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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 March 20 @ 1pm. Call the parish office to register.

No Baptisms during Lent

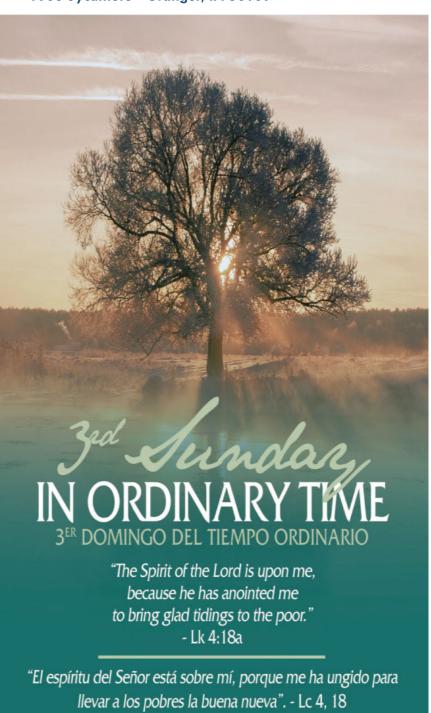
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ASSUMPTION PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"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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SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Monday, January 24

8:00 am Mass, In Memory of Gary Hotchkiss Tuesday, January 25

8:00 am Mass, In Memory of Ed & Phyliss Byrnes Wednesday, January 26

8:00 am Mass, In Memory of Sienna Miner

Thursday, January 27

8:00 am Mass, In Memory of David Battani Friday, January 28

8:00 am Mass, In Memory of Jan Sterbenz Saturday, January 29

5:00 pm Mass, In Memory of Ray Mikulan Sunday, January 30

10:00 am Mass, For the People of Assumption Parish 5:00 pm Mass, In Memory of Mary Ann Melssen



Food Pantry is on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Place items in baskets that are provided.

Readings for the week of January 23, 2022

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30 Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18 Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/ Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41 Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/

1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

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WELCOME TO ASSUMPTION

Newcomers are asked to register by going to www.assumptiongranger.com print a registration form fill it out in it's 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.

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Catholic Faith on demand!

Are you dropping your tithe envelope in the basket each week or in the lock box?



Maybe you would like to be set up on ACH-Call the parish office to set up. It's a sure way of getting your envelope in the box each week.

Credit card is now an option too. Log into the Church website www.assumptiongranger.org click on the blue tab Tithe with Credit Card. It's that simple!

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!



Adoration Chapel Announcement

St. Augustin's Perpetual Adoration Chapel has been a spiritual beacon, not only for St. Augustin parishioners, but for Des Moines area Catholics and visitors alike for the past 25 years. Open 24-hours a day, seven days a week, it is a peaceful and welcome respite from the world for those in need of a quiet moment to reflect, pray, and adore with the Real Presence of our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament. While the Adoration Chapel is physically connected to St. Augustin Catholic Church and under our care, it is in effect its own separate entity and functions as the Perpetual Adoration Chapel for the Des Moines area. It is truly a gift to everyone. In order that we might continue to keep the Chapel accessible at all hours, we are seeking volunteers to become one of our adorers, committing one hour for just one day a week so that we may have sufficient coverage to guarantee safety for both our Lord and those wishing to spend time with him. You need not be a parishioner of St. Augustin's to volunteer. Please consider helping us and the faithful of the Diocese of Des Moines so that we may keep the Perpetual Adoration Chapel at St. Augustin available to all for years to come. If you would like to help, please Contact Janis Falk at janis@staugustin.org, or call St. Augustin Catholic Church at (515) 255-1175 to learn more or sign up.



Know Your Catholic Faith

Roman Curia

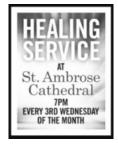
A dicastery is a major Vatican department or administrative office. The dicasteries as a whole are called the Roman Curia. These are personnel and offices through which the pope administers the affairs of the universal church. These Vatican departments, or congregations, are usually headed by a cardinal, with the assistance of bishops, priests, religious and laypeople. The head of a congregation is called a prefect. The Vatican maintains sections on its Web site (www.vatican.va) for each dicastery. When referring to the Roman Curia and Curia these titles are usually capitalized (like Senate when referring to the U.S. Senate). (11:9)

Next week: Presbyterate.

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. 8:15am-10am Assumption Book Club (Conf. #2)
 1/22 11am Anna Jo Danner Baptism (Dcn. Dennis)
 Appreciation Dinner following 5pm Mass (gym)
 Hosted by the Pastoral Council
- ◆ Sun. 10am RCIA class (Tom)
 1/23 Nursery during 10am Mass
 11am-12:15pm Religious Education Classes (K-4th grade)
 2pm 1st & 3rd Degree Exemplification (Church)
- ♦ Mon. 6-8:30pm Jacobs Martial Arts (Gym)
- 1/24 6:30pm Fish Head Meeting (Church Conf. room)
- ♦ Tues 5-6:30pm Scott Basketball practice (gym)
- 1/25 6pm Finance Meeting (Conf. #2)
- ♦ Wed. 9am-12 noon Pickle ball (gym)
 - 1/26 7-8:15pm Religious Education Classes (5-8th grade) 7-8:15pm Youth Group Gathering (Youth Group room)
- ♦ Thurs. 6-8:30pm Jacobs Martial Arts (Gym) 1/27
- ◆ Sat. 5pm RCIA class (Dave) 1/29
- ♦ Sun. Nursery during 10am Mass
- 1/30 11am-12:15pm Religious Education Classes (K-4th grade)
- ♦ Mon. 6-8:30pm Jacobs Martial Arts (Gym)
- 1/31 6:30pm Fish Head Meeting (Church Conf. room)
- ♦ Tues 5-6:30pm Scott Basketball practice (gym) 2/1
- ♦ Wed. 9am-12 noon Pickle ball (gym)
- 2/2 7-8:15pm Religious Education Classes (5-8th grade)
- ♦ Thurs. 6-8:30pm Jacobs Martial Arts (Gym)
- ♦ Sun. Nursery during 10am Mass
 - 2/6 11am-12:15pm Religious Education Classes (K-4th grade) 6-8pm 2nd Year Confirmation Class (Youth Group room) 10am RCIA class



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 \$74,491 Thank you to the 150 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

February 17 – 6pm Rosary followed with Mass @ 6:14pm than Meeting & Dinner

BECOME A KNIGHT—Your Assumption Knights of Columbus Council is sponsoring an Exemplification Ceremony for anyone wanting to be a Knight, or for an existing 1stg Degree Knight wanting to advance to the 2nd and 3rd Degree.

The Exemplification will be at Assumption, in the church, on Sunday afternoon January 23rd @ 2pm. Please contact us with any questions or to register at assumptionknights@gmail.com; or you may contact the Grand Knight, Merlyn Wiese @ 515/999-2177

ASSUMPTION BOOK CLUB

February meeting will be Saturday February 19th at 8:30am. The books that will be discussed is *Peace Like a River by Leif Enger* 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

1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, Family Catechesis (2/27)

2nd Year Confirmation (10th grade) Sunday 6pm-8pm

2/6, 3/6 start w/Mass @ 5pm, 4/3 Confirmation is scheduled for April 27th @ 7pm

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

2/20 start w/Mass @ 5pm, 3/20

Youth Group (All High Schoolers) Wednesday 7-8:15pm 1/26, 2/9, 2/23, 3/9, 3/23, 4/13, 4/27

Wednesday RE Classes (5-8 grades) 7-8:15pm

1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 3/2 (Ash Wednesday), 3/9, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6, 4/13

First Eucharist Sunday, May 1st @ 2pm

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

GYM RENTAL

Do you have an upcoming Graduation, Birthday Party, Baby Shower, Anniversary or just want to get the family together and need a larger space to do so? Our gym is available for rent. Call the Parish office to book today! This is open to both Parishioners and Non-Parishioners.

2021 ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

2021 annual contribution statements will be mailed the last week of January. In accordance with IRS regulations, statements are mailed to households contributing \$250 or more. For households less than \$250, we will be happy to mail a statement if you contact the office or email Brenda at berps@assumptiongranger.org.

Parishioners who have signed up for to receive their annual contribution statements electronically you may print now. By doing so you will help reduced the cost of our mailing of the annual contribution statements. Call Brenda if you have questions on how to do this. Thank you!

Pickle Ball

The Assumption Church is now sponsoring Pickle Ball as an event on Wednesday's from 9am-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



JOPPA IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

Attend a VolunTOUR

Interested in volunteering, but don't know where to start? Volunteers are at the heart of everything we do at Joppa. We would love for you or your group to come out and serve those in need along side us. If you're looking for a place to serve, and find more meaning and fulfillment in life by helping others, then Joppa may be the right place for you. Attend a VolunTOUR to learn more about what Joppa does and how to get involved!

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- We can find a weekly, monthly or occasional volunteer role for you
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Held the second Tuesday each month from 6:00 – 7:30 PM, the next dates are:

February 8

Join "Second Saturday" Workdays Each Month

Days: Second Saturdays
Time: 9:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Training: Not Required

Age: All ages (under 18 must be with an adult)

Help organize, sort donations, move and assemble stuff, clean the facility and more. Held on the second Saturday of every month, the next workdays are:

> February 12 March 12 April 9

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From the Pastor Rev. Dominic Assim



THE IMPORTANCE OF GOD'S WORD

The readings for this weekend challenge us to listen to the Word, accept it into our lives and put it into practice as we live out our lives, thus liberating ourselves and others from all types of bondages.

Ezra, the priest, in the first reading, reminds the Jews of their failure to keep the Lord's commandments and precepts. On New Year's Day, he brings the Book of the Law before the assembly consisting of men, women, and all those old enough to understand, and he reads it in the square of the Water Gate from dawn till noon. Nobody remains at home or seeks excuses to stay away. The people are touched by what they hear, and they give their consent to it by responding "Amen, Amen," and they begin to cry.

In today's gospel, Luke, the evangelist, writes to Theophilus, a prominent person in the early beginnings of the Christian community, to share with him the Word of God. Similarly, Jesus goes to the synagogue and takes the scroll to read and explain. Jesus identifies himself with what Isaiah had prophesied many years before. He has come to bring the good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives.

The first task of every baptized person is to nourish their faith and that of the Christian community with God's Word. The Word of God personified in Jesus Christ cannot come to us and remain dormant. It must be active and challenge us into action. It is the most nourishing food for our faith, minds, souls, and hearts. St. Gregory once said, "The Bible is a love letter sent by God to his people in which we can perceive the heart of God." St. Jerome also said Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ." The Word of God brings us healing and helps us cope with life's problems. Let us make the Word of God part and parcel of our lives. As the Psalmist says, "Your word is a lamp for my steps and a light for my path" (Psalm 119:105). Peter also says, "Lord to whom shall we go; you have the words of eternal life..." (John 6:68).



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