



**Assumption Shrine**  
 Churchville, Iowa  
 April 5, 2020  
**Father Dan Kirby**  
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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:**

Mike Hill, Phyllis Brichacek, Tom Bussanmas, Troy Kunze, Mary Echterling, Linda Mack, Barb Olsufka

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**UPCOMING MASSESS NOTE: ALL LITURGIES WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED ON FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE**

- Holy Thursday 4:00 p.m.
- Good Friday 3:00 p.m.
- Easter Vigil 7:00 p.m.
- Easter Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday from 10-11 a.m. there will be an "Easter Car Wash" drive thru at St. John's and your car will be sprinkled with Easter Holy Water.

From Fr. Kirby:

As we begin the Sacred Triduum this coming Thursday, we arrive in a strange time dealing with the Coronavirus. There is a lot of unknowns and valid concerns. As the disciples gathered around Jesus at that first Holy Thursday I am sure they were dealing with a lot of unknowns and had a lot of questions. "What is going to happen to us?" "What should we do?"

Jesus reassures his disciples, and us, his disciples of today, that he will always be with us! He gives us three holy reminders of his loving presence: his Eucharistic presence, ministerial priesthood and his call for charity. The Eucharist is the heart of Christ, who feeds us constantly with his loving presence. We need to consume him a lot! The priest is ordained to give his life for others, so that all may receive our Lord's Sacramental presence. As we follow the command of the Lord to "wash other people's feet" we experience the love of God in action. We call this charity! Yes, on Holy Thursday, Jesus reminds us that he is with us!

The Good Friday liturgy is very good because it shows us that Jesus is victor over the cross! Far from a funeral, the liturgy points out that our Lord's sacrificial love can never be stopped! Even though we deal with this Coronavirus today we will be victorious through our Lord's glorious cross. The ancient antiphon of the Church becomes clear. "We adore you O Christ, and we praise you because, by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world."

Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday proclaim the central message of Christ that he has risen from the dead and has won for us eternal life. Jesus has the last word of our life! Jesus Christ's victory over the cross, the tomb, and yes my friends, over this virus is supreme. His victory of Easter Sunday is our ultimate cure!  
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**Our schedule will be as follows: Holy Thursday at 4:00 PM, Good Friday service at 3:00 PM, Easter Vigil at 7:00 PM, and Easter Sunday at 9:00 AM. All Holy Week liturgies will be live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube.**

On Easter Sunday from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM please consider experiencing an Easter car wash blessing, as your car will be sprinkled with Easter holy water! It's a holy drive through and your car will drive heavenly!

Let's continue to pray for one another and for the world that healing will happen soon and that we can once again gather together as a people of faith and goodwill!

*In Christ,*

**Fr. Kirby will be leading a tour to Italy including Assisi, Siena, Orvieto and Rome from October 20<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup>, 2020. There is a brochure on the bulletin board in the back of Church with additional information. Please take some time to look over the itinerary.**

Fr. Kirby has posted information on the bulletin board regarding our current seminarians for the Diocese of Des Moines. Let us all pray for these young men as they pursue their vocation to the priesthood.

**Altar & Rosary is asking for \$25.00 cleaning dues from each parish family for 2020. These dues help pay for the church's altar supplies, such as candles, as well as cleaning supplies for the church, rectory, and hall. We have not asked for dues payment the past few years, but 2019 has blessed us with the completion of several projects, including much needed new lighting installation at the hall, as well as refurbishing of some altar pieces, new linens, and new Christmas trees and lights. Please make checks payable to Churchville Altar and Rosary Society. Thank you!**

Altar and Rosary Society  
Judy Johnson, President  
Jane Cassady, Vice-President  
Karen Spick, Secretary/Treasurer

Parish Website

Please visit the parish website and provide suggestions/ideas to [mcassady3421@yahoo.com](mailto:mcassady3421@yahoo.com)  
[www.assumptionshrine.org](http://www.assumptionshrine.org)

**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 [janeassady4@gmail.com](mailto:janeassady4@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](mailto:dvolkmer49@gmail.com)

**HOSANNA!**

“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heavens!” We use this “shout” during the Eucharistic prayer. We greet the coming of our Savior into the new Jerusalem, and we join his once-and-for-all Passover.

This Holy Week we will ponder and worship the great works of the Lord on our behalf: his “pass-over” through death to new life and our nourishment in the Eucharist, Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

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