

*August 16,
2020*

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RECONCILIATION

4:30pm on Saturday afternoon

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

5pm Saturday & 10am Sunday

Church is set up for social distancing

Mass will be uploaded to Church website by 10am on Sunday mornings.

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 September 20 @ 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”.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS**Monday, August 17**

8:00 am Mass, In Memory of Jack Temme

Tuesday, August 18

8:00 am Mass, In Memory of Donald Manning

Wednesday, August 19

6:00 pm Mass, In Memory of Mary Chiri

Thursday, August 20

8:00 am Mass, In Memory of Maury Breen

Friday, August 21

8:00am Mass, In Memory of Doris Crnkovich

Saturday, August 22

5:00pm Mass, In Memory of Edward Blume

Sunday, August 23

10:00am Mass, For the people of Assumption

Readings for the week of August 16, 2020Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/
Mt 15:21-28

Monday: Ez 24:15-24/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab [39c]/
Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [Ez 36:25]/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/
Mt 23:1-12Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/Rom 11:33-36/
Mt 16:13-2**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!

RCIA SESSIONS FOR 2020-21

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults will begin on Sunday, September 20. RCIA is a program for individuals interested in joining the Catholic Church. This program is also for adults who were baptized Catholic but have not yet received one or more of the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation. If you lack one or both of these sacraments, or if you or someone you know would like to become a member of the Catholic Church, please contact Deacon Tom Schenk. You can email him at tschenk@assumptionsgranger.org or call his mobile at 515-480-1486. Deacon Tom is also available to discuss your questions or concerns about the Church.

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. BENEDICT CENTER**

BioSpiritual Focusing: Praying with the Whole Self, August 22, one-day retreat at *Saint Benedict Center*, Schuyler, with *Deborah Sheehan, M.A.*, and *Jane King, M.A.* BioSpiritual Focusing is a way of opening the whole of ourselves—mind, body, and spirit—to a deeper connectedness with God, others, and self. Join us to learn more about how gently being with what is present within your embodied self can open the door to a deeper story—and to a greater sense of wholeness. This practice requires no more than showing up and a willingness to engage contemplatively with what is going on within. And the potential for transformation and growth unfolds in the process. Social distancing will be observed, please bring your mask. Lunch is available at the Center for \$11.02 (includes tax). Register at www.StBenedictCenter.com or call (402) 352-8819.

Praying with the Gospel of Matthew – Hope in Daily Life as a Disciple, August 28 – 30, retreat at *Saint Benedict Center*, Schuyler, with *Monsignor Andrew J. Vaccari* from Brooklyn, NY, and a team of *Pro Sanctity* members. Learn about the Gospel of St. Matthew and pray with it. Enter more deeply into Jesus' teaching about the mystery of the Kingdom of God. We will explore the Gospel used for the current Liturgical Year (A) and reflect on writings from the saints to deepen our hope coming from the Gospel of Jesus Christ! The weekend includes personal and community prayer, opportunity for individual spiritual direction and the sacrament of reconciliation, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and Mass both Saturday and Sunday. Social distancing will be observed, please bring your mask. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to Sunday after lunch. Register now at www.StBenedictCenter.com or call (402) 352-8819.

Help Wanted—Temporary part time help to sterilize the Church, gathering space, bathroom and gym after daily and weekend Masses. It takes approximately 1 hour after each Mass. This would also include special events for example funerals. Please contact the parish office.

Know Your Catholic Faith**Assumption of the BVM**

For hundreds of years, Catholics observed the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15. This teaching of Mary's being taken bodily to Heaven after her death was in 1950 proclaimed a dogma of the Church, that is, the Assumption of Mary is one of the essential beliefs of the Catholic faith. August 15 is the day that Catholics have long celebrated what is called the Dormition (falling asleep) or Assumption of the Virgin Mary. The Feast of the Assumption celebrates both the happy departure of Mary from this life by her natural death, and her assumption bodily into heaven. Along with the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8, the Assumption is a principal feast of the Blessed Virgin and a Holy Day of Obligation. Though it was almost universally believed for more than a thousand years, the Bible contains no mention of the assumption of Mary into heaven. The first Church writer to speak of Mary's being taken up into heaven by God is Saint Gregory of Tours in 594. On May 1, 1946, Pope Pius XII, asked all bishops whether they thought this belief in the assumption of Mary into heaven should be defined as a proposition of faith, and whether they with their clergy and people desired the definition. Almost all the bishops of the world replied in the affirmative. On November 1, 1950, the Feast of All Saints, Pope Pius XII declared as a dogma revealed by God that "Mary, the immaculate perpetually Virgin Mother of God, after the completion of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into the glory of Heaven." (9:38)

Next week: GIRM.

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

- ♦ Sat. 9:30am Reconciliation for 1st Eucharist
8/15 10am Practice for 1st Eucharist
5pm Mass Celebrated with Rev. Dominic Assim
*Wishing Dcn. Tom Schenk
Happy 10th Anniversary of his Diaconate!*
- ♦ Sun. 10am Mass Celebrated with Rev. Dominic Assim
8/16 Recorded Mass available by 10am Sunday
*Wishing Deacon Tom Schenk
Happy 10th Anniversary of his Diaconate!*
2pm Celebration of 1st Eucharist
- Mon. 8am Mass
8/17 6pm-8:30pm Jacob's Martial Arts
- ♦ Tues. 8am Mass
8/18 6pm Adoration in the Church
7pm Social Justice Meeting (location TBD)
- ♦ Wed. 6pm Mass
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- ♦ Thur. 8am Mass
8/20 K of C Meeting will be a ZOOM meeting
- ♦ Fri. 8am Mass
8/21 8:30-5pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- ♦ Sat. 10am Celebration of Confirmation
8/22 5pm Mass Celebrated with Rev. Dominic Assim
- ♦ Sun. 10am Mass Celebrated with Rev. Dominic Assim
8/23 Recorded Mass available by 10am Sunday
2pm Celebration of Confirmation

Sister Miriam James, SOLT



Sr. Miriam passionately conveys that all are worthy of the Father's authentic love. After struggling with sexual abuse, alcoholism and emotional emptiness as a young adult, despite popularity and athletic success, she states that God's authentic love changed the course of her life and continues to do so to this day.



Is Christ our Life Conference happening this fall? **YES!!** We are happy to inform you that the conference will proceed as planned Saturday & Sunday, September 26 & 27th !

Christ Our Life is offering two options for participating in our conference, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday September 26 and 27 at the Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines. You can choose between attending in person or livestreaming it. The price is the same, either way. Please join us for this beautiful opportunity for spiritual enrichment.

MASS STIPEND OPENINGS

The Assumption Mass calendar has availability for Masses to be offered for deceased loved ones and friends for both weekday and weekend Mass times. The Book of Maccabees tells us, ***"It is a wholesome thing to pray for the dead."*** Contact the parish office to schedule a Mass.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
<http://assumptionknights.org>

Upcoming events

August 20 — K of C will ZOOM their August meeting

MASS SEATING & COMMUNION

A family may sit together in one pew. They don't need to separate between pews.

You are encouraged to receive the Eucharist in your hands and not on the tongue. During the reception of Communion, approach the minister, hold out your hands, say Amen (to the words "The Body of Christ), step to the side, pull your mask down consume the host, pull your mask back up and return to your seat. You must consume immediately after receiving it. Do not take the host back to your seat.

If you wish to receive on the tongue, we ask that you wait until all others have received on the hand. Thank you!

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 \$60,233

Thank you to the 137 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 | Beef Stew | Canned meals |
| Laundry soap | Body wash | Shampoo |
| Deodorant | Paper Towels | Toilet Paper |

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

TEACHERS NEEDED FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

1st grade, 5th grade & 7th grade

Our plan at this time classes and half will week, to allow for Registration will be 10th, by email and

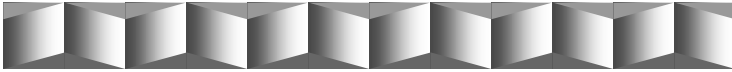


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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB CORNER

Upcoming Events:

Missing Pans??? If you donated a dessert to one of our K of C 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

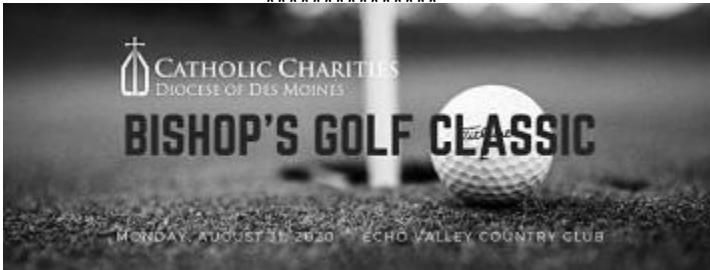


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Catholic Faith on demand!



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**Join us for the 2020 Bishop's Golf Classic! Monday,
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We are excited to get together with old friends and new supporters. Our programs and services have continued and thrived during the COVID-19 pandemic. Your participation and support are even more important this year! Although this tournament may look a little different than in the past with additional restrictions and social distancing standards, we will make sure you have a great day on the links while you support Catholic Charities' mission of empowering individuals and strengthening families!

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Tamanique Scholarship Student Spotlight

Every year Assumption parish provides scholarships to students in Tamanique, El Salvador. These scholarships help promote social justice by supporting those in the greatest need. For many of our students the reality is, no scholarship means no school. The scholarships are part of a program that provides much more than an award of money. All scholarship students create and implement a community project and take part in regular leadership workshops to further develop their impact as a citizen as well as their communication skills.

*This week's student spotlight is:
Fátima Zuleyma Hernández Pinto*



Hi. I'm Fátima Zuleyma Hernández Pinto. I'm 18 and in my second year of high school in the Educational Complex El Sunzal, which is in the municipality of Tamanique. My focus in high school is accounting and I started in the scholarship program last year.

I have three siblings, an older sister and two younger brothers. Three of us are in high school and my little brother is in the eighth grade.

My community project is to help children, K through 3rd grade, learn to read and write. But it's not just a matter of reading and writing. Some don't know how to hold a pen, paint with a brush, or take care of their notebooks. This generates conflicts because even when they are interested in learning and disciplined, they don't improve their skills because they don't have good habits in working hard. As a result, they don't progress or improve.


It's why it's important that we work to give children the tools they need because teachers don't have enough time and often simply give homework to the kids. We try to teach them the alphabet in a creative way with drawing so they feel motivated to learn.

Before receiving the scholarship, I didn't have money for my lunch. I only had \$2 to bring to school and spending the whole day there, I had to use \$ 1 (Dollars, equivalent to American dollars, are the currency in El Salvador.) in transportation leaving only enough for a small snack for lunch. And some days I had to use the other \$1 for my homework, such as investigations in the cyber cafe and photocopies of documents. After days of starving in the afternoons, I began feeling ill and realized it was gastritis. I told my mother that I might withdraw from school and not finish my third year. I also started thinking about my two brothers who are also studying, and that the money is not enough to cover all our needs.

Then I heard about the scholarship program, got the application and received a visit from Maira (Romero, our sister organization's representative in Tamanique) and the scholarship committee. They let me know everything I needed to know about the program and thanks to this opportunity I hope to continue my studies. I want to continue with higher education and then support my mother because she didn't have the opportunity like us to get a degree. Her family did not let her study. They only taught her about the agriculture.

First, I am very thankful to God, and then to all of you who decided to help us. We are thousands of young people with dreams to fulfill and goals to achieve. It is incredible that I have received this opportunity. I am really thankful to CIS, the scholarship committee and the Parish of Our Lady of the Assumption. I always ask God to protect you and give you the wisdom to keep contributing to the scholarship fund .

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