



Assumption Shrine
 Churchville, Iowa
 December 1, 2019
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Mass Times:

- Norwalk:** Saturday 5 pm and Sunday 9 am
- Assumption Shrine:** First Sunday of the month at 10:30 a.m. Holy Days to be determined.
- Indianola:** Saturday 4:30p.m. Sunday 8 & 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, Mary Echterling, Linda Mack, Barb Olsufka

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UPCOMING MASSESS

- November 27th 5:30 p.m. Thanksgiving (Wednesday)
- December 1st 10:30 a.m.
- December 3rd 5:30 p.m.
- December 9th 7:00 p.m. Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day)Monday
- December 10th 5:30 p.m.
- December 17th 5:30 p.m.
- December 24th 4:30 p.m. The Nativity of the Lord
- January 1st 9:00 a.m. Feast Mary, Mother of God

Please note that Fr. Kirby will continue to say Mass each Tuesday even if we have another weekday Mass that week. What a great blessing he is for Assumption Shrine.

From Fr. Kirby:

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.

A great way to prepare for the great solemnity of Christmas is to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This Sunday beginning at 1:00PM we will have a communal Penance service. I have invited a couple of my priest friends to assist us in this sacrament of new beginning and renewal. Please consider coming. Please take advantage of the numerous extended times this Sacrament will be offered through out the season of Advent.

Reconciliation during Advent will be Saturday, December 21st at Assumption Shrine from 7:00 a.m. til 9:00 a.m. There will also be a Communal Reconciliation at St. John the Apostle on Sunday, December 1st at 1:00 p..m. Attached will be a list of additional opportunities for Reconciliation.

Parish Website

Please visit the parish website and provide suggestions/ideas to mcassady3421@yahoo.com
www.assumptionshrine.org

Big Band Affair – Saturday, December 14

St. John the Apostle Catholic Church in Norwalk is hosting the *High Society Big Band* playing the songs of Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington, Les Brown, Tommy Dorsey and many more. The event is from 6:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. This excellent 15 piece band will be playing for your listening or dancing pleasure. Beverages will be available for purchase and light snacks will be provided. Pre-event tickets are \$60/table of 8 (reserved), \$8/single, or \$10 at the door. Tickets may be purchased at the parish office, 720 Orchard Hills Dr., Norwalk or call 515-981-4855. Take time during this busy season to just relax and enjoy. (See attached flyer)

November 27th 5:30 p.m. THANKSGIVING

Lector: Joe Bell

Eucharistic Min: Karen Spick & Donna Hill

Ushers: Tom & Robert Bell

Servers: Grace & Mary Ann Hart

December 1st 10:30 a.m.

Lector: Doug Volkmer

Eucharistic Min: Donna Hill & Karen Spick

Ushers: Joe & Robert Bell

Servers: Grace & Mary Ann Hart

December 9th 7:00 p.m. Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Lector: Karen Spick

Eucharistic Min: Doug Volkmer & Jeff Spick

Ushers: Jim Wiedmann & Robert Bell

Servers: Cole, Cael & Conor Cassady

Mass Intention: Jon & Adam Sarasio

December 24th 4:30 p.m. Christmas

Lector: Grace Hart

Eucharistic Min: Cole & Cael Cassady

Ushers: Joe Bell & Jim Wiedmann

Servers: Mary Ann Hart, Conor & Ella Cassady

COME, LORD JESUS

The “ripe time” has come, the time to wake up for the coming of the Lord! We do not know exactly when he will come, but we do know that the time is already ripe, so we must “stand up now for Jesus!” Advent is a time of expectancy. We wait for the next step in the Lord’s plan for his creation and for each of us. He came once as a baby, he comes to us in our worship and daily lives, and he will come again in full power, glory and majesty. Are we, are you, ready to meet him face to face?
Philip J. Sandstrom, STD 2001, OCP

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 27th Mass 5:30 **Thanksgiving** (New Books in Pews after Mass)

December 1st Mass 10:30 a.m.

December 1st clean church pews after Mass

December 14th Big Band Affair-St. John the Apostle

December 21st Decorate for Christmas 9:30 a.m. **(NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)**

ROSARY – You are invited to join us in praying the Rosary on Sunday’s before Mass at 10:10 a.m. We also pray the rosary on Tuesday evenings at 5:10 pm. before Mass. Please join us

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.

Doug Volkmer, a parishioner at Assumption Shrine, has taken on the responsibility of delivering Communion to the home-bound in the area. If you know of anyone who would like to have Communion delivered to their home please contact Doug at 515-689-4564 or dvolkmer49@gmail.com

There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church to help with cleaning of the hall. Our plan is to have at least two people sign up for each month and just once during your month lightly clean the hall. Then when an event comes up it will not be such a big task to prepare the hall. I know there are some who will be unable to help with this and in that case we ask that you pay the \$25 Altar & Rosary Society dues which we have currently not been collecting. Thank you