

June 21,
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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 26 @ 1pm. Call the parish office to register.

No Baptisms during Lent.

PARISH STAFF

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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".

12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." - Mt 10:31

12º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"Por lo tanto, no tengan miedo, porque ustedes valen mucho más que todos los pájaros del mundo". - Mt 10, 31

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Monday, June 22
8:00 am Communion Service

Tuesday, June 23
Cancelled until further notice

Wednesday, June 24
6:00 pm Communal Penance Service

Thursday, June 25
Cancelled until further notice

Friday, June 26
8:00am Communion Service

Saturday, June 27
5:00pm Mass, For the People of Assumption

Sunday, June 28
10:00am Mass, In Memory of Jack Temme

Readings for the week of June 21, 2020

Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 [14c]/Rom 5:12-15/
Mt 10:26-33

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13 [7b]/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11
[cf. 9d]/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: *Vigil*: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17 [6b]/1 Pt 1:8-12/
Lk 1:5-17.
Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/Acts 13:22-26/
Lk 1:57-66, 80

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Mt 7:21-29

Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21 [19b]/Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 [2a]/
Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

COMMUNAL PENANCE

Fr. John Ludwig will be offering a communal penance service to our Parish on Wednesday, June 24 starting at 6:00pm sharp. Due to this penance service we will **NOT** have a communion service this evening.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. BENEDICT CENTER,
SCHUYLER, NE, JUNE

Real Presence: Encountering Jesus in Word & Sacrament, June 20, one-day retreat at *Saint Benedict Center*, Schuyler, with *Father Jeffrey S. Loseke, Ed.D., S.T.L.* Christ is truly present in His Church, especially in the Scriptures, the Eucharistic species, and whenever two or three are gathered in His Name. Join Fr. Jeff for a day of retreat as he guides participants through scriptural prayer and sacramental wonder to an encounter with the Real Presence of Christ. Social distancing will be observed, please bring mask and hand sanitizer. Lunch is available at the Center for \$11.02 (includes tax). Register at www.StBenedictCenter.com or call (402) 352-8819.

PRAYER TO OVERCOME RACISM

MARY, FRIEND AND MOTHER TO ALL, through your Son, God has found a way to unite himself to every human being, call to be one people, sisters and brothers to each.

We ask for your help in calling on your Son, seeking forgiveness for the times when we have failed to love and respect one another.

We ask for your help in obtaining from your Son the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism and to build a just society.

We ask for your help in following your Son, so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect our minds or hearts but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person.

Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son Jesus warms our hearts: Pray for us.

Amen.

BENEDICTINE SISTERS TO HOST VIRTUAL
MONASTIC EXPERIENCE

Walking With God? Walk with us! The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration invite single women, ages 18 - 40 who are considering religious life, to attend a Virtual Monastic Experience via Zoom July 12-14, 2020. We hope to digitally show discerners around, introduce some of our Sisters and share some tips on prayer and discernment. The experience will include one hour of input each day. There will also be an opportunity to connect with the vocation director one on one. There is no cost to attend. Visit our website to learn more: www.benedictinesisters.org. To register, please call Sr. Maria Victoria at (660) 944-2221 ext. 127 or e-mail vocation@benedictinesisters.org.

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.



We ask that you also wipe down the area in which you were seated with the disinfectant that is provided on the bulletin table. Thank you!

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

Know Your Catholic Faith

Nun

A nun is a member of a religious community of women, typically one living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. She may be a woman who decided to dedicate her life to serving all other living beings or to be an ascetic who voluntarily chooses to leave mainstream society and live her life in prayer and contemplation in a monastery or convent. The term "nun" is applicable to Catholics (in both the Eastern and Western traditions), and other religions. While in common usage the terms "nun" and "Sister" are often used interchangeably, they are considered different ways of life, with a nun being a religious woman who lives a contemplative and cloistered life of meditation and prayer for the salvation of others, while a Religious Sister, in religious institutions, like Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity, who live lives in active vocation of both prayer and service, often to the needy, sick, poor, and uneducated. (9:30)

Next week: Parish.

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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

- ♦ Sat. 6/20 Recorded Mass available by 5pm
- ♦ Sun. 6/21 Happy Father's Day!
- ♦ Mon. 6/22 8am Communion Service
- ♦ Tues. 6/23 5pm Finance Council (Zoom Meeting)
6:30pm Ministry Training (Church)
- ♦ Wed. 6/24 6pm sharp Communal Penance
- ♦ Fri. 6/25 8am Communion Service
- ♦ Sat. 6/27 Welcome back to Assumption
5pm Mass Celebrated with Rev. John Ludwig
Recorded Mass available by 10am Sunday
- ♦ Sun. 6/28 Welcome back to Assumption
10am Mass Celebrated with Rev. John Ludwig
Recorded Mass available by 10 am today
- ♦ Sat. 7/4 Happy 4th of July!
5pm Mass Celebrated with Rev. John Ludwig
Recorded Mass available by 10am Sunday
- ♦ Sun. 7/5 10am Mass Celebrated with Rev. John Ludwig
Recorded Mass available by 10 am today



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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE
Just as you did it to the least of these, you did it to me.
Matthew 25:45

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 \$57,908

Thank you to the 121 families that have participated out of 534 active families

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:

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| 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

It is with great excitement that when we go to Phase 2 we are prepared. I ask you to please contact the Parish Office to let us know if you are still willing to participate in a particular ministry. If you are **NOT** currently a minister and wish to be please call as well. A special **mandatory training** for all Greeters, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans for this will happen on June 23 at 6:30pm in the Church. We will be in great need of Greeters so 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

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, **NO LATER THAN JULY 15TH** 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.

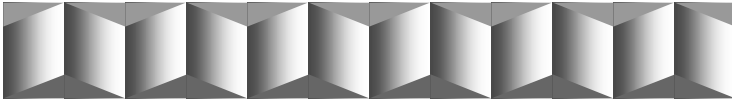
COUNSELING AVAILABLE

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



12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer. 20:10-13; Rom. 5:12-15; Matt. 10:26-33

"Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."

Fellow Assumption Parishioners, I send you warm greetings from Ghana. I am doing well and hope you all are doing well and staying safe and healthy.

As we have transitioned from Easter to the ordinary time of the year, Jesus, for three times in the Gospel says: "Do not be afraid...." I read a book and the author of the book mentions that there are five types of fear. These are as follows:

1. Fear of rejection
2. Fear of being hurt
3. Fear of uncertain future
4. Fear of taking responsibility and act on it
5. Fear of telling the truth.

Beloved in Christ, as we continue to battle the Corona Virus pandemic, my question to you is what are you afraid of? Or what are your fears? Jesus assures us not to be afraid of rejection or being hurt or what will happen to us or taking responsibility and acting on it or telling the truth because he is always with us. In fact, the deepest truth about God that Jesus reveals to us is that God is caring, compassionate, loving, forgiving, and he is always on our side.

Jeremiah in the first reading concedes that God indeed is caring and loving. After lamenting his hardships as a prophet, Jeremiah comes to a realization that God is on his side like a mighty champion: and his persecutors will stumble, will not prevail and will be put to utter shame.

Dear parishioners, whatever type of fear we are experiencing, Jesus is assuring us: "Do not be afraid; I am on your side like a mighty champion, and you are worth more than many sparrows."


May the Lord empower us with his grace so that we will not live in fear but will always lean on him.

May God bless you. I hope to return soon!

Fr. Dominic.



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