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CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 9,
2022

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Website dmidiocese.org

Information on Priesthood and religious life

vocationsonline.com

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515-244-3761

RECONCILIATION

4pm on Saturday afternoon

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

5pm Saturday evening

10am Sunday morning and 5pm on Sunday evening

Mass is being LIVE streamed on YouTube. 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 **January 16 @ 1pm**. Call the parish office to register.

No Baptisms during Lent

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Dominic Assim Pastor

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Rev. Mr. Dennis Wright Deacon

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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”.

The Baptism
OF THE LORD
EL BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR

“I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” - Lk 3:16bc

“Yo bautizo con agua, pero ya viene otro más poderoso que yo, a quien no merezco desatarle las correas de sus sandalias. El los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo y con fuego”. - Lc 3, 16

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Monday, January 10
 8:00 am Mass, In Memory of Ray Reid
Tuesday, January 11
 8:00 am Mass, In Memory of David Battani
Wednesday, January 12
 8:00 am Mass, In Memory of Joan Henkels
Thursday, January 13
 8:00 am Mass, In Memory of Quentin & Greg Hoefler
Friday, January 14
 8:00 pm Mass, In Memory of Richard & Charlene Wren
Saturday, January 15
 5:00 pm Mass, In Memory of Roger Horton
Sunday, January 16
 10:00 am Mass, In Memory of Boris Botero
 5:00 pm Mass, For the People of Assumption Parish

Readings for the week of January 09, 2022
 Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/
 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25,
 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
 Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
 Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/
 Jn 2:1-11

SAVE THE DATE

“Save the Date” for the Assumption Volunteer Appreciation Dinner? The dinner will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan 22, 2022. All parishioners who help make our parish great, whether by volunteering their time & talent, tithing, or actively participating are most welcome to attend.

WELCOME TO ASSUMPTION

Newcomers are asked to register by going to www.assumptiongranger.com print a registration form fill 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.

**FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2021
 Attendance & YouTube Views & Tithing Recap:**

December 4/5—382 + 27 = 409
 December 11/12—413 + 17 = 430
 December 18/19—361 + 25 = 386
 December 24 Christmas Eve @ 4pm—394 + 38 = 432
 December 24 Christmas Eve @ 6pm—143 + 24 = 167
 December 25 Christmas Day @ 9am—94 + 6 = 100
 December 25/26—283 + 25 = 308
 December 31 @ 5pm —48+10 = 58

	Received	Budget	Difference
December Tithing	\$61,116.00	\$31,250.00	\$29,866.00
Christmas Collection	\$7,720.00	\$5,400.00	\$2,320.00
December Plate	\$3,141.54	\$2,000.00	\$1,141.54
Total December Collection	\$71,977.54	\$38,650.00	\$33,327.54
YTD Tithing	\$219,072.90	\$217,900.00	\$1,172.90
YTD Plate	\$9,729.41	\$12,000.00	-\$2,270.59
Total YTD Collection	\$228,802.31	\$229,900.00	-\$1,097.69

CONNECTION CAFÉ-HELP

Connection Cafe has finally run out of meat, which has been generously provide over the past year by various parishioners. That means, however, that we need more. Beef, pork or venison will be appreciated by the Social Justice Committee and by the homeless and hungry people at Connection Cafe. Thanks in advance!



THE BISHOP WANTS TO HEAR FROM US

Bishop William Joensen invites us to take part in a brief survey that will assist our visioning process for the Diocese of Des Moines. We want to hear of your joys and disappointments, your hopes and priorities for our diocesan future. To complete the survey in English, go here: <https://forms.gle/1mp721t5b8TFcAid8> or click on the QR code (print the QR code image next to this note). En espanol: <https://forms.gle/nnPzXFtVJcs4oTXi6> (print the Spanish QR code image next to this link). The Bishop also invites us to pray that God will grace us with clear vision of His will for the way forward.

JOIN US:

- Saturday January 15, 2022
- 11:00am-12:00pm
- On the sidewalk in front of planned parenthood

1000 East Army Post Road
Des Moines. (Just north of Southridge Mall)

Please do not park in the planned parenthood parking lot.

Know Your Catholic Faith

Baptism of the Lord

At first glance, the Baptism of the Lord might seem an odd feast since the Church teaches that the sacrament of Baptism is necessary for the remission of sins, particularly Original Sin. Therefore, why was Christ baptized? After all, He was born without Original Sin, and He lived His entire life without sinning. We have to think He had no need of the sacrament, as we do. But Christ’s baptism foreshadows our own baptism. In submitting Himself humbly to the baptism of St. John the Baptist, Christ provided the example for the rest of us. If He should be baptized, even though He had no need of it, how much more should the rest of us be thankful for this sacrament, which frees us from the darkness of sin and incorporates us into the Church, the life of Christ on earth! His Baptism, therefore, was necessary—not for Him, but for us. With the celebration of the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord the season of Christmas comes to a close. (11:7)

Next week: Laity.

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. 11 am Baptism for Annie Jo Danner (Dcn. Dennis)
- ◆ 1/8 5pm RCIA class (Tom)
- ◆ Sun. First Communion for Jameson Paul Klaus (during 10am Mass)
- 1/9 Nursery during 10am Mass
11am-12:15pm Religious Education Classes (K-4th grade)
5-8pm 2nd yr. Confirmation Class (starting with Mass)
- ◆ Mon. 8:30am AFF-Gospel of Mark
- 1/10 6-8:30pm Jacobs Martial Arts (Gym)
- ◆ Tues 5-6:30pm Scott Basketball practice (gym)
- 1/11 6pm Pastoral Council Meeting (Conf. 2)
- ◆ Wed. 9am-12 noon Pickle ball (gym)
- 1/12 5pm AFF-Gospel of Mark
7pm AFF-Gospel of Mark
7-8:15pm Religious Education Classes (5-8th grade)
7-8:15pm Youth Group (ALL High Schoolers!)
- ◆ Thurs. 6-8:30pm Jacobs Martial Arts (Gym)
- 1/13
- ◆ Sun. 10am RCIA class
- 1/16 Nursery during 10am Mass
11am-12:15pm Religious Education Classes
1pm Baptismal Prep Class (Conf. room #2)
6-8pm 1st Year Confirmation Class (Youth Group room)
- ◆ Mon. 8:30am Adult Faith Gospel of Mark (Conf. room 2)
- 1/17 6-8:30pm Jacobs Martial Arts (Gym)
- ◆ Tues 5-6:30pm Scott Basketball practice (gym)
- 1/18
- ◆ Wed. 9am-12 noon Pickle ball (gym)
- 1/19 5pm Adult Faith Gospel of Mark (Conf. room 2)
7pm Adult Faith Gospel of Mark (Conf. room 2)
7-8:15pm Religious Education Classes (5-8th grade)
- ◆ Thurs. 6pm K of C Rosary followed with Mass, Dinner & Meeting
- 1/20
- ◆ Fri. Set up for Appreciation Dinner (gym)
- 1/21
- ◆ Sat. Appreciation Dinner following 5pm Mass (gym)
- 1/22 Hosted by the Pastoral Council
- ◆ Sun. 10am RCIA class
- 1/23 Nursery during 10am Mass
11am-12:15pm Religious Education Classes

BAPTISM CLASS

Our next Baptismal Prep class will be held **Sunday, January 16, 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)



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, January 18 at 6pm in the Church.

2021 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

A Big Thank You to those who have given a gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal! The ADA parish goal is \$101,589. We are currently at \$71,541 Thank you to the 143 families that have participated out of the 509 Active Families.

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 continue God's work of spirituality, charity and education.

Please consider making a gift online by credit card by visiting <https://www.dmdiocese.org/giving>

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

January 20 – 6pm Rosary followed with Mass @ 6:15pm than Meeting & Dinner



ASSUMPTION BOOK CLUB

The January meeting will be on Saturday, January 15th. The book to be discussed in January is *The Shadow of His Wings: The True Story of Fr. Gereon Goldman*.

We will meet in Conference room #2 down the hallway in the school. If you have any questions about the book club please contact Cindy VanDeWalle by phone 986-1371 or email her: vandewalle1979@gmail.com



New Members are always welcome!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday RE Classes (K-4th grade)
11:00am-12:15am
1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30

2nd Year Confirmation (10th grade)
Sunday 6pm-8pm
1/9 start w/Mass @ 5pm

Confirmation is scheduled for April 27th @ 7pm

1st Year Confirmation (9th grade)
Sunday 6-8pm
1/16

Youth Group (All High Schoolers)
Wednesday 7-8:15pm
1/12, 1/26

Wednesday RE Classes (5-8 grades)
7-8:15pm
1/12, 1/19, 1/26

Family Catechesis: 11-12:30PM 2/27

TAMANIQUE, OUR SISTER PARISH

"Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime." This proverb applies directly to our parish's Tamanique project, which is in its tenth year. It provides scholarships to students in Tamanique, El Salvador, many of whom would not be able to attend, or finish, high school. Our scholarships pay only about 75 percent of the cost. The students and their families pay the rest. However, it's enough to help graduates assist their families and communities, and find work in El Salvador instead of emigrating to the U.S. and other countries. It helps us fulfill our Christian obligation of building a more just world. Over the years, we have received innumerable letters of gratitude from the students and many of our parishioners have received the thanks personally in our annual visits there. The annual cost of a scholarship for one student is \$330, but we'll take donations of any amount. To donate, or for information on our next trip to Tamanique please contact Tom Carney, 515 556-5068 or carney133@msn.com, or contact the parish office.

Pickle Ball

The Assumption Church is now sponsoring Pickle Ball as an event on Wednesday's from 10am-12noon in the Assumption Gym.

This is open to everyone wanting to learn the game and play. For more information, please contact Diane Erickson at 515-979-9236



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPELLING BEE

After a year off, the Knights of Columbus of St. Luke the Evangelist is excited to host the 2022 Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee local contest again! This will be a great opportunity for kids (grades 4th – 7th) to display their talent of spelling and enjoy a fun competition with other children in the community. The event will be held on Sunday, January 23rd @ 1pm at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic school. This event will be the first round of a statewide competition, in which the top two winners from each age group will advance to a Regional competition, followed by those winners competing at the final statewide event. Attached is a sign-up form that can be returned to Tony McKillip (tmckillip@openlending.com).

A link to the competition rules and word lists can be found in the entry form. Please call Tony McKillip (319-269-0721) with any questions.



St. John the Apostle 720 Orchard Hills Dr. Norwalk

TRIVIA NIGHT
Saturday, January 15
6:45 PM (Doors open at 6:00)
\$15 per person

Prizes awarded for 1st and 2nd place teams!
Birthday Survivor & Higher/Lower
Extra Optional Games - \$1 per player (split the \$)

Sloppy Joes will be available for purchase.
Soda-pop and water will be available.

You may bring your own snacks to share at your table.
BYOB (beer or wine only, please)

Get your teams together and purchase tickets to reserve your table now! Tickets and information are available in the parish office (515-981-4855). Prepayment will entitle each player to a raffle ticket for a prize drawing that night.

JOPPA IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

Our friends at the NEW Joppa Resource Center need 2-4 hours shifts covered to help in the warehouse, Thrift Store and other areas within the center. This is a perfect opportunity for those who are retired or groups looking for volunteer hours. Please go to www.joppa.org and click on the Volunteer button to help.





From the Pastor
Rev. Dominic Assim



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The Baptism of the Lord was the occasion of the first public revelation of all the Three Persons in the Holy Trinity. It was also the official revelation of Jesus as the Son of God. To the world by God the Father. Hence, all the four Gospels describe it. It marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.



Jesus' baptism by John was a significant event in the life of Jesus. Because (1) It was a *moment of identification* with us sinners. Sinless, Jesus received the baptism of repentance to identify himself with us. (2) It was a *moment of conviction* about his identity and mission. He is the Son of God, and His mission was to preach the Good News of God's love and salvation to Israel, and eventually to us, and to atone for our sins by becoming the "suffering Servant." (3) It was a *moment of equipment*. The Holy Spirit equipped Jesus by descending upon him in the form of a dove, giving him the power of preaching and healing. (4) It was a *moment of decision* to begin his public ministry at the most convenient time after receiving the approval of His Heavenly Father as His beloved Son.

Why was Jesus baptized? He is sinless and has nothing of which to repent. According to Mitch and Sri, Jesus does not need baptism. Nevertheless, at the beginning of his public ministry, Jesus dramatically demonstrates his solidarity with us by going into the same waters that the repentant crowds have been entering. In this way, Jesus shows that he has come to unite himself with sinners, and he foreshadows how he will bear the sins of humanity at the climax of his mission on the cross.

According to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, "*Jesus loaded the burden of all humanity's guilt upon his shoulders; he bore it down into the depths of the Jordan. He inaugurated his public activity by stepping into the place of sinners. His inaugural gesture is an anticipation of the cross.*"



At baptism, the Church commissions us to become other Christ. May the events at Jesus' baptism inspire us to know who we are and what the Church calls us to do as Christians.

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