



**ASSUMPTION SHRINE**

Churchville, Iowa  
December 24, 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: December 6th \$650.00

**LET US REJOICE ON THIS CHRISTMAS DAY!!**



**Upcoming Masses:**

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

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 24<sup>th</sup> Thursday 7:00-9:00 a.m. at Norwalk

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

**From Fr. Kirby**

The ancient preface of the Christmas mass says this, “For in the mystery of the Word made flesh a new light of your glory has shone upon the eyes of our mind, so that, as we recognize in him God made visible, we may be caught up through him in love of things invisible.” May we allow ourselves to be “caught up” in the love and joy of the baby Jesus of Bethlehem this Christmas. May we allow Jesus to be born anew in our hearts and lives! Let us continue to share the joy and the peace of Jesus, the new born king

I want to wish all of you a very holy and blessed Christmas. What a joy and a privilege it is for me to be able to celebrate mass for all of you at Assumption! God Bless you and Happy New Year.

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.

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 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

#### **SHALOM**

The light of Christ shines on us and on our actions this day. The outcast shepherds became the first evangelists to hear the heavenly hymn: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." We, too, are called to proclaim "Shalom! Pax! Peace!" Do people believe our testimony to the light of Christ?

Text, Michael R. Prendergast, MTS, MA 2004