



*February 28,*  
*2021*

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**RECONCILIATION**

4pm on Saturday afternoon

**SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

5pm Saturday evening

10am Sunday morning and 5pm on Sunday evening

*The Church is set up for social distancing.*

*Mass is now LIVE streamed on You Tube. Access thru*

*Church website or personal devices. You can watch*

*LIVE or recorded versions.*

**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 **March 14 @ 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".*

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*2nd Sunday*  
**OF LENT**

2º DOMINGO DE LA CUARESMA

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." - Mk 9:7

Se formó entonces una nube, que los cubrió con su sombra, y de esta nube salió una voz que decía: "Este es mi Hijo amado; escúchenlo". - Mc 9, 7

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**SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS**

**Monday, March 1**  
8:00 am Mass, In Memory of Richard Wren

**Tuesday, March 2**  
8:00 am Mass, In Memory of Marcella Klocke

**Wednesday, March 3**  
8:00 am Mass, In Memory of Phyllis & Ed Byrnes

**Thursday, March 4**  
8:00 am Mass, In Memory of Nora Flanigan

**Friday, March 5**  
5:30 pm Mass, In Memory of Maury Breen

**Saturday, March 6**  
5:00 pm Mass, In Memory of Joan Henkels

**Sunday, March 7**  
10:00 am Mass, In Memory of Mary Manning  
5:00 pm Mass, For the People of Assumption Parish

**Rice Bowls:**

Our parish will be participating in CRS Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program, as a way to encounter Jesus through others, especially through the most vulnerable in our world. Rice Bowls will be available on Ash Wednesday. Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl and use this fun and easy resource to deepen your family's Lenten experience and make a difference in the lives of the poor.

We ask that you bring them back and place them in the baskets that will be provided at our Holy Thursday Liturgy.

**Fasting:**

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday is a day of fast (i.e. no meat and no snacks between meals). ALL Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence: No meat on Fridays of Lent.

**Reconciliation:**

All Saturdays starting at 4pm. Our parish reconciliation with extra Priest March 24th at 6:30pm sharp.

**Lenten Devotions:**

- ◆ Friday 's at 5pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass
- ◆ Sunday's at 4:30pm Evening Prayer & Benediction
- ◆ Sunday's at 6pm The Shack—Movie and Book Study (starts 2/21)

**K of C Fish Fry & Homemade Pizza:**

This year they will be offering **Drive-up ONLY** from 5:30pm-7pm. Line up in park West of Church (Rose St.)

Menu: Fried or Baked Fish, baked potato, coleslaw, roll, and cookie. Whole Cheese Pizza will also be available.

**FREE-WILL DONATION!!!!**

Blessings, Your Brothers in Christ, Assumption Knights of Columbus, Council 12130

**Readings for the week of February 28, 2021**

Sun: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Mon: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

Tues: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12

Wed: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

Thurs: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31

Fri: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Sat: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7,8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

**EASE FUND GUIDELINES**

Dear Parishioners,

We are pleased to provide you with information regarding the guidelines for Endowing Assumption Students with Education (EASE) Fund.

The EASE fund was established by Father Terry Lees in the 1980's and shall be maintained to provide tuition assistance to Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary families.

Financial assistance from the EASE fund is made available to any qualifying student who seeks a secure K-12 Catholic education at an accredited elementary or high school located within the Diocese of Des Moines.

The application period opens the first business day of February and will close the first business day of April. The award-notification letters of financial assistance will be sent by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

The amount awarded to a qualifying family in any given year will be \$300 per elementary student and \$500 per high school student, as long as the total distribution is within the limit of total funding available. The amount of total funding available for disbursement to all qualifying applicants in any given fiscal year shall not exceed 5% of the EASE fund balance at the end of the prior fiscal year.

The updated guidelines and the application form for EASE Fund can be found on the Assumption Catholic Church website.

<https://assumptiongranger.org/about-us/forms/parish-resources/>

If you have any questions, please contact Anita Stahowick the parish Business Manager.

**Please Help to Grow our Ministers**

In order to do Liturgy and to do it well, we need **you!** Have you felt called to serve God and Assumption parish in a deeper, fuller sense? Has the Holy Spirit touched you urging you to share your gifts with our Church community. If so, express your interest in the ministry of Lector, Greeters, Extraordinary Minister of Communion, Server, Sacristan, Singer, Organist or Musician.

**Training will be provided**

**Know Your Catholic Faith****Sundays of Lent**

Sundays are not counted in the days of Lent; otherwise, there would be 46 days of Lent between the first day of Lent and Easter Sunday. But why are not the Sundays included? The answer goes back to the earliest days of the Church. Christ's original disciples, who were Jewish, grew up with the idea that the Sabbath—the day of worship and of rest—was Saturday, the seventh day of the week, since the account of creation in Genesis says that God rested on the seventh day. Christ rose from the dead, however, on Sunday, the first day of the week, and the early Christians, starting with the apostles (those original disciples), saw Christ's Resurrection as a new creation, and so they transferred the day of rest and worship from Saturday to Sunday. Since all Sundays—and not simply Easter Sunday—were days to celebrate Christ's Resurrection, Christians were forbidden to fast and do other forms of penance on those days. Therefore, the period of fasting and prayer in preparation for Easter do not include Sundays in the count. (10:14)

**Next week: Fast and Abstinence.**

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" in the subject line.

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

- ◆ Sat. 5pm Mass Celebrated with Rev. Dominic Assim  
2/27
- ◆ Sun. 10am Mass Celebrated with Rev. Dominic Assim  
2/28 11am-12:15pm RE Classes (1st-4th grade) Part A  
3-4pm Boys Scout Meeting (gym)  
4:30pm Evening Prayer (Dcn. Tom)  
5pm Sunday Evening Mass  
5pm-7pm Middle School Gathering (gym)  
6-7:30pm Happy Hours "The Shack" (Youth Group room)  
Child care for Happy Hours (classroom across from YG rom)
- ◆ Mon. 8am Daily Mass  
3/1 8:30am Gospel of John—AFF (gym)  
5-6:30pm Jacob's Martial Arts (gym)
- ◆ Tues. 8am Daily Mass  
3/2 5pm-6:30pm (Scott) Basketball practice (gym)  
5pm CWC Cookie Making (kitchen)  
6:30-7:30pm (Scott) 2nd grade baseball practice (gym)
- ◆ Wed. 8am Daily Mass  
3/3 5pm Gospel of John—AFF (gym)  
7pm Gospel of John—AFF (gym)  
7-8:15pm RE Classes (5th-8th grade) Part A
- ◆ Thur. 8am Daily Mass  
3/4 5-6:30pm Jacob's Martial Arts (gym)
- ◆ Fri. 8:30am Adoration until 5pm (Church)  
3/5 5pm Stations of the Cross  
5:30pm Evening Mass  
5:30-7pm K of C Drive-Thru Fish Dinner/Pizza
- ◆ Sat. 5pm Mass Celebrated with Rev. Dominic Assim  
3/6 Blest Art (Olive Wood Sales)
- ◆ Sun. 10am Mass Celebrated with Rev. Dominic Assim  
3/7 Blest Art (Olive Wood Sales)  
11am-12:15pm RE Classes (1st-4th grade) Part B  
4:30pm Evening prayer (Fr. Dominic)  
5pm Sunday Evening Mass  
5-7pm 1st year Confirmation Class  
6-7:30pm Happy Hours "The Shack" (Youth Group room)  
Child care for Happy Hours (classroom across from YG rom)
- ◆ Mon. 8am Daily Mass  
3/8 8:30am Gospel of John—AFF (gym)  
5-6:30pm Jacob's Martial Arts (gym)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held on Friday's after morning Mass from 8:30am-5pm. If no one is present when you leave we ask that you veil the Blessed Sacrament with the silk cloth provided.

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!



**5th Annual Lenten Happy Hours**

Looking for something to do for Lent? *Happy Hours* is back for a 6-week series starting **Sunday, Feb 21 at 6pm** Come get to know the Trinity in a whole new light as we explore the movie *The Shack*. Child care available by contacting Lisa Risvold at [lkblink@me.com](mailto:lkblink@me.com).



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

Next K of C Council Meeting  
March 18 – 6pm Rosary followed with Mass  
Council Meeting @ 7pm in the gym + Zoom



This year they will be offering **Drive-up ONLY** from 5:30pm-7pm. Line up in park West of Church (Rose St.) Menu: Fried or Baked Fish, baked potato, coleslaw, roll, and cookie. Whole Cheese Pizza will also be available as well.

**FREE-WILL DONATION!!!!**



**1st Year Confirmation Classes 5-7pm**  
3/7, 4/11, 5/2

**2nd Year Confirmation Classes 5pm-7pm**  
3/21, 4/18, 5/16

**Middle School Gatherings 5pm-7pm**  
2/28, 5/23

**Wednesday Night Classes (5th-8th Grade) 7pm-8:15pm**  
Part A: 3/10, 3/31  
Part B: 3/3, 3/24, 4/7

**Sunday Classes (1st-4th Grade) 11am-12:15pm**  
Part A: 2/28, 3/21  
Part B: 3/7, 3/21

**Youth Group 7pm-8:15pm**  
3/10, 3/24, 4/28, 5/12, 5/26

*NCYC 2021 will be happening in November 2021. Plan to attend an informational meeting on Sunday, March 7 at 7pm to learn more information about these opportunities that will be 9-12 graders in November 2021. If you have already indicated interest we would like you to plan to attend the meeting for the latest updates. We will be notifying the Diocese of Des Moines our projected number of interested students on Monday, March 15.*

**FOUR THINGS TO ADD THIS LENT**

Don't just give something up this Lent—add a spiritual practice to go deeper in your relationship with the Lord.  
**Here are some ideas**

1. **Go to Mass.** Make the commitment to add a Friday Mass (or Monday, or Tuesday . . . ). Assumption will be hosting the Stations of the Cross on Friday's starting at 5pm followed by evening Mass during Lent
2. **Make a holy hour.** If you don't regularly go to Eucharistic adoration, start spending an hour (or thirty minutes) each week in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Assumption offers Adoration every Friday starting at 8:30am-5pm and also the 2nd Tuesday of each month starting at 6pm.
3. **Read Scripture.** One way to keep our minds focused on Lent and preparation for the Resurrection is to read and reflect on the Sunday Mass readings. Walk with the Church on her journey through the Passion to Easter Sunday.
4. **Get kids involved.** Help them understand why we make Lenten sacrifices and why Easter is so important. Teach kids the Lenten story and get them thinking about why Jesus died for us. Utilize the Rice Bowl activity page to help with this.



**BLEST ART**

Blest Art will be set up in the gathering space the weekend of March 6-7 on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem. Their mission is to support those families in the Holy Land. They will have hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood art. Please support!



## 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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### 2021 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

The ADA will be conducted next weekend at Mass. Each year, Bishop Joensen and Fr. Dominic ask each member of our parish family to make a commitment to support the work of our Diocesan programs and ministries that provide services that no one parish could provide on its own. We Need **everyone's** participation in order to reach our goal. Our parish goal is \$101,589 and 100% participation. Remember that the money our parish raises above our goal stays right here at Assumption. Please experience the joy of giving and join us as we work to carry out our mission of serving the people of God in southwest Iowa.

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### WELCOME TO ASSUMPTION

Newcomers are asked to register by going to [www.assumptiongranger.com](http://www.assumptiongranger.com) printing a registration form filling it out in its entirety and return to the Parish Office.

If you would also do us a favor and contact the parish office when you leave or have a change of address, phone number or email so that we can update our system.



## **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:*

### **Mauricio Ernesto Vladimir Ramírez Hernández**

Hi. My name is Ernesto Vladimir Ramírez Hernández. I'm 25 years old and am pursuing a degree in Computing at Salvadoran Lutheran University in San Salvador. I'm from the community of Palmar in Tamanique. My brother and a sister and I, a 9-year-old niece and a 3-year-old nephew live with my parents. My father, who finished the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, is a day laborer and my mother, who finished the third grade, is a homemaker.

Since I started in the scholarship program in high school, I have experienced great changes. Personally, I have learned how to express myself in public, socialize with others and get involved in activities in my community. The scholarship program has helped me economically, and thanks to this, I'm about to finish my university education. Thanks to the social project I developed at the local school teaching children computing, the principal of the school referred me to work for the MILENIUM FUNDING (government program) to give workshops. This generated income for me.

The program has had a great impact on our community. It particularly benefited 45 children from the local school in the community of La Lima. These middle school students wouldn't have had access to computing classes because their families would have had to pay monthly to have access to computing classes. Having this opportunity will help children in their future education.

Despite the scholarship program, my main obstacle is my economic situation. I have to cover my tuition, bus fare, school supplies, copies, internet access and other items, which is hard considering the unemployment problems in my family. Also, because there is no university nearby, other students and I have to travel back and forth for two hours to get to classes. The violence in our country is an obstacle that we suffer daily. We see many robberies, and even deaths. I have been a victim of robbery three times. Thieves left me without my belongings and bus fare to get home. I had to ask for money on the street to pay for the bus to get back to my house. For this reason, many people have dropped out of school.

If all goes well, this year I will be the first person in my community to have a university degree. This fills me with joy, and my community is very proud of me. I thank God, and Assumption Church for the support we are given. Without you, it wouldn't be possible for us to pursue our education.

After graduation, I would like to create an organization to raise funds to support young people so they, too, can pursue a university education. Many families simply can't afford a university. This is why, from the bottom of my heart, I thank you for your support and work you do to help young people to pursue their education. I'm inspired by this to create a non-profit to help the youth.

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