with the presence of a special "Spirit" from Jesus Christ Himself as He promised them (John 16:5-11). However, the event of Pentecost was completely different. It was another divine manifestation descending upon the Apostles, a gift from the Father and the Son.

In the first reading, the descent of the Holy Spirit was associated with expression of ecstasy. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, had manifested Himself by His special gifts like speaking in tongues, prophesying, healing, and exorcism. It was the birth of a new humanity and the birthday of the Church. The descent of the Holy Spirit occurred at a time when the world needed to be set free from those dangerous and hostile spirits, rituals, and other harmful practices prevalent in the world.

My dear parishioners, as the world continues to battle the Corona Virus Pandemic, we humbly ask our Lord Jesus Christ to enkindle in us the fire of the Holy Spirit and to enlighten us with the guidance of the Holy Spirit to find a cure for this deadly Virus.


Beloved in Christ, let us make the response to our Responsorial Psalm our prayer: "Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth" and to deliver us and set us free from this deadly Corona Virus Pandemic.

Happy Pentecost Sunday!!! I miss you all and I hope to return soon.

Fr. Dominic.



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