



**ASSUMPTION SHRINE**  
 Churchville, Iowa  
 September 6, 2020  
**Father Dan Kirby**  
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**Mass Times:**

**Norwalk:** Saturday 5 pm and Sunday 7am & 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:** 6p.m. Saturday, Sunday 8:00a.m.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Mike Hill, Phyllis Brichacek, Troy Kunze, Mary Echterling,  
 Linda Mack, Barb Olsufka, Charles Tiano

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**UPCOMING MASSESS**

(Mass on St. John the Apostle YouTube & Facebook at 9 a.m. on Sunday's )  
 September 6<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m. **OUTSIDE** weather permitting  
 October 4<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m.

**ROSARY** – You are invited to join us in praying the Rosary 20 minutes before Mass begins. Please join us.

**Mass – September 6<sup>th</sup>**

We plan to have Mass outside, weather permitting, in front of the statue of Mary. If you would like to bring lawn chairs that would be great. There will also be folding chairs available.

**From Fr. Kirby**

The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows. A month where we reflect on the Seven sorrows of Mary or sometimes referred to as the Seven Dolours of our Blessed Mother. The word, “dolours” meaning a state of great distress or sorrow. These sufferings were prompted by events of her Son’s life. We believe that Mary shared in the sufferings of her Son and when we meditate on these events, we learn to join our own sufferings to those of Jesus and Mary as well. We do this meditation and sharing so that we can grow in holiness. So that we can gracefully get through any tough time in our life.

Here are the Seven Sorrows of Mary that are either found directly in the Sacred Scriptures or in Sacred Tradition.

1. Simeon’s prophecy that Jesus will be the rise and fall of Israel and a sword will pierce Mary’s heart.
2. The flight of the Holy Family into Egypt. Joseph is warned that Herod is out to kill the child, they must leave in hurry.
3. The loss of the child Jesus in the temple. They search for him and at the end of three days they found Him listening and asking questions. Mary expresses her worry, but the child Jesus responds, “did you not know that I was in my Father’s house.”
4. Mary meets her son on his way to Calvary. Fear not Mother I make all things new!
5. The crucifixion and standing beneath the cross. “Woman behold your son and to John, behold your mother.”
6. Jesus is taken down from the cross. One of the most moving depictions of art is Michael Angelo’s Pieta, Jesus being cradled in the arms of his mother.
7. Jesus is placed in the tomb.

Mary shared in the sufferings of Christ and she understands our sufferings. Let us always go to our loving mother, who understands our trials and difficulties. She loves us and always leads us to her Son, our Savior.

Our Lady of Sorrows pray for us!

## Christ Our Life Conference

The Christ Our Life Conference will be September 26-27 at Wells Fargo Arena. This year the conference will have two ticket options. You may attend **in-person or online**. The event will include daily Mass, confession, Eucharistic adoration, speakers and vendors. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for student/Youth. You may purchase tickets by going to [ChristOurLifeIowa.com](http://ChristOurLifeIowa.com)

## Assumption Shrine Communications:

There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church to change or update your preference for receiving correspondence. If you are not receiving emails or would rather receive a printed bulletin in the mail or if you think your email information is outdated please enter your name and the new information on the sheet and I will make sure it gets changed.

Thanks, Jane

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.

## 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)

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)

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Lector: Donna Hill  
Usher: Robert Bell

## SUSTAIN OUR FAITH

We meet the Lord in the strangest places. Elijah spent the night listening to the wind, feeling the earthquake and surrounded with fire, but the Lord was not in any of these. He came in a gentle breeze. We would like great events for meeting our God, but most often he stirs our hearts and minds very gently. If we listen, we encounter the Lord. Like Peter, we walk toward the Lord. The Lord says, "Come!" We respond: "Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus, and sustain our faith!"  
Text, J. Sanderstrom, STD 2001, OCP