



Assumption Shrine
 Churchville, Iowa
 December 7th & 8th, 2018
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Mass Times:

Norwalk: Saturday 5 pm and Sunday 9 am

Assumption Shrine: Second Saturday of the month at 5:00 p.m. Holy Days to be determined.

Indianola: Saturday 4:30p.m. and Sunday 10:15am

Winterset: Saturday 5 p.m. and Sunday 10:00am

St. Patrick's: Sunday 8:00 am

Immaculate Conception: Sunday 8:00a.m.

Please remember in your prayers

Darlene LaFratte, Mike Hill, Phyllis Brichacek,
 Tom Bussanmas, Troy Kunze, Linda Mack

Tithe Count: October 14th: \$1,131.00
 October 31st \$ 167.50
 November 10th \$ 682.00
 November 24th \$ 325.00

UPCOMING MASSES

December 7th 7p.m. Immaculate Conception
 December 8th 5p.m.
 December 24th 4:30 p.m, Nativity of Our Lord

From Fr. Dan

My Dear people we begin the holy season of Advent, a time of preparation for the coming of Christ in our life. The word “Advent” means coming, so during this graced time we focus on the Comings of Christ.

It was St. Bernard of Clairvaux who wrote about the three-fold coming of Christ in the season of Advent. This Cistercian saint would joyfully proclaim that Christ comes to us in HISTORY, MYSTERY AND MAJESTY. We first ready ourselves to prepare for Christ’s coming in HISTORY over 2000 years ago on the solemnity of Christmas. That God loved the world so much that he sent his only Son in the flesh to save us and redeem us. St. Bernard also reminds us that Christ will come again at the end of time. We call this Christ coming to us in MAJESTY. The gospel is quick to remind us that we do not know the day the hour, but the kingdom of God will be fulfilled.

Finally, our Advent Saint tells us that that Christ comes to us in MYSTERY every moment of our life. It is up to us to be attentive so that we can encounter Christ’s loving presence.

Yes, Christ comes to us in the holy season of Advent in HISTORY, MYSTERY AND MAJESTY. It is my prayer that you have a holy Advent, so that you can have a holy Christmas.

I also want to draw your attention to a very special holy day that the Church calls us together for sacred worship. I am referring to the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. During this feast we proclaim the sinlessness of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that she was conceived without sin and thus was the perfect vessel to be the mother of our Savior. As the new Eve, Mary had enmity with sin, so we are all called with God’s grace to have enmity with sin as well.

I will be offering two holy day masses this coming Friday, December 7th. 5:30 PM at St. John’s and 7:00 PM at the Shrine of the Assumption at Churchville. Mary conceived without sin pray for us. **(OVER)**

Next choir practice for Christmas is Saturday, December 8th at 3:30 p.m.

Our Assumption Music Ministry provides beauty, joy, comfort and inspiration for our liturgies and festive parish celebration through the musical gifts, generosity and commitment of our members. Our music ministry outreach includes visits to local care centers and area parishioners unable to get out to join us, as well as appropriate seasonal events in our community. If you can carry a tune, want to learn, and have a desire to sing and have fun, join us!

December 7th Friday 7p.m.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Lector: Joe Bell

Eucharistic Min: Donna Hill & Karen Spick

Ushers: Tom & Robert Bell

Servers: Mary Ann & Grace Hart

Mass Intention: John & Delores Spick

December 8th Saturday 5 p.m.

Lector: Donna Hill

Eucharistic Min: Jeff & Karen Spick

Ushers: Tom Bell & Jim Wiedmann

Servers: Cole, Cael & Conor Cassady

Mass Intention: Jon and Adam Sarasio

Money Collectors: Dennis Johnson & Jane Cassady

Prepare Ye!

Prepare ye a way for the Lord! John runs before the Lord, baptizes for repentance, and proclaims that the kingdom of heaven is nearby. All this brings us hope for God's help, not just in our daily lives but also for our entry into paradise. When the root of Jesse blossoms, all is possible because the Lord Jesus comes to save us for God. Our Redeemer and Savior restores all to its place. Ecce Agnus Dei!

Philip J. Sandstrom c 2001, OCP

Confessions:

Fr. Kirby will be hearing confession on Saturday.

December 22nd from 7– 9 a.m. at Churchville.

ROSARY – You are invited to join us in praying the Rosary on Saturday's before Mass at 4:40p.m. We also pray the rosary on Wednesday evenings at 7:30. Please join us.

December 24th Monday 4:30 p.m.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Lector: Karen Spick

Eucharistic Min: Cole & Dan Cassady

Ushers: Joe & Robert Bell

Severs: Cael & Conor Cassady & Grace Hart

Mass Intention:

Anyone who would like to have Mass said for a special intention is encouraged to do so. You can email Jane ahead of time janecassady4@gmail.com so she can include it in the bulletin, then drop your donation in the collection basket indicating who and when the Mass is for.