# Assumption
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 14,
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**
Fr. Dominic Assim ..... Pastor
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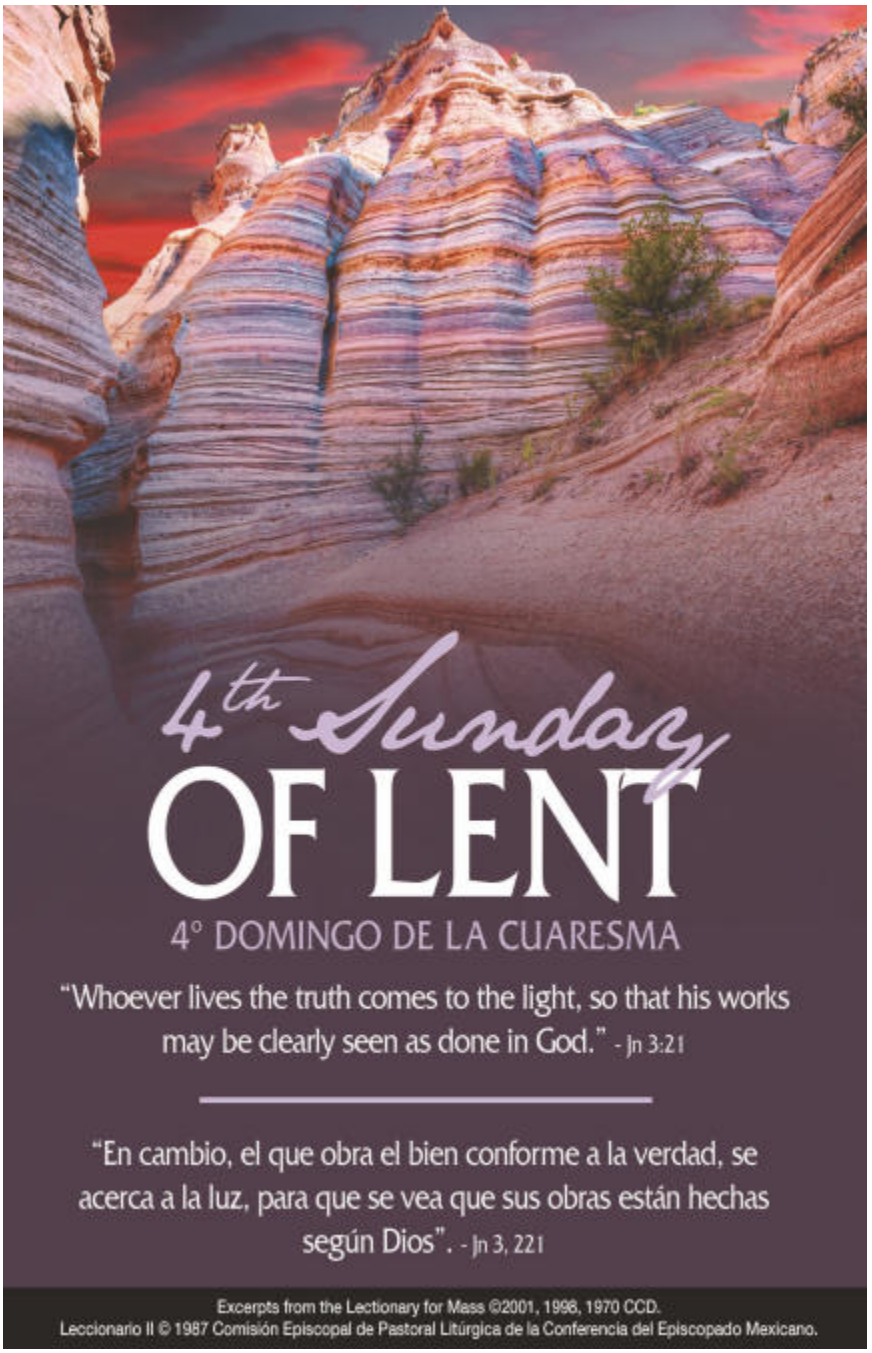
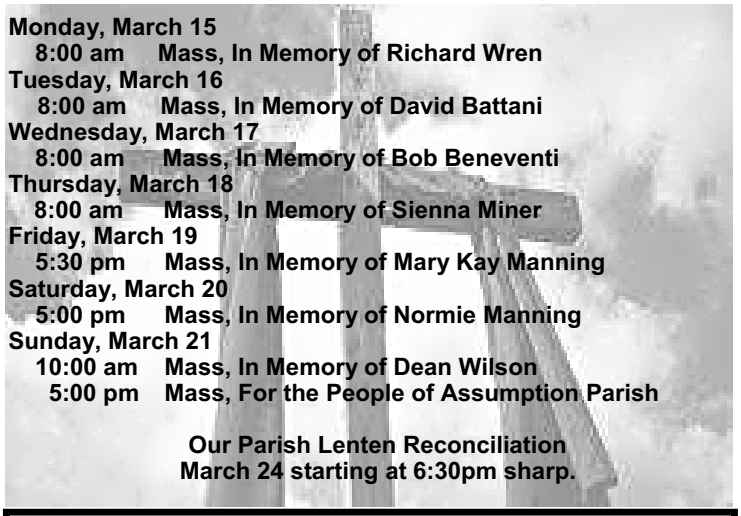
**ASSUMPTION PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**
***"To bring everyone together as people of God sharing the Bread of Life and living the Law of Love through service to all our neighbors".***




**Holy Week Schedule**
Holy Thursday—7pm
Good Friday Service—7pm
Easter Vigil—8pm
**Easter Sunday Mass Times: 7:30am & 10am**

## Schedule Of Masses and Intentions



**Monday, March 15**
**8:00 am Mass, In Memory of Richard Wren**
**Tuesday, March 16**
**8:00 am Mass, In Memory of David Battani**
**Wednesday, March 17**
**8:00 am Mass, In Memory of Bob Beneventi**
**Thursday, March 18**
**8:00 am Mass, In Memory of Sienna Miner**
**Friday, March 19**
**5:30 pm Mass, In Memory of Mary Kay Manning**
**Saturday, March 20**
**5:00 pm Mass, In Memory of Normie Manning**
**Sunday, March 21**
**10:00 am Mass, In Memory of Dean Wilson**
**5:00 pm Mass, For the People of Assumption Parish**

**Our Parish Lenten Reconciliation**
**March 24 starting at 6:30pm sharp.**

**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.

Operation Rice Bowl

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 5:30pm7pm.
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 March 14, 2021

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/ Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/ Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

### Altar Flowers

**The altar flowers last week were in Memory of**
**Brittany & Sheryl Kock**
**Given by Bettie Nixon**

## 2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal

A big "Thank You" to everyone who gave a gift this past weekend to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Our parish goal is $101,589 with 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 or one-time gift, please join us in supporting the vital programs and services throughout the Diocese that no single individual or parish can offer.

Simply fill our a pledge card and place it in the lock box or drop it in the mail. Pledge cards were sent out through the Diocese; however if you misplaced it we have them available on the bulletin tables for your convenience. Gifts can also be made online dmdiocese.org/giving. Thank you for your generosity and your support of the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

Diocese of Des Moines

## Reintegrating our Parish Hymnals

We will be reintegrating our parish hymnals the weekend of Palm Sunday. We ask that you take a book off of the cart as you enter into the Church. After Mass we ask that you return your book to the cart so that it can be quarantined for 3 days. Research shows that germs die off after 3 days. We will have 3 carts one for each of the weekend Masses. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Card Shower

Mary Somsky is turning 90 on Sunday, March 14th!!! We are having a birthday card shower for her. Please send birthday wishes to her at: PO Box 143 Granger, IA 50109

### Know Your Catholic Faith

**Prayer**

Reminding ourselves on the basics of prayer may be helpful. We know prayer can be verbal or nonverbal: that is, we can pray out loud or pray silently within our innermost thoughts. We pray in public, as we do at Mass, and we pray in private. We pray giving praise, or we pray in thanksgiving, or in petition or in repentance. We might be driven to prayer when we are sad or happy, when we are in trouble or afraid, or when we give praise and worship to the one who created us. The list could go on. Of course, we should make prayer a daily habit, engaging in chat with God throughout the day. The Church looks at all prayer as being fundamental to our faith, but especially in the morning and evening as they act as hinges to the day. Our morning prayer opens up our day—offering our labor and life to God, while our prayer before bed closes out our activities recalling the good we have done and asking for help to correct our failings in future days. Although we are to let God know what is on our hearts and minds, we need not always try to control the conversation with God, but rather let Him speak to us by spending time just listening to Him. Personal prayer anytime is a good thing. Yet private prayer does not take the place of attending Mass. Private prayer is personal and one-dimensional. When we are at Mass, we pray in union with other believers as part of a community. The Mass gives us the opportunity to seek forgiveness for our sins, be inspired by the readings and the homily, offer ourselves to the Lord, reach out to others with the peace of Christ, forgive others during the Lord's Prayer, receive the Body and Blood of Christ, and become empowered to carry the presence of Christ into the world. In the words of St. Paul, "Pray without ceasing." (10:16)

**Next week: Almsgiving.**

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

## CHURCH CALENDAR

- ♦ **Sat. 3/13** — 5pm Mass Celebrated with Rev. Dominic Assim; 10am-6pm Private Party (gym); Spring ahead (Daylight Savings Time begins)
- ♦ **Sun. 3/14** — 10am Mass Celebrated with Rev. Dominic Assim; NO RE—Spring Break; 1pm Baptismal Prep Class (Church Conf. #1); 4:30pm Evening Prayer (Dcn. Dennis); 5pm Sunday Evening Mass; 6-7:30pm Happy Hours "The Shack" (AFF room); Child care for Happy Hours (Conf. #3)
- ♦ **Mon. 3/15** — 8am Daily Mass; NO Gospel of John-Spring Break; 5-6:30pm Jacob's Martial Arts (gym)
- ♦ **Tues. 3/16** — 8am Daily Mass; 5pm CWC Cookie Making (kitchen); 6pm Adoration/Benediction (Church); Social Justice Meeting (TBD); 7pm K of C Officer's Meeting (Conf. #3)
- ♦ **Wed. 3/17** — 8am Daily Mass; 12 noon serve Connection Café downtown; NO RE—Spring Break; NO-Gospel of John– Spring Break
- ♦ **Thur. 3/18** — 8am Daily Mass; 6pm K of C rosary followed with Mass and then meeting
- ♦ **Fri. 3/19** — 8:30am Adoration until 5pm (Church); 5pm Stations of the Cross (Kathleen); 5:30pm Evening Mass; 5:30-7pm K of C Drive-Thru Fish Dinner/Pizza
- ♦ **Sat. 3/20** — 5pm Mass Celebrated with Rev. Dominic Assim
- ♦ **Sun. 3/21** — 10am Mass Celebrated with Rev. Dominic Assim; 11am-12:15pm RE Classes (1st-4th grade) Part B; 4:30pm Evening prayer (Dcn. Tom); 5pm Sunday Evening Mass; 5-7pm2nd year Confirmation Class; 6-7:30pm Happy Hours "The Shack" (AFF room); Child care for Happy Hours (Conf. #3)
- ♦ **Mon. 3/22** — 8am Daily Mass; 8:30am Gospel of John-Spring Break; 5-6:30pm Jacob's Martial Arts (gym); 7pm VBS planning meeting (Youth Group room)

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.

Also Adoration on the third Tuesday of the month, March 16th at 6pm.

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!

### 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**

### 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**

Fish Fry Friday **Drive-up ONLY** from 5:30pm7pm. 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!!!!**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**1st Year Confirmation Classes 5-pm7pm**
**4/11, 5/2**

**2nd Year Confirmation Classes 5pm-7pm**
**3/21, 4/14 Confirmation @7pm**
**Practice for Confirmation on April 11 @ 6pm**

**Middle School Gatherings 5pm-7pm**
**5/23**

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

**Sunday Classes (1st-4th Grade) 11am-12:15pm**
**Part A: 3/21, 4/11,**
**4/18—Practice for 1st Eucharist after 10am Mass**
***4/25 1st Eucharist @ 2pm***
**Part B: 3/28, 4/11(final class)**

**Youth Group 7pm-8:15pm**
**3/24, 4/28, 5/12, 5/26**
**NCYC—interested parties please attend 4-11-21 meeting @ 7pm**

### Baptism Class

Our next Baptismal Prep class will be held **Sunday, March 14th at 1pm.** This class is intended for new parents and those who have not taken this class within the last 3 years. Call Brenda at the parish office to register (515-999-2239 ext. 13)

### 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 15th.

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.

### Meeting Jesus in The Gospel of John

Experience the Joy of a renewed friendship with Christ as Adult Faith continues the faith journey with Edward Sri in an 8 week video series where you will: Learn what it takes to follow Christ. Discover the Joy of Divine friendship. See how God, and only God, can satisfy the deepest desires of the heart.

Sessions run on Mondays at 8:30am & Wednesdays at 5:00pm & 7:00pm.
***No class the week March 15th due to spring break***
Location: Adult Faith Meeting Room

## 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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**Job Posting: BUSINESS MANAGER**

St. John the Apostle Parish in Norwalk has an opening for a full time Business Manager. The Business Manager assists the Pastor with the stewardship of the physical, financial and personnel resources of the parish. A Bachelor's degree in Business Administration or Finance with a major in accounting along with business experience and management/supervisory experience is required. In addition, skills in fiscal planning and management, accounting, payroll, competence in computer software, mathematical and reasoning are preferred. St. John the Apostle is looking for a Business Manager with vision and strategic planning experience to help align the Parish growth with the rapidly growing community of Norwalk.
he job description is available on the parish website. If you desire to work in a positive environment with a growing parish, please send your resume to Fr. Dan Kirby, St. John the Apostle Catholic Church, 720 Orchard Hills Dr., Norwalk, IA 50211-9669.

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**Job Posting: Receptionist/Administrative Assistant**

St. Pius X Parish is hiring for the position of Receptionist/Administrative Assistant. This is a full-time position, M-F, with hours of 8 am to 4:30 pm. Contact Dean Roth at 276-2059 if you are interested.

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## 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.

***Vacation Bible School planning meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 22nd at 7pm.***

## 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:*
**David Alexander Vanegas Hernández**

Hi. My name is David Alexander Vanegas Hernández. I'm 20 years old and a third-year student in cuisine technology at the Central American Technical Institute in Santa Tecla. I live in El Progresso colony in the Tamanique community of San Alfonso with my mother and father and 14-year-old brother. My mother finished the 5$^{th}$ grade and my father, the 6$^{th}$.

The scholarship program has impacted my life positively in different areas. I now have more confidence to speak in public because my social project last year consisted of giving talks about food and nutrition to children. My parents were very happy to know that I'm getting closer to achieve my dream of completing my university degree, which is my passion in life. I believe I have left a footprint in all the children I had the opportunity to teach, and all the people I worked with. It fills me with joy to know that I shared my knowledge and that many learned from me.

My economic situation has been an obstacle to my studies and the pandemic has made it difficult to work. I occasionally work to save money to help my studies, but this has been impossible this year. I don't know if I will be able to graduate this year.

God willing, I would like to start my own business after graduation. I want to be my own boss and support other young people, providing more job opportunities for them. I want to support my family, so we can have a more dignified life. I especially want to help my mother, who has been fundamental to achieve my goals.

One of my plans is also to support the scholarship program in anything I can, and help other young people who have great needs. I thank Our Lady of Assumption Parish for their great contribution, and I pray for them every day, so they can continue supporting more young people through this program. I also want to thank CIS, for helping us get an education, as they help us to prepare for life.

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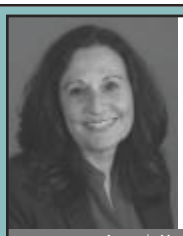

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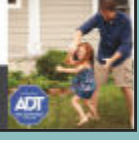
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