

*August 23,  
2020*

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**RECONCILIATION**

4pm 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**

Fr. Dominic Assim..... Pastor  
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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”.*

*21<sup>st</sup> Sunday*  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 21<sup>ER</sup> DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter said in reply, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” - Mt 16:15-16

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Luego les preguntó: “Y ustedes, ¿quién dicen que soy yo?” Simón Pedro tomó la palabra y le dijo: “Tú eres el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios vivo”. - Mt 16, 15-16

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**SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS**

**Monday, August 24**  
8:00 am Mass, Intentions for Kaylen Naert

**Tuesday, August 25**  
8:00 am Mass, In Memory of Frederico Montelongo

**Wednesday, August 26**  
6:00 pm Mass, In Memory of Marie Jordan

**Thursday, August 27**  
8:00 am Mass, In Memory of Dan Caralfo Sr.

**Friday, August 28**  
8:00am Mass, In Memory of Lena Vignaroli

**Saturday, August 29**  
5:00pm Mass, In Memory of Larry Heiderscheidt

**Sunday, August 30**  
10:00am Mass, For the people of Assumption

**Readings for the week of August 23, 2020**

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/Rom 11:33-36/  
Mt 16:13-20

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 [1]/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [1]/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 [5]/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17 [cf. 15ab]/  
Mk 6:17-29

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Rom 12:1-2/  
Mt 16:21-2

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

We will continue to expose the Blessed Sacrament on Friday's from 8:30am-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!

**BAPTISM CLASS**

Our next Baptismal Prep class will be held **Sunday, September 20th at 1pm**. This class is intended for new parents and those who have not taken this class Within the last 3 years. Meet in the gathering space.

**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@assumptingranger.org](mailto:tschenk@assumptingranger.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**

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](http://www.StBenedictCenter.com) or call (402) 352-8819.

A Time Away for Health Care Providers and First Responders will be offered at Saint Benedict Center, Schuyler, September 8 – 9, by Patrick Davis, M.A., and Deborah Sheehan, M.A.. As health care providers and first responders, you are on the front line of care in dealing with the coronavirus. Long work hours, the suffering of patients and families, potential threat to your own life and family, uncertainty and little relief can take a toll on your spirit. Give yourself the gift of rest, relaxation and respite, a time to consider what these last months have meant for you. This retreat will be a space for paying deeper attention to what has happened beyond the surface details. It will be a time to renew and recharge for the days ahead. Spiritual direction will be offered. Social distancing will be observed, please bring your mask. Only \$50 total! Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. to Wednesday after lunch. Register now at [www.StBenedictCenter.com](http://www.StBenedictCenter.com) or call (402) 352-8819.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE**

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

**Know Your Catholic Faith****GIRM**

The GIRM, or the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, from the Roman Missal, Third Edition, seeks to promote a more conscious, active, and full participation of the faithful in the mystery of the Eucharist. The GIRM [often pronounced "germ"] provides specific detail about each element of the Order of Mass as well as other information related to the Mass. The GIRM is the detailed document governing the celebration of Mass of the ordinary form of the Roman Catholic Church. Stated in no. 1 of the Introduction of the GIRM: "As Christ the Lord was about to celebrate with the disciples the paschal supper in which he instituted the Sacrifice of his Body and Blood, he commanded that a large, furnished upper room be prepared. Indeed the Church has always judged that this command also applied to herself whenever she decided about things related to the disposition of people's minds, and of places, rites and texts for the Celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist." The Roman Missal contains all the prayers recited at Mass, and the GIRM describes the rubrics, or instructions, on how the Mass is to be celebrated. Praying the Mass with careful attention to the rubrics enables all Catholics to become "ever more holy by conscious, active, and fruitful participation in the mystery of the Eucharist." (9:39)

**Next week: Altar.**

If you would like a specific topic about the Catholic faith addressed, submit your question via email to [parish@assumptiongranger.org](mailto:parish@assumptiongranger.org) with "Catholic Faith" included in the subject line.

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

- ♦ Sat. 10am Celebration of Confirmation  
8/22 5pm Mass Celebrated with Rev. Dominic Assim  
Hudson Cunningham 1st Eucharist during Mass
- ♦ Sun. 10am Mass Celebrated with Rev. Dominic Assim  
8/23 Recorded Mass available by 10am Sunday  
2pm Celebration of Confirmation
- ♦ Mon. 8am Mass  
8/24 6pm-8:30pm Jacob's Martial Arts
- ♦ Tues. 8am Mass  
8/25 6pm Finance ZOOM Meeting
- ♦ Wed. 6pm Mass  
8/26
- ♦ Thur. 8am Mass  
8/27 6pm-8:30pm Jacob's Martial Arts
- ♦ Fri. 8am Mass  
8/28 8:30-5pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- ♦ Sat. 5pm Mass Celebrated with Rev. Dominic Assim  
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8/30
- ♦ Mon. 8am Mass  
8/31 6pm-8:30pm Jacob's Martial Arts
- ♦ Tues. 8am Mass  
9/1 6:30pm Adult Faith Formation Meeting (Conf. call)

**SCHOOL KITCHEN HELP NEEDED**

Saint Theresa Catholic is hiring part-time employees to work in the kitchen. If you would be interested in working during the school year 2020-2021 please contact Ken Seymour. [kseymour@stsdsm.com](mailto:kseymour@stsdsm.com) or 515-277-0178 ext 8100. Hours will vary from 8 to 2.

*Be kind to one another and pray for each other!*

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

**Upcoming events**

**August 20 — K of C will ZOOM their August meeting**

The Assumption Knights of Columbus Scholarships were presented to the recipients at Mass on Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup>. Our Scholarship Committee Chair, Travis Risvold, read off the names and your Grand Knight, Merlyn Wiese, presented certificates to these seven young men and women. This year's recipients are:

1. Jack Grell – **Geneser Scholarship** \$1,000 -- Augustana University - Sioux Falls
2. Ally Baumhover @ \$500 -- Iowa State
3. Tori Kitt @ \$500 -- DMACC initially, then Iowa State
4. Nathaniel Rosen @ \$500 -- Iowa State
5. Mallory Schmitz @ \$500 -- University of Northern Iowa
6. Juliette Sosa Valle @ \$500 -- University of Alabama - Birmingham
7. Ben Wiese @ \$500 -- Webster University - -St. Louis

**CONGRATULATIONS!** We wish you well!



**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 \$62,708**

Thank you to the 141 families that have participated out of



**PHISHING EMAILS**

There seem to be more phishing emails circulating again posing to be Bishop Joensen. **Please do not reply to these and delete if you receive one.** You will not receive anything from Bishop Joensen from a Gmail, Hotmail, Yahoo etc account. Here is what the email was; **Hi, how are you doing? I need a favor from you, email me as soon as you get this message. I'm currently out of the parish office. May the lord bless and keep you safe and healthy. God bless, you, always and your ways.**

**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.

**TEACHERS NEEDED FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

**Involved!**  
7th grade

**Our plan at this time is to divide the classes and half will attend every other week, to allow for social distancing. Registrations were emailed on August 10th, if you did not receive please go to the Church website and register there.**

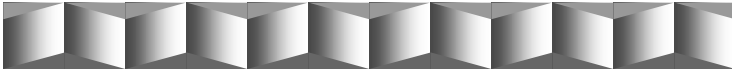
**NATIONAL ROSARY**

Please join thousands in praying the rosary from now & until October 8th. Pray for peace, unity and for this election year.

**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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## NATURE'S CALL CAMPOUT AT POMME DE TERRE LAKE IN MISSOURI

Young adults, join fellow Catholics from around the Midwest for the 27th annual Nature's Call Campout at Pomme de Terre Lake in Missouri! Spend Labor Day weekend camping, make new friendships, enjoy swimming, live music, dancing, hiking, a cooking competition, sports, and more! Holy Mass and Confessions will be available during the weekend. Bring your own camping equipment, food, and beverages. Visit [naturescallcampouts.org](http://naturescallcampouts.org) to learn more and purchase tickets (\$25 online or \$30 at the campground). We look forward to seeing you!



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.

**Please note** that I will have paper tickets available for anyone wishing to purchase starting Monday, August 17. Anyone interested in purchasing can contact me at [lkblink@me.com](mailto:lkblink@me.com) or call/text 515-443-2457. Anyone wishing to attend virtually must purchase their ticket online at [christourlifeiowa.com](http://christourlifeiowa.com)



From the Pastor  
Rev. Dominic Assim



## 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

Isaiah 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Matt 16:13-20

Jesus, in the gospel, asked his disciples who they believe him to be. He did not ask the question directly; he began by asking what people were saying about him, and who they took him to be.


Some said that he was John the Baptist; why? Because John the Baptist was so great a figure that it might well be that he had come back from the dead. Others said that he was Elijah. In doing so, they were saying two things about Jesus. (1) Jesus was great as prophet Elijah. (2) Jesus was the forerunner of the Messiah. Others also said that Jesus was Jeremiah; why? Because people believed that, before the people of Israel went into exile, Jeremiah had taken the ark and the altar of incense out of the Temple, and hidden them away in a lonely cave on Mount Nebo. Before the coming of the Messiah, he would return and produce them, and the glory of God would come to the people again.

Beloved in Christ, when the people identified Jesus with John the Baptist, Elijah, and Jeremiah, they were, according to their understanding, paying him a great compliment and setting him in a high place. For these people were none other than the expected forerunners of the Anointed One of God.

When Jesus heard the verdicts of the people, he then asked the all-important/crucial question: And you- who do you say that I am? Peter made his great discovery and great confession: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus is asking all of us the same question; who do you say that I am? How we answer this question will determine how each of us relates to Jesus. Our discovery of Jesus must be a personal discovery. Christianity never consists in knowing about Jesus; it always consists of knowing Jesus. Today, Jesus demands our verdict and intimate knowledge.

My assignment for you this week is, write a full page of who is Jesus Christ to you?

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