



## ASSUMPTION SHRINE

Churchville, Iowa  
December 6, 2020

Father Dan Kirby

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### **Mass Times:**

**Norwalk:** Saturday 5 pm and Sunday 7:30am & 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, Troy Kunze, Mary Echterling, Linda Mack, Barb Olsufka, Charles Tiano



Tithe Count: November 1<sup>st</sup> \$1,080.00

### UPCOMING MASSESS

(Mass on St. John the Apostle YouTube & Facebook at 9 a.m. on Sunday's )

December 6<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m.  
December 7<sup>th</sup>: 5:30 p.m. **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**  
December 24<sup>th</sup> 4:30 p.m. **Nativity of the Lord**  
December 25<sup>th</sup> 12:00 a.m. **Midnight Nativity of the Lord**  
January 1<sup>st</sup> 9:00 a.m. **Mary, the Mother of God**  
January 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:30 a.m.

### CONFESSIONS

December 1<sup>st</sup> 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Churchville  
December 19<sup>th</sup> Saturday 7:00-9:00 a.m. at Churchville  
December 20<sup>th</sup> 1:30 p.m. Communal Confession at **Norwalk**  
(See additional confession times at Norwalk on back)

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

### 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. Please consider taking advantage of the numerous extended times that this Sacrament will be offered through out the season of Advent.

## MADISON WARREN ECUMENICAL ASSOCIATION

The Madison Warren Ecumenical Association would like to **THANK** those who contributed to our Harvest Food collection. The MWEA was able to donate trunk loads of food items to Jesus Right Hand in New Virginia, The Interstate-35 Food Pantry and the Matrensdale St. Marys Food Pantry. Along with that we were able to distribute \$1,200 for additional food purchases. With the help of Sally Nelson, Churchville has always been able to donate Turkeys to Jesus Right Hand and this year we gave them 7 turkeys. They appreciated them very much since this year they were unable to receive any from the Food Bank. Again **THANK YOU** for your generous support.

## ADVENT RECONCILIATION at NORWALK (Churchville times listed on front of bulletin)

November 28<sup>th</sup> 4:00-4:30 p.m.  
December 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00-8:00 a.m.  
December 5<sup>th</sup> 4:00-4:30 p.m.  
December 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00-8:00 a.m.  
December 12<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. (Children's First Reconciliation)  
December 12<sup>th</sup> 4:00-4:30 p.m.  
December 15<sup>th</sup> 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
December 19<sup>th</sup> 4:00-4:30 p.m.  
**December 20<sup>th</sup> 1:30 Communal Penance service**  
December 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00-9:00 a.m.

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 [janecassady4@gmail.com](mailto: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 homebound 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)

## UPCOMING MASSES:

December 6<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m.  
Lector: Donna Hill  
Usher: Doug Volkmer & Dan Cassady  
Eucharistic Min: Cael Cassady

December 7<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m. **Feast of Immaculate Conception**  
Lector : Joe Bell (Holy Day of Obligation)  
Usher: Tom Bell & Doug Volkmer  
Eucharistic Min: Donna Hill  
Mass Intention: Jon & Adam Sarasio

December 24<sup>th</sup> 4:30 p.m. **Nativity of Our Lord**  
Lector: Cael Cassady (Holy Day of Obligation)  
Eucharistic Min: Donna Hill  
Ushers: Tom Bell & Dan Cassady

December 25<sup>th</sup> 12:00 a.m. Midnight **Nativity of Our Lord**  
Lector: Doug Volkmer (Holy Day of Obligation)  
Usher: Tom Bell

January 1<sup>st</sup> 9:00 a.m. **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
Lector: Jane Cassady (Holy Day of Obligation)  
Ushers: Tom Bell & Joe Bell  
Eucharistic Min: Judy Johnson

January 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:30 a.m.  
Lector: Emily Cassady  
Ushers: Dan Cassady & Doug Volkmer  
Eucharistic Min: Cael Cassady  
Mass Intention: Robert Bell

### YES!

Today the national feast of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary opens a great mystery for the life of every Christian. Mary goes before us, accomplishing for all God's people what they hope and expect to do. We believe when her parents conceived her she was as sinless as we are at our baptism. She fulfilled that hope when she freely said "yes" to bearing Jesus. Do we, do you, say "yes" to the opportunities offered by God?