

**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"**

**Consider 'What Ifs' To Find More Compassion**

What if we all were more consistent? What if we all had wider loyalties? What if we were slower to dismiss others' ideas? What if we took seriously the biblical idea that God's revelation comes mostly in what is strange and foreign to us? What if we all took to heart the idea that a little learning is a dangerous thing, that a little ideology is more dangerous still, and that other peoples' passion for truth might be just as real as our own? What if we all remembered that a heresy is a truth nine-tenth spoken?

What if?

What if the pious were to become more liberal and the liberals were to become more pious? What if those who are involved in prayer groups were to become equally as involved within social action? What if those with a passion for social action were to become equally as obsessed with private prayer and private morality? What if the pious and the liberal were to become more understanding of each other?

What if liberals were to become as known for their humility, respect of others, and personal prudence as they are known for their social concern? What if conservatives were to define family values widely enough to include the welfare of the poor and of all races? What if Evangelicals were to get serious about justice and justice groups were to get serious about Jesus?


What if liberals were to draw more prudent boundaries even as they challenge others beyond rigidity? What if conservatives were suddenly to push for a greater risk and openness even as they defend the hard-won wisdom of tradition? What if both liberals and conservatives were able to do as Jesus did and bring out from their store the old as well as the new?

What if Pro-Life groups were also to become as known for their defense of the poor, ethnic minorities, the ecology, and the imprisoned? What if Pro-Choice groups were to champion, in the name of women, the most defenseless of all groups in the world, the unborn? What if both groups were to become renowned for the gentleness, their respect of others, and their willingness to sit down and calmly discuss anything? What if these two groups began to pray together?


What if both women and men were to adopt an attitude of sympathy towards each other, recognizing as Virginia Woolf says, that "life, for both of us, is arduous, difficult, and a perpetual struggle"? What if both men and women were more gentle, less cynical?

What if the church began to challenge people to enjoy sex even as it teaches non-negotiably the value of chastity? What if secular culture were to preach the value of chastity even as it challenges towards liberation from sexual repression? What if both, the church and the world, recognized the importance of what the other is saying regarding sexuality?

(Continued inside)

The Mass Intentions  and The Week Ahead	
<b>Monday, March 1, Lenten Weekday</b>	
7:00 AM	Mass in Chapel, † St. Maria Guadalupe Herrera & Agnes Oosdyke
6:30 PM	RCIA
7:00 PM	Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed
<b>Tuesday, March 2, Lenten Weekday</b>	
5:00 PM	Cub Scouts Grade 1-5
5:30 PM	Boy Scouts 283
6:30 PM	Adult Faith Development Series
7:00 PM	Young Adults
<b>Wednesday, March 3, Saint Katharine Drexel, virgin</b>	
4:30 PM	Religious Ed
5:30 PM	Mass, † Mary, Rich & Joe Obetts
6:00 PM	Reconciliation
6:30 PM	Confirmation, RCIC & Religious Ed
7:00 PM	Adult Choir
<b>Thursday, March 4, Saint Casimir</b>	
7:00 AM	Mass, † Irene Schriener
7:30 AM	24-hour Eucharistic Adoration
9:15 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Intercessory Prayer
6:00 PM	Daisy Scouts
6:30 PM	Religious Ed Catechists Meeting
8:30 PM	ABVM Men's 35+ Basketball
<b>Friday March 5, Lenten Weekday</b>	
9:00 AM	Mass, † Charles Slomski
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
<b>Saturday, March 6, 3rd Sunday of Lent</b>	
4:00 PM	Reconciliation until 5:00
5:30 PM	Mass, † Genevieve Quick & Eleanor Adamski
6:30 PM	INTERNATIONAL DINNER until 8:30 PM
<b>Sunday, March 7, 3rd Sunday of Lent</b>	
8:30 AM	The Holy Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass-CLOW, † Stanley Czarnopys
11:00 AM	Mass-CLOW † Anna Evaleen Stuive
11:00 AM	PS/K/1st Rel Ed
12:00 PM	Children's Choir
5:30 PM	Mass, † The members of our Parish
6:30 PM	Junior High & High School Youth Ministry
8:00 PM	Gr 8—Young Adult Basketball

Liturgical Ministers & Volunteers for March 6 & 7		
<b>Greeters</b>	5:30 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM 5:30 PM	The Garvin Family Renaee Teesdale David Tammens Susan Davis
<b>Lectors</b>	5:30 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM 5:30 PM	Tom Kuehl & Mike Tomich Steve Friar & Bernie Siehling Larry Bush & Bob O'Brien Bob & Peggy Rasch
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	5:30 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM 5:30 PM	T. Clonan, K. Gould, G. Oppenheer, G. & S. Pickerd, M. White & J. Young S. & T. Barnes, C. Bolek, E. Heys, M. Moore, K. O'Rourke S. Baumann, B. Coleman, K. Egan, P. Ek, C. & S. Schaberg & A. Thome B. Grondsma, G. Katt, L. McClellan, P. Mosher, D. Schultz, B. Tammens & A. Urbane
<b>Altar Servers</b>	5:30 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM 5:30 PM	M. Burns, J. Doman & J. Harmon D. Dinkel, M. Telder & J. Willer K. Brinkmeier, M. Ripple & M. Whyte J. Balcom, J. Courturier & J. Serra
<b>Ushers</b>	All Masses	Team B
<b>Children's Liturgy of the Word</b>	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Gerilyn May Artisha O'Rourke
<b>Nursery</b>	11:00 AM	Julie Tighe, Nick Solarewicz & Diana Dinkel
<b>Housekeepers for the Lord (Fri or Sat)</b>		Loretta McCambridge, Fran Egeler & Shirley Downer
<b>Collection Counters</b>		Chris & Sally Schaberg & Doreen McKinney

	Raise the Roof Fund Total Funds Needed:	\$398,000.00
	Total Funds Collected:	\$318,221.00
Please use your lavender "Raise the Roof Fund" envelopes for your contributions.		

**Readings for the Week of February 28, 2010**

Monday:	Dn 9: 4-10; Lk 6: 36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1: 10, 16-20; Mt 23: 1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18: 18-20; Mt 20: 17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17: 5-10; Lk 16: 19-31
Friday:	Gn 37: 3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Mt 21: 33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7: 14-15, 18-20; Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32
Sunday:	Ex 3: 1-8, 13-15; 1 Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12; Lk 13: 1-9



Dedicated parishioners are willing to pray for your needs. If you have any type of prayer request please call Elsie Fix at 784-6994 or Ceil Pyard at 365-1916.

Please remember in your prayers the following parishioners who are **homebound, in nursing homes, ill or in the military**: Lorena Bustraan, James Gelderbloom, Josephine Hikade, Mary Hikade, Emma Kennedy, Romana Kuehn, Dave Lehman, John Luccase, Harland Peacock, Sandy Reale, Anne Steimel, Diane Tava, Betty Turner, Clayton Cruickshank, Kyle Lamb, Matt Remelts, John L. Simmons.  
*Hospitals do not tell us when a parishioner has been admitted and/or released. We rely on family and friends to let us know.*



**Stewardship is what I do after I say "I Believe"**

February 21—week 39

Weekly Goal.....	\$18,014.00
Envelopes & EFT—\$40.73 Average .....	\$13,520.83
Loose & Children.....	\$1,323.50
Envelopes Issued.....	1110
Envelopes & EFT Returned (30%) .....	332
Annual Goal To Date.....	\$612,476.00
Actual .....	\$618,149.48

Peter, James, and John wanted to build a "booth" for Jesus and just stay on the mountain where His transfiguration took place. But the Son of God, the Chosen One, knew that He must instead keep moving toward His crucifixion. We, too, must rise from worship and do what we can to hasten the coming of the kingdom.

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### ASSUMPTION EAGLE NEWS

Now enrolling for the 2010-2011 school year.

Call 361-5483 Ext. 250 for more information.

Free uniforms are available for exchange or pick-up.

Our Kindergarten Parent Informational meeting will be on **Thursday, March 18, at 7:00 pm** in the school gym. Babysitting will be available, come and check us out!

**Congratulations** to the winners of the America and Me Essay Contest

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Annah Hillary
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Grant Goodfellow
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Katie LaBarge

Mike Micele,  
Principal




**Food Drive- at all masses March 13th and 14th.** Please remember to help feed the hungry in our own community. The March Food drive is for our own Loaves and Fishes Food pantry. Requested items include breakfast foods such as cereals, pancake mix, syrup, oatmeal, instant oatmeal along with peanut butter, jelly, and canned fruit. As always, everything is accepted and welcomed! Thanks so much for all your support!

**Knights of Columbus  
Lenten Meals Theme Menu**

Come nourish your soul and body during Lent by attending the Stations of the Cross at 5:30 & 7:00 PM and by enjoying a Lenten meal cooked and served by our Knights of Columbus from 5:30 until 7:00 PM. See and print the entire Lenten menu by going on the website [www.assumptionbvm.com](http://www.assumptionbvm.com).


**March 5 Yooper Pastie**

	White Fish Pastie	Relish Tray
	Fish Taco	Dessert
	Salad Bar	Lemonade
	Vegetable	Water
	Soup—Cheesy Potato	Coffee



#### A REMINDER

To serve as a Godparent for Baptism or as a Confirmation Sponsor, a Catholic must have received the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. If you have questions or need information, call the Parish Office or 361-5126 ext. 255.

 **RCIA** Are you, or someone you know, interested in learning more about the faith of Catholics? Or have you ever considered joining the Catholic Church and celebrating life and sacraments with us? For information call 361-5126 ext. 255. We will be glad to hear from you.

**FAITH ENRICHMENT SESSION IX**  
 Tuesday, March 2, 2010  
 6:30-8:00 PM  
 in the Ministry Center  
THEME:  
**THE LORD'S PRAYER: MORE ABOUT  
 THE SEVEN PETITIONS**

Bring your Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church  
*For more information call 361-5126 ext. 255.*

#### FOOD COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

For those who can use a little extra food, who may not be employed or with low incomes, our group would like to help. Food commodities will be distributed March 4 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the River Grove Retirement Community located at 5761 Jupiter Avenue in Belmont. Call Jim or Peg Granzotto at 784-5249 to see if you qualify.




**PARISH SUPPORT FORMS**

Parents of Catholic Secondary School Students:

It is time for the parish to make its commitment for parish support on behalf of qualified families to one of our Catholic High Schools for 2010/2011. The community of Assumption supports you and your decision in choosing Catholic Education. The funds that support this ministry come from weekly offerings that are contributed by you and other parishioners. This year the requested subsidy is \$885 per child. This is not an automatic commitment. The High School Subsidy Program is part of the parish's annual budget, which is now being prepared. It is important that we know how many families will be requesting this subsidy, in order to keep a balanced budget. Please submit your Parish Support Form to the parish office by Friday, March 12. The form is included in your child's registration packet.

Celebrate Your Heritage with an  
**INTERNATIONAL DINNER**



at Assumption of B.V.M. Family Life Center  
**Saturday, March 6, 2010—6:30-8:30 PM**  
 (Free will offering)

**Thank You** for the special volunteers who put ceiling fans in the Preschool/Nursery, Church Activity Center and Church Activity Center Conference Room to improve the ventilation. Your efforts to make this improvement are appreciated.  
 Fr. Peter Vu



# Assumption BVM Auction

## ITEMS NEEDED

**Your Parish and School need you!**



**Have you donated your new item for the May 1, 2010 auction?  
A few suggestions:**

- Hand made items
- Games (poker table, outdoor)
- Week stay at your cottage
- Sports items (fishing, golfing)
- Bicycle (men's or women's)
- Technology

**Please drop off your items at the Rectory Office or call  
Gary Balcom - 785-5192 to have an item picked up.**

**All proceeds benefit Assumption Parish & School.**



**Sunday**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**












**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**

**Saturday**

**PARISH  
CALENDAR  
MARCH  
2010**

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What if all the Christian churches would begin to focus on the things we share in common (a common God, a common Christ, a common scripture, a common creed, many fundamental dogmas, 2000 years of mostly-shared history) instead of upon the things that separate us? What if all churches would focus as much on who is living in charity, joy, peace, patience, goodness, long-suffering, fidelity, gentleness, and chastity, as on who is dogmatically right?

What if all the people on spiritual quests who are agnostic about their churches were able to understand the importance of involvement in a concrete historical community? What if we all understood more clearly that only obedience and genuflection can save us from being slaves to the pride and wounds of our own egos? What if the churches were to become as known for their challenge to be free-thinking as they are for their challenge to obedience? What if both, the churches and the emerging non-ecclesial spiritualities, were to be more self-effacing, less righteous, less judgmental?

What if theologians were to become as renowned for their children's stories as they are for their attention to hermeneutics? What if scriptural fundamentalists were to read the scriptural commentaries of Raymond Brown? What if liturgists were appreciated as much for their practical judgment as they are for their sense of the tradition and aesthetics? What if those who planned the liturgies in your parish understood basic human boredom and tiredness?

What if religious writers were genuinely as interested in bringing God's consolation and challenge to the world as they are in their own reputations? What if all columnists and editorial writers simply forgot about the labels of liberal and conservative for awhile and wrote up things as they appear on a given day?

What if we were all able to stretch our hearts in new ways to be open to a God and a truth that is forever beyond us? What if we all took more seriously the fact that God is ineffable and all of our language about God is, in se, inadequate?

Certainly we would all be more compassionate - and considerably easier to live with!

*Ron Rolheiser* (The Catholic Weekly & Times, January 2008)



Dear Fr. Vu & Assumption Parish,

Thank you very much for the beautiful plaque in honor of 100 years of our Foundation.

God has blessed us in every way and we are deeply grateful for His faithful love.

Thank you for the kind words, prayers, gift and your generous support and appreciation of our community. May God continue to bless you, and your ministry as Pastor. Many thanks from all of us  
Consolata Sisters.

With blessing and prayer,  
Sister Zelita Bragagnolo, MC

Lent is a time to look inward and reflect deeply on what it is to be a Christian. In doing so, we learn that it is deeply rooted in looking outward, to others. The Sacred Heart of Jesus Council of the Knights of Columbus will present special speaker Ken Myers following their regular meeting on Monday, March 8th. Ken will be presenting information regarding the persecuted church throughout the world, beginning at 7:30 PM in the Sacred Heart parish rectory basement. As people enjoying a high level of religious freedom, it's important that we not become too insulated from the "bigger picture" of those who embrace the Gospel. The presentation is informational only and no solicitation will be made. Come and learn more, so that you might do more.

Questions? Call Alan Dunst at 459-7425.

### CELEBRATE THE FINE ARTS at West Catholic's Festival of Arts Tuesday March 2 at 7pm.

All of West's student artists and performers will be spotlighted in what is sure to be a wonderful evening. Everyone is welcome!

### Traditional Irish Music And Dance Celebrated

LOWELL: Irish reels and jigs, ballads and dance are just part of the celebration of traditional Irish music and at the Franciscan Life Process Center's *Afternoon with the Arts: a Celtic Lore*. The annual music department benefit concert will be held Saturday, March 6, beginning at 1 p.m. This year's program includes solo and ensemble harp, vocal and instrumental pieces, and Irish step dance.

A performance by the young dancers from Grand Rapids' Quinn School of Irish Dance and the beautiful sound of the Uilleann pipes, played by Rockford's Albert Valk, adds a special touch to the Franciscan Center Music Department's event. Tickets and gift certificates may be purchased in advance by calling 616.897.7842 or e-mailing [registrar@lifeprocesscenter.org](mailto:registrar@lifeprocesscenter.org). The \$20 ticket will also be available at the door. Admission includes tea and scones. For more information, see the Franciscan Center website at [www.lifeprocesscenter.org](http://www.lifeprocesscenter.org).

### The Passion According to Luke

**Mondays, March 8, 15 and 22, 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

This liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke forms the core of our Sunday readings. Fr. Tom will lead us through an in depth examination of the Passion narrative as found in Luke's gospel. For registration information please call the Center at 459-7267 or register by e-mail at [register@catholicinformationcenter.org](mailto:register@catholicinformationcenter.org). For a full listing of all classes please visit the Center at

[www.catholicinformationcenter.org](http://www.catholicinformationcenter.org). *Note to Catechists:*

*This course qualifies for the CFD = Content*

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