

*June 7,
2020*

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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 July 19 @ 1pm. Call the parish office to register.

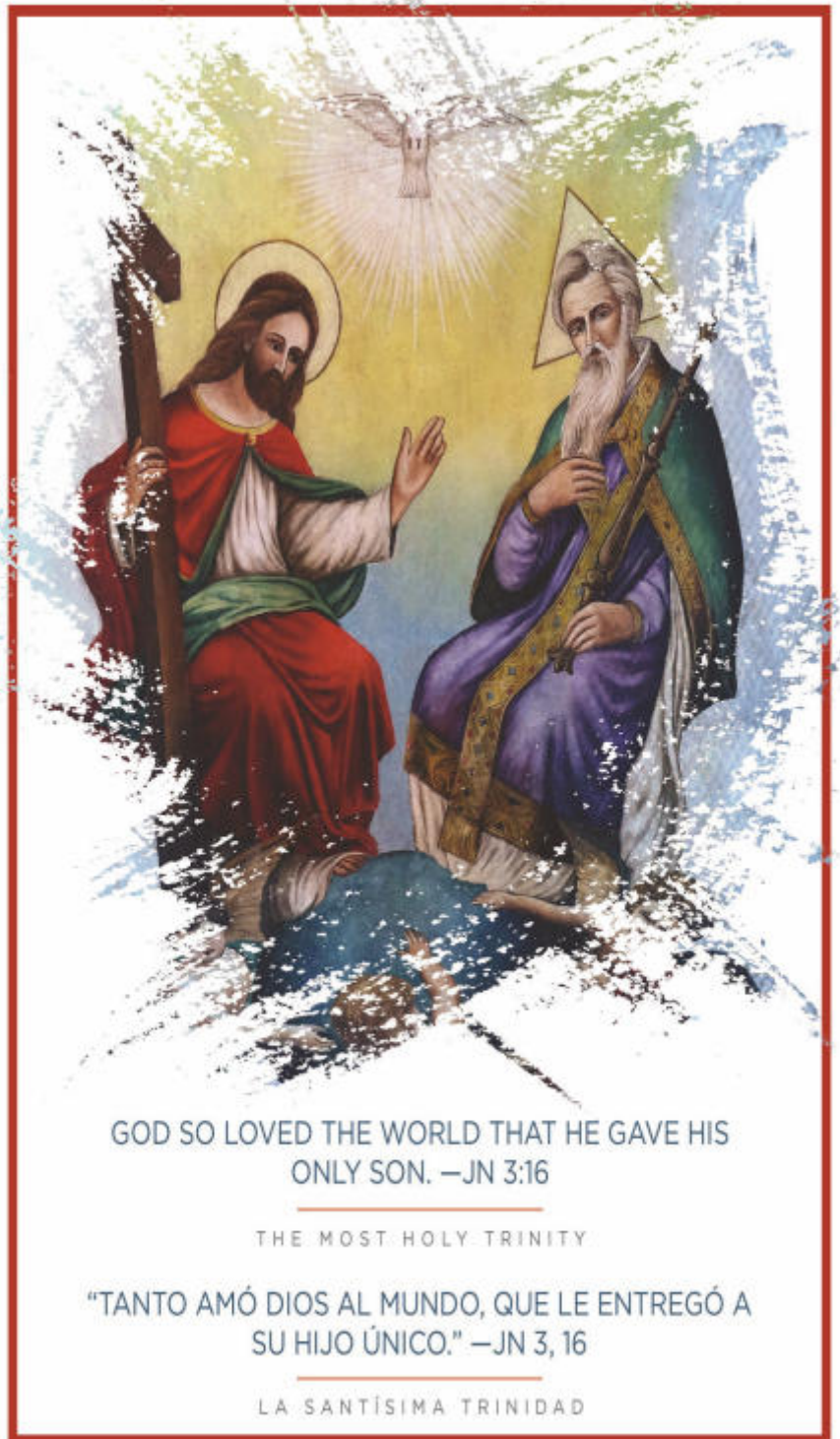
No Baptisms during Lent.

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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".



GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON. —JN 3:16

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

"TANTO AMÓ DIOS AL MUNDO, QUE LE ENTREGÓ A SU HIJO ÚNICO." —JN 3, 16

LA SANTÍSIMA TRINIDAD

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Monday, June 8
 8:00 am Cancelled until further notice
Tuesday, June 9
 8:00 am Cancelled until further notice
Wednesday, June 10
 8:00 am Cancelled until further notice
Thursday, June 11
 8:00 am Cancelled until further notice
Friday, June 12
 6:00pm Communion Service
Saturday, June 13 & Sunday June 14
 Recorded Mass, In Memory of
 Elizabeth Conrad & Becky Giofreddi

Readings for the week of June 7, 2020

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/2 Cor 13:11-13/
 Jn 3:16-18
 Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6/Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 2]/Mt 5:1-12
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16/Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7a]/Mt 5:13-16
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11 [1b]/Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13 [2a]/Mt 5:20-26
 Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [8b]/Mt 5:27-32
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/Mt 5:33-37
 Next Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12]/1 Cor 10:16-17/
 Jn 6:51-58



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

**MONTH OF MAY 2020
 Recorded Mass Views & Tithing Recap:**

May 3—145
May 10—130
May 17—172
May 24—153
May 31—141

	Received	Budget	Difference
May Tithing	\$30,003.50	\$37,500.00	-\$7,496.50
May Plate	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	-\$2,000.00
Total May Collection	\$30,003.50	\$39,500.00	-\$9,496.50
YTD Tithing	\$391,993.32	\$424,400.00	-\$32,406.68
YTD Plate	\$20,191.01	\$22,000.00	-\$1,808.99
Total YTD Collection	\$412,184.33	\$446,400.00	-\$34,215.67

RE-OPENING OF CHURCHES!

You all should have received your letter from the Bishop regarding the Phase 1 re-opening of Churches on Tuesday afternoon. It is with great excitement that we will be ready to go with all the guidelines handed down by the Diocese. We will be offering Communion Service on Monday at 8am, Wednesday at 6pm and Friday's at 8am this will all begin on Friday, June 12th.



Please be on the lookout for a letter from Assumption Parish regarding the re-opening for our Parish.



Thank you all for the wonderful prayers, cards and acts of kindness during our illness. Every prayer was truly felt and led to our healing. Love to our parish family
 Dan & Myrna Manning

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EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

We will continue to expose the Blessed Sacrament on Friday's from 6:30am-5pm. If no know is present when you leave we ask that you veil the Blessed Sacrament with the silk cloth.



Know Your Catholic Faith

Trinity

The Holy Trinity is the title given to the three Persons in One God. But how in the world can anyone explain that? The answer is that we in this world cannot. It is a mystery beyond our comprehension. How can there be three separate persons—The Father, The Son, and The Holy Ghost—but yet still all be the same God? This is truly a question that we take on faith as Catholics, because our limited human brains simply cannot understand it. And while we cannot fathom this mystery, as Catholics we know and love this fact of three persons in one God. The word "Trinity" does not appear in the Bible, but the doctrine is obvious. Some of our protestant brothers and sisters (who protests against the Catholic Church) use this strategy against Catholics concerning the word "purgatory," which also does not appear in the Bible, but yet, just as the Trinity is, the doctrine is defined by words of Scripture. (9:28)

Next week: Corpus Christi.

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.

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.

Food Pantry Needs

The food pantry could use some more of these food items . Thank you for your support of the Granger Food Pantry. The Food Pantry is available to all residents of the Woodward/Granger school district. Contact the Emmanuel Methodist Church office for assistance.

Items needed for Food Pantry are:

Kid's Juices	Snack-size Pudding	Snack-size Jello
Kid's cereal	Spaghetti O's, etc	Crackers
Canned Fruits	Bean (all types)	Pasta sauce
Instant Rice	Tuna	Canned meals
Laundry soap	Body wash	Shampoo
Deodorant	Paper Towels	Toilet Paper

**Please drop in the baskets that will be provided for
Thank you!**

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 the Parish Office to let us know if you are still willing to participate in particular Ministry. If you are NOT 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.

MASS STIPENDS

Would you like to have a Mass said in remembrance or in honor of a loved one or celebrate an event? To do so, please place \$10 in an envelope with a note listing the loved one's name and, if you wish, a date you prefer for the Mass. Place the envelope in the lock box next to the pamphlet rack in the gathering space or drop it off at the Parish Office.

COUNSELING AVAILABLE

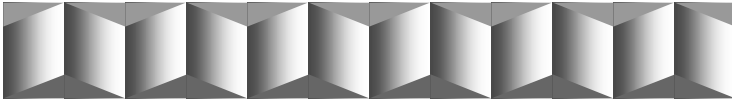
Catholic Charities has licensed, professional therapists working with clients of all faiths and backgrounds who are addressing depression, anxiety, stress, marital issues, relationship problems, child behavior problems, trauma, abuse and more. Therapy is available in Council Bluffs, Des Moines, and Ankeny. Set up an appointment by emailing sfister@catholiccharitiesdm.org or calling 515-237-5045 or 712-328-3086.

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



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Exo 34:4-6, 8-9; 2Cor 13:11-13; John 3:16-18

God of love, unity, tenderness, forgiveness,
and compassion.

Beloved parishioners, receive warm greetings from Ghana. I trust and hope that you are all doing well and staying safe. I am doing well by the grace of God.

Today, we celebrate the mystery of the Christian God who is trinitarian. The doctrine of the Trinity sums up the Christian understanding of the mystery of God. The distinctive thing about Christianity is its understanding of God as tri-personal. The confession of three persons in one God is the outcome of extended reflection on the full implications of the mystery of Christ: the God revealed in the life of Jesus is Father, Son, and Spirit.

The doctrine of the Trinity is rooted in the fact that God came to meet Christians in a threefold figure: (a) as Creator, Lord of the history of salvation, Father, and Judge, as revealed in the Old Testament; (b) as the Lord who, in the incarnated figure of Jesus Christ, lived among human beings and was present in their midst as the "Resurrected One"; and (c) as the Holy Spirit, whom they experienced as the helper or intercessor in the power of the new life.

What is the nature of the Christian God? The first reading and the Gospel describe the nature of the Christian God in the following words: love, unity, tenderness, forgiveness, and, faithfulness, patience and compassion. As sons and daughters of God, let us take inspiration from the nature or the qualities of the Christian God and replicate these qualities of God in our lives as we continue to fight against the Corona Virus pandemic.


Let our prayer be: "Loving and forgiving are you oh God, slow to anger, rich in kindness, loving and forgiving are you"

Happy Trinity Sunday! I Hope to return soon.

Fr. Dominic.



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