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| MASSES | |
| Saturday | 5:30PM |
| Sunday | 9:00, 11:00 AM, 5:30 PM |
| Weekdays & Holydays | Consult bulletin |
| Adoration | Thursday 7:00 AM-Friday 7:00 AM |
| Baptism | First Sunday of the month; contact RCIA/RCIC Coordinator. |
| Reconciliation | Wednesday 6:00—7:00 PM Saturday 4:00—5:00 PM |
| Matrimony | Six months preparation necessary; call Father for an appointment. |
| Anointing | Call Father. |

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When considering the future or your legacy:

ABVM Education Endowment Fund—contact Rectory Office

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Enlightened by the Holy Spirit, we the parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, commit to know, love and worship the Lord Jesus Christ. With Mary, our mother and model, we will proclaim the gospel, serve others and welcome all to the family of God.

Where new parishioners are welcome



www.assumptionbvm.com

and your helping hands are always needed"

LENT, EASTER, & A FEW OTHER THINGS...


This coming Wednesday, the Church kicks off a new season – Lent with the celebration of **Ash Wednesday**. There will be 2 services for that day 9am & 7pm. At the latter service, our parish also celebrates the Rite of Sending with our RCIA & RCIC candidates to present them to Bishop Walter at the Cathedral for recognition and get them ready to become official Catholic members of Assumption at Easter. I ask you to stop by the Pictures Board in the back of the church to see who they are and keep them in your prayers throughout Lent. If you know any family members or friends that want to be Catholic or have not received Confirmation/Reconciliation/Eucharist yet, please contact Sr. Felicia for them.











On February 20 & 21, our parish celebrates a **mini Parish Mission** with the Maryknoll Missionary Order to help us enter Lenten season with the right attitude. Hopefully you can attend one of the weekend Masses and the special session at 1:30pm on Sunday February 21 to benefit from the Mission. You're also invited to the Stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent at 5:30 or 7pm, beginning this Friday, February 19. Don't forget to do more these 3 Lenten things: Prayer, Fasting, & Almsgiving. If you have any question about Fasting or Abstaining meat, call the Rectory. Please consult the bulletin for Reconciliation Schedule, Holy Week, & Easter Masses.

This year, our 8th graders will receive their **Confirmation** at the Cathedral on April 11 at 3pm, which is around Spring break. Sorry for that inconvenience, but that's the date the Diocese picked out for us. Please keep those Confirmation candidates in your prayers.

I'm grateful to God and honored to welcome **Deacon Mike Mauer** to our parish (sorry, it's not another Peter!). Deacon Mike was originally from Ohio & served our Diocese at Catholic Information Center for quite some time. After the recent merge of the center with the Cathedral, Deacon Mike moved in this direction and felt very much at home with Assumption. Thanks to your warm, kind, & friendly spirit, he has chosen our parish to be his spiritual home and exercise his deacon ministry. Please take time to introduce yourself to him and join me to welcome him to our parish.


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| The Mass Intentions  and The Week Ahead | |
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| Monday, February 15, Weekday | |
| 7:00 AM | Mass, † Catherine & Henry Geiger |
| 6:30 PM | RCIA Retreat |
| 7:00 PM | Board of Education Meeting |
| Tuesday, February 16, Weekday | |
| 5:00 PM | Cub Scout Banquet |
| 7:00 PM | Young Adults |
| Wednesday, February 17, Ash Wednesday | |
| 9:00 AM | Mass, † Bob Rocheleau |
| 7:00 PM | Mass, † Vernon May |
| Thursday, February 18, Lenten Weekday | |
| 7:00 AM | Mass, † William Shea |
| 7:30 AM | 24-hour Eucharistic Adoration |
| 9:15 AM | Rosary |
| 10:00 AM | Intercessory Prayer |
| 6:00 PM | Daisy Scouts |
| 6:00 PM | Home & School Meeting |
| 8:30 PM | ABVM Men's 35+ Basketball |
| Friday February 19, Lenten Weekday | |
| 9:00 AM | Mass, † Isabel Kozlowski |
| 5:30 PM | Stations of the Cross |
| 5:30 PM | K of C Lenten Meal until 7:00 PM |
| 7:00 PM | Stations of the Cross |
| Saturday, February 20, 1st Sunday of Lent | |
| 1:00 PM | K of C Basketball Free Throw Contest |
| 4:00 PM | Reconciliation until 5:00 PM |
| 5:30 PM | Mass, † Eric Webb |
| Sunday, February 21, 1st Sunday of Lent | |
| 8:30 AM | Coffee & Donuts AM |
| 8:30 AM | The Holy Rosary |
| 9:00 AM | Mass-CLOW, † The deceased members of the Archie LeMaire Family and the members of our Parish |
| 11:00 AM | Mass-CLOW † Leighanne Martin |
| 11:00 AM | PS/K/1st Rel Ed |
| 12:00 PM | Children's Choir |
| 12:30 PM | LFUL Marriage Prep |
| 1:30 PM | PARISH MISSION |
| 5:30 PM | Mass, † Mike Joyce |
| 8:00 PM | Gr 8—Young Adult Basketball |

| Liturgical Ministers & Volunteers for February 20 & 21 | | |
|---|------------|---|
|  | 5:30 PM | Theresa TenEyck |
| | 9:00 AM | Gary & Kaye Tyler |
| | 11:00 AM | Maribeth McFall |
| | 5:30 PM | Jackie Lyals |
|  | 5:30 PM | Steve Lachniet & Mike Sochacki |
| | 9:00 AM | Therese Cotter & Theresa Gonder |
| | 11:00 AM | Robert Crook & Jim Wisniewski |
| | 5:30 PM | Janet Cornell & Jenny Young |
|  | 5:30 PM | A. & D. Doerr, G. Oppeneer, G. & S. Pickerd, J. Young & A. Zemke |
| | 9:00 AM | J. Bolek, F. Evans, B. Grondsma |
| | 11:00 AM | E. Heys, M. Hurst & E. Schmuker |
| | 5:30 PM | S. Bach, S. Baumann, B. Coleman, K. Egan, B. Obetts, C. & S. Schaberg |
|  | 5:30 PM | M., P. & R. Novak |
| | 9:00 AM | M. Kalinowski, M. Luczyk & P. Salyer |
| | 11:00 AM | C. Casapao, M. Lyons & M. Ripple |
| | 5:30 PM | A., E. & J. Katt |
|  | All Masses | Team A |
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|  | 9:00 AM | Irene Roberts |
| | 11:00 AM | Volunteer Needed |
|  | 11:00 AM | Jana Kissell Maddie Niles & Melanie Steiner |
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|  | 9:00 AM | E. & T. Bereza, D. & R. Kommer & E. Schmuker |
| | 11:00 AM | E. & T. Boarts, P. Valliere & K. Miles |
|  | | Julie Starr, Jan Kuzma, Doris Dietrich & Dorothy Remington |
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|  | | Dianne Harmon, Eileen Ostrander & Barb Obetts |
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Readings for the Week of February 14, 2010

Monday: Jas 1: 1-11; Mk 8: 11-13
 Tuesday: Jas 1: 12-18; Mk 8: 14-21
 Wednesday: Jl 2: 12-18; 2 Cor 5: 20—6:2; Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30: 15-20; Lk 9: 22-25
 Friday: Is 58: 1-9; Mt 9: 14-15
 Saturday: Is 58: 9-14; Lk 5: 27-32
 Sunday: Dt 26: 4-10; Rom 10: 8-13; Lk 4: 1-13



Catholic Services Appeal 2009

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| Amount Pledged | \$110,991.00 |
| Paid to Date | \$ 95,593.00 |
| Total Pledges | 643 |

Thank you for honoring your commitment to paying your pledges toward the Catholic Services Appeal in such a timely fashion. Close to 90% of the amount pledged has been paid already. Your continued support of this drive is appreciated.


Thank you!


“ Anyone with a spiritual base understands humility. When you start using the words “I” and “me” too often, you get into trouble.”

—Denzel Washington

Raise the Roof Fund

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| Total Funds Needed: | \$398,000.00 |
| Total Funds Collected: | \$317,836.00 |

 Please use your lavender **“Raise the Roof Fund”** envelopes for your contributions.

 **Stewardship is what I do after I say “I Believe”**

February 7—week 37

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| Weekly Goal..... | \$18,014.00 |
| Envelopes & EFT—\$49.01 Average | \$18,134.25 |
| Loose & Children..... | \$1,347.00 |
| Envelopes Issued..... | 1110 |
| Envelopes & EFT Returned (33%) | |
| Annual Goal To Date..... | \$576,448.00 |
| Actual | \$586,167.89 |

The words of the psalmist echo the theme of all of today's readings. “Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.” As good stewards, firmly grounded in that hope, may we bear fruit in due season — assisting the poor, feeding the hungry, and consoling the sorrowful whenever we have the chance.

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2010 LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

6 Fridays of Lent at 5:30 & 7 PM (Feb 19, 26, Mar 5, 12, 19, 26)

RECONCILIATION

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| Regular schedule: | Wednesday 6-7 PM & Saturday 4-5 PM |
| Special schedule: | Monday, 3/22 9-10 AM & 6-7 PM |
| | Tuesday, 3/23 6-7 PM |
| | Thursday, 3/25 9-10 AM & 6-7 PM |
| | Friday, 3/26 10-11 AM |
| | Monday, 3/29 9-10 AM & 6-7 PM |



TRIDUUM & EASTER

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| Holy Thursday, 4/1 | 7 PM | Mass of the Lord's Supper |
| | 8-10 PM | Eucharistic Exposition & Benediction |
| Good Friday, 4/2 | 12 PM | Stations of the Cross |
| | 1 PM | Celebration of the Lord's Passion |
| | 7 PM | Living Stations of the Cross |
| Holy Saturday, 4/3 | 10 AM | Food Blessing in Chapel |
| | 8-9:30 PM | Easter Vigil Mass |
| Easter Sunday, 4/4 | 9 & 11 AM | Easter Mass |
| | 5:30 PM | <u>NO MASS</u> |



Have you been worshipping regularly with us? If you have, please consider registering as a member of Assumption Parish. You may call the

Rectory Office @ 361-5126 ext. 200 to have a registration form mailed to you or pick one up from the wall bins located near the entrances of the church.

You are welcome to be a member at more than one parish and we cordially invite you to become part of ours.



PARISH MISSION BABYSITTING AVAILABLE



Babysitting will be provided so that you may attend the Sunday Parish Mission at 1:30pm. So that there will be adequate supplies and supervision, please call Cheryl at 361-5126 x 257 by Feb 18. If you are leaving a message, leave the child's name and age.



Please make the following families feel welcome to their new Parish home.

Thank you for joining us; we are happy to have you here!

- Shawn & Kathleen Bailey**
- Bernard & Shannon Forystek**
- Catherine Kilvington**
- Matthew & Stephanie Stachowiak**
- Gordon & Jeannette Weiland**



Born to a new life in Christ February 7, 2010:

- Kendall Rose Arntz**
daughter of Andrew & Molly Arntz
- Hailey Jane Boeskool**
daughter of Adam Boeskool & Sarah Sawle
- Brayden Edward & Landon Jeffrey Reminga**
sons of Jeffrey & Christina Reminga
- Isabelle & Quinn Schubert
daughter & son of Derek & Jennifer Schubert

Knights of Columbus

Come nourish your soul and body during Lent by attending the Stations of the Cross at 5:30 PM and 7:00 PM and by enjoying a Lenten meal cooked and served by our Knights of Columbus from 5:30 PM until 7:00 PM. *Theme Menu subject to change without notice. Except for the first dinner we will have limited amounts of peanut butter sandwiches, tuna fish sandwiches, and macaroni and cheese for children under 10 at all Lenten Dinners (to help parents with young finicky eaters.)*
A free will offering is gratefully accepted.

Lenten Meals Theme Menu

February 19



Blast from the Past

Grilled Cheese(s) (Cheddar, Pepper, Mozzarella)
Tuna Melt
Peanut Butter & Jam(s)
Potato Soup
Tomato Soup

Salad Bar
Relish Tray
Dessert
Lemonade, Water, Coffee

February 26



Red, White & Yellow Pasta

Vegetable Lasagna
Marinara Sauce
Fettuccine Alfredo
Macaroni and Cheese
Salad Bar
Relish Tray

Garlic Bread
Minestrone Soup
Dessert
Grape Punch, Water, Coffee

March 5



Yoooper Pastie

White Fish Pastie
Fish Taco
Salad Bar
Vegetable
Soup—Cheesy Potato

Relish Tray
Dessert
Lemonade, Water, Coffee

March 12



Pizza Pizza

Pizza—Veggie
Pizza—Northern Italian—white sauce
Pizza—Greek
Pizza—Mexican
Pizza—Southern Italian
Pizza—3 cheese

Salad Bar
Relish Tray
Minestrone Soup
Dessert—Several Dessert Pizzas
Lemonade or Grape Punch,
Water, Coffee

March 19



Chinese

Vegetable Egg Roll
Shrimp Fried Rice (tiny Shrimp on the side)
Chow Mein
Salad—Chinese Slaw

Soup—Egg Drop
Dessert—Fortune Cookie+
Lemonade, Water, Coffee & Tea

March 26



Fish Fry 2

Breaded Fish
Baked Fish
Salad Bar
Vegetable (green beans and/or corn)
French Fries

Bread and Butter
Soup—New England Clam Chowder
Relish Tray
Dessert
Lemonade, Water, Coffee



**Catholic Central/West Catholic Students
2nd Quarter Honor Roll**

Congratulations to our former students who have made the honor roll.

Nicholas Dyga
Claire Goodfellow
Joseph Harmon
Alex Herrington
Jared Heys
Jacob Lastfogel
Kathryn Luczek
Lauren McFall
Michelle McGough

WC Grade 11
WC Grade 9
WC Grade 9
WC Grade 12
WC Grade 11
CC Grade 11
CC Grade 12
WC Grade 12
WC Grade 10

Timothy McGough
Holly Mikita
David Miklosi
Phillip Novak
Jacqueline Sochacki
Katherine Sochacki
Marissa Steffens
Alexis Tufts
Alexander Wasielewski

WC Grade 11
WC Grade 9
WC Grade 12
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WC Grade 12
WC Grade 9

Celebrate Your Heritage with a
INTERNATIONAL
Dinner
at Assumption of B.V.M.
Family Life Center
Saturday, March 6th 2010
6:30-8:30pm

Sign-ups available after all masses in the
Narthex of church.

February 13th ~ February 28th
or

To donate a dish or help serve contact:
Arlene @ 361-9216

(Free will offering)



PARISH LIFE PERSON NEEDED

A new person is needed to chair the parish social committee. Help keep our parish life activities vibrant by coordinating the events that take place. The two most recent main events for the social committee are the International Dinner and the Parish Festival. If this type of parish involvement interests you, please call the parish office @ 361-5126 ext 200.

Do Something Special for yourself this Year!

WOMEN...

Don't miss out on this
Powerful and moving
Catholic study!

Women of Grace



Vatican II asked women to accept God's urgent call to "aid humanity in not falling." Based on Johnnette Benkovic's book, *Full of Grace*, this study will assist in revealing God's purpose and mission for you. In a group discussion format and video lectures by Johnnette Benkovic, host of *The Abundant Life*, you'll delve in to prayer, Sacred Scripture, Church documents and teachings, the *Catechism*, the lives of women saints, and the example of our Blessed Mother. You'll be nurtured and fed spiritually, mentally, and emotionally. You'll be equipped to fulfill your call and mission as a woman of grace in the world today.

Please join us in this life-changing study

Start Date: March 11th

Facilitators: Kristi Brown
Cheryl Sokolowski

Telephone: 361-5126 ext.257 or

E-mail: religiouseddirector@assumptionbvm.com

Meeting Place: Ministry Center

Weekly Day/Time: Thursdays;
12:30pm-2:00pm

**Class Begins
March 11th for 8 weeks**



Johnnette Benkovic
Author
Founder and President of
Living His Life
Abundantly and Women
of Grace



You will need...

Beautiful, bound Study Guide
(232p.) \$24.00

Johnnette's book, *Full of Grace*
(234p.) \$11.00

Contact Cheryl-361-5126 x 257 to
reserve your books.

Please Sign-Up by February 25th to reserve a spot in this class!

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Soon our parish will start its **Catholic Services Appeal (CSA)** for 2010 and hence I ask for your prayer and financial support for it. This year **CSA** is a bit more challenging because the Diocese has made us contribute 20 thousand dollars more for the next 5 years (or, a total of 1 CSA target, 100 thousand dollars) for its Cathedral Square project. I don't have another choice on this. I ask you to help me with that additional amount along with our normal **CSA** target so that I won't have to get a couple more jobs to pay the Diocese for that. So, we have added the cost of the Cathedral Square and the Faith Magazine to our normal **CSA** target. Thank you in advance for your sacrifices and generous contribution for it. May our dear Lord repay you abundantly and continue to bless you & our parish.

Fr. Peter Vu (a.k.a. The Fresh Prince of Belmont)

Bernstein's Mass

Tuesdays, February 16, 23 and March 2 , 7:00 – 8:30pm
Catholic Information Center, 360 Division S. Suite 2A
Free Parking available in the lower level of the Cathedral Square Parking Ramp.

Presented by Fr. Tom Tavella, CSP
Originally commissioned for the opening of the Kennedy Center in 1971, this theater piece, while a secular work about a core Christian event, comes from the hand of a Jewish composer. As we listen to it today, parts of it seem very dated, reflecting the turbulence of the early 70's. Yet, much of it offers a timeless insight into the psychology and spirituality that is the Mass and the priesthood. Using selections from this work, we will examine Bernstein's insights and what they can say to us today. For registration information please call the Center at 459-7267 or register by e-mail at register@catholicinformationcenter.org. For a full listing of all classes please visit the Center at www.catholicinformationcenter.org. *Note to Catechists: This course qualifies for the CFD = Content*



This Sunday is **World Marriage Day** which honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family. Commit to making your marriage a priority in your lives and sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** is **March 5-7** in Kalamazoo. For more information, contact Bob & JeanAnn McCann, 616-847-0582.



Celebrate West! Auction will be held on March 27, 2010 at West Catholic High School starting at 6:00 pm. This event will feature dinner, games, live auction and entertainment. If anyone is interested in donating items for the auction or hosting a "gift giving" party please contact Mindy Whiteside at (616) 233-5918.

Catholic Men's Conference: Show Up, Step Up, Step Out Saturday, March 27, 2010

9:00 am – 3:30 pm at Cathedral Square's Wege Conference Center

The Diocese of Grand Rapids invites all men, ages 18 and up to *Show Up, Step Up and Step Out* by attending the Catholic Men's Conference. This day of prayer, music and presentations will prepare our hearts for Holy Week by exploring what it means to be Catholic men who *follow in His steps* (1 Peter 2:21). Speakers for the event include Deacon Tom Fogle, Very Rev. Mark-David Janus, CSP, and Rev. Steven Cron. You can register online at www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org Or contact Mark Mann at (616) 475-1243 or by email at mmann@dioceseofgrandrapids.org. Registration fee before March 19 is \$25. (Registration after March 19 is \$30.)



MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

Grand Rapids Right to Life
2010 Bike & Hike for Life
YOUTH GROUPS, SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES
Saturday, May 1

Riverside Park • 9a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Spring Plant • Sale Face • Painting • Balloons & More
1st Prize is a trip for 4 to the 2011 March for Life in Washington D.C. or a Mountain Bike from Ada Bike Shop.

2nd Prize is a trip for 2 to the 2011 March for Life in Washington D.C. or a \$200 Gift Certificate to the Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City.

Plus earn tickets to Michigan's Adventure, the White Caps and more.

Watch your mail for more details, visit us online at www.grrtl.org or call (616) 532-2300.



St. Vincent de Paul Donations Needed

De-clutter de-stress; it is time to get rid of all the things you no longer use, but could be useful to other people. St. Vincent de Paul will come to your home and pick up all the items you would like to donate. We have a great need for gently used furniture and appliances. So make your life less cluttered while helping the less fortunate, give St. Vincent de Paul your clothes, shoes, pots, pans, T.V.s, radios etc... Whatever you can spare

Thank you and God bless you.

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