

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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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



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and your helping hands are always needed"

Contemplativeness is Self-forgetfulness

"God is more domestic than monastic!"
A novelist, Nikos Kazantzakis, wrote those words but a theologian might have. Christ was born into a family not a monastery.



Not that there is anything wrong with monasteries. Maybe they're not places where families live but they're special places, like deserts and shrines, where we can be apart from the ordinary to do some deeper inner work. You can find God too in a monastery, but, ordinarily, God is found wherever there are little children, and families, and kitchen tables, and petty squabbles, and bills to pay, and all those other kinds of things that seem unspiritual.

Carlo Carretto, the renowned spiritual writer, shares how he learned this from experience: A much respected spiritual mentor, he had spent most of his life living by himself as a hermit in the Sahara desert, praying in silence and translating scripture into the Bedouin language. On one of his visits home to Italy, sitting with his mother, he was struck by the fact that she, an earthy practical woman who had raised a large family and who had gone through whole years of her life so preoccupied with the duties of raising her children that she never had any quality time alone, was more of a contemplative than he was, her hermit son, who had spent years alone in solitude trying to block out the distractions of the world so as to pray.

But Carretto didn't draw a simplistic conclusion from this. Realizing that his mother, who had been so busy and preoccupied for so many years, was more contemplative than he was didn't suggest that there was something wrong with what he had been doing all those years in the desert. Rather it suggested that there had been something very right about what she had been doing during those years when the constant demands of little children and family left her with no time ever for herself.


Contemplativeness and openness to the presence of God are not as much a question of silence and quiet, important as these are, as they are of being unselfish and beyond self-preoccupation. Contemplativeness is self-forgetfulness. Silence and the desert can help us to forget ourselves, but so too can duty, the demands of family, parenting, job, and vocation. Indeed, the normal road to sanctity (which is unselfishness and gratitude) leads through family, job, unpaid bills, and duty, rather than through a monastery. Monasteries are special places and the monastic vocation is a special calling, not the norm or ideal for everyone.


(Continued inside)

The Mass Intentions  and The Week Ahead	
Monday, March 8, Saint John of God, religious	
7:00 AM	Mass, † Sr. Maria Guadalupe Herrera
6:30 PM	RCIA
7:00 PM	Stephen Ministry Training
Tuesday, March 9, Saint Frances of Rome, religious	
5:00 PM	Cub Scouts Grade 1-5
6:30 PM	Adult Faith Development Series
7:00 PM	Knights of Columbus 13526
7:00 PM	Young Adults The Fire
Wednesday, March 10, Lenten Weekday	
4:30 PM	Religious Ed
4:30 PM	Rel Ed 1st Communion Parent Meeting
5:30 PM	Mass, † Eric Webb
6:00 PM	Reconciliation
6:30 PM	Confirmation, RCIC & Religious Ed
6:30 PM	Rel Ed 1st Communion Parent Meeting
7:00 PM	Adult Choir
7:00 PM	Pastoral Council
Thursday, March 11, Lenten Weekday	
7:00 AM	Mass, † Vernon May
7:30 AM	24-hour Eucharistic Adoration
9:15 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Intercessory Prayer
1:00 PM	Women of Grace Bible Study
3:30 PM	Junior Girl Scouts
7:00 PM	Science Lab Meeting
7:30 PM	Knights of Columbus 2226
8:30 PM	ABVM Men's 35+ Basketball
Friday March 12, Lenten Weekday	
9:00 AM	Mass, † Perry Karamol
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, March 13, 4th Sunday of Lent	
4:00 PM	Reconciliation until 5:00
5:30 PM	Mass, † Valerie Rusche and the Members of the Parish
Sunday, March 14, 3rd Sunday of Lent	
	Time Change—Spring Ahead 
8:30 AM	The Holy Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass-CLOW, † Eric & Larry Gryka
11:00 AM	Mass-CLOW † Perry Karamol
11:00 AM	PS/K/1st Rel Ed
12:00 PM	Children's Choir
5:30 PM	Mass, † Ed Rasch
8:00 PM	Gr 8—Young Adult Basketball

Liturgical Ministers & Volunteers for March 13 & 14		
Greeters	5:30 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM 5:30 PM	Aggie Zemke Sarah Mazgalis The Van Setters Family David & Sue Nielsen
Lectors	5:30 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM 5:30 PM	Steve Lachniet & Mike Sochacki Therese Cotter & Jim Wisnewski Shelly Baumann & Robert Crook Janet Cornell & Karen Roersma
Eucharistic Ministers	5:30 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM 5:30 PM	M. Delano, A. & D. Doerr, C. Kowalski, B. Quick, B. Sack & A. Zemke J. Bolek, R. Dinkel, F. Evans, M. Gelderbloom, B. Grondsma & M. Hurst S. Bach, M. & R. Crook, B. Obetts, A. O'Rourke, A. Petersen & M. Siegel M. Bieszka, K. Cruickshank, M. Moore, M. Niles, P. Staley, J. & J. Young
Altar Servers	5:30 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM 5:30 PM	M. Hagle, L. O'Brien & S. Paganelli A. McCambridge, M. & S. Roberts C. Riddering, B. & C. Wildman K. & S. LaBarge & M. Niles
Ushers	All Masses	Team B
Children's Liturgy of the Word	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Karin Markey Shandra Scheidel
Nursery	11:00 AM	Dawn Wolownik, Jeffrey Harmon & Liam Cowen
Housekeepers for the Lord (Fri or Sat)		Rita McEnanly, Janis Hoffius & Marci Delano
Collection Counters		Eileen Schmuker, Jenny Lastfogel & Theresa Gonder

Readings for the Week of March 7, 2010
 Monday: 2 Kgs 5: 1-15; Lk 4: 24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18: 21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4: 1, 5-9; Mt 5: 17-19
 Thursday: Jer 7: 23-28; Lk 11: 14-23
 Friday: Hos 14: 2-10; Mk 12: 28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6: 1-6; Lk 18: 9-14
 Sunday: Jos 5: 8, 10-12; 2 Cor 5: 17-21; Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32

	Raise the Roof Fund	Total Funds Needed:	\$398,000.00
		Total Funds Collected:	\$318,391.00
Please use your lavender "Raise the Roof Fund" envelopes for your contributions.			

 **Stewardship is what I do after I say "I Believe"**
 February 28—week 40

Weekly Goal	\$18,014.00
Envelopes & EFT—\$45.92 Average	\$16,484.85
Loose & Children	\$1,026.71
Envelopes Issued	1110
Envelopes & EFT Returned (32%)	359
Annual Goal To Date	\$630,490.00
Actual	\$635,661.04

The parable in today's Gospel clearly warns that we, like the fig tree, will be judged by our fruit. While God mercifully provides us with time and opportunity, let us give witness to our faith with deeds of kindness and generosity!

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Welcome **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. 

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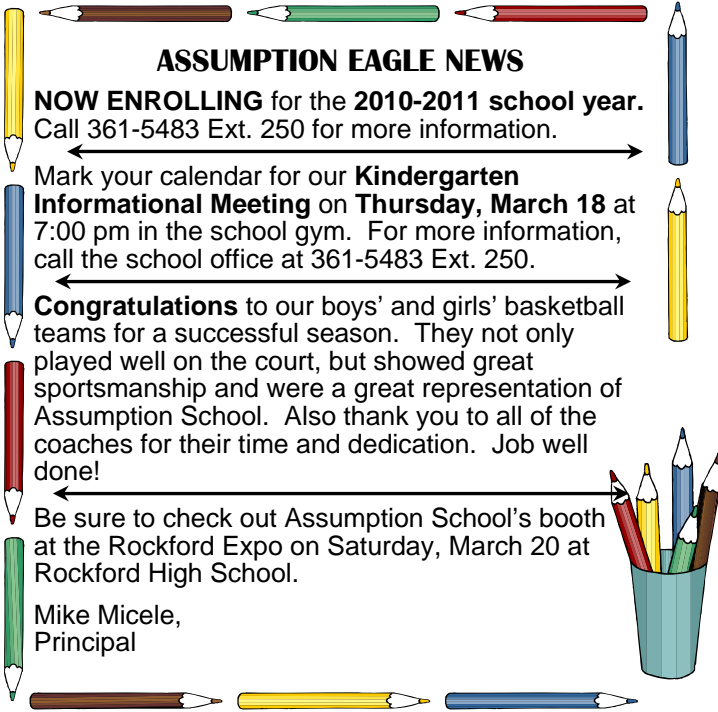
NOW ENROLLING for the **2010-2011 school year.**
Call 361-5483 Ext. 250 for more information.

Mark your calendar for our **Kindergarten Informational Meeting** on **Thursday, March 18** at 7:00 pm in the school gym. For more information, call the school office at 361-5483 Ext. 250.

Congratulations to our boys' and girls' basketball teams for a successful season. They not only played well on the court, but showed great sportsmanship and were a great representation of Assumption School. Also thank you to all of the coaches for their time and dedication. Job well done!

Be sure to check out Assumption School's booth at the Rockford Expo on Saturday, March 20 at Rockford High School.

Mike Micele,
Principal




2010 LENTEN SCHEDULE
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
6 Fridays of Lent at 5:30 & 7 PM
(Feb 19, 26, Mar 5, 12, 19, 26)

RECONCILIATION


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




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.




WASHING OF THE FEET—HOLY THURSDAY
If you would like to have your feet washed on Holy Thursday, at the 7:00 PM Mass, just as the apostles did, please call Mary Ann Hurst at 863-0834.



CHRISM MASS
If you would like a ticket to attend the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral on Tuesday, March 30, please call Mary Ann Hurst at 863-0834. We receive a limited number of tickets from the Diocese, so availability will be on a first come basis.



OFFERTORY GIFTS
If you would like to take the gifts up to the altar at offertory time, please see an usher before Mass. Thank you.




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 to the website www.assumptionbvm.com.

March 12 Pizza Pizza


Pizza—Veggie	Salad Bar
Pizza—Northern Italian /white sauce	Relish Tray
Pizza—Greek	Minestrone Soup
Pizza—Mexican	Dessert Pizzas
Pizza—Southern Italian	Lemonade or
Pizza—3 cheese	Grape Punch, Water, Coffee



SENIOR SOCIAL LUNCHEON
The next Senior Social Luncheon will be held on **Thursday, March 18** in the Assumption Church Activity Center. Bring your appetite and a friend to enjoy lunch and some great company. **To make your reservation by March 15,** please call Sr. Andreina @ 901-8576 or Linda Cherrette @ 581-4563.



Congratulations Scout Pack 3283 & Troop 283!
Boy Scout Troop 283, chartered by the Bishop Kevin M Britt Knights of Columbus, has increased from 10 to 17 scouts and welcomes the following parishioners: Jonathon Funches, Joshua Denton, Steven Pakiela, TJ Kovach. Both Pack 3283 and Troop 283 were recognized as Quality Catholic Units and received the Pope Paul VI Catholic Unit Award. Leaders Daina and Peter Luczyk were awarded the Bronze Pelican Diocesan Award at the Scout Recognition Mass held in St. Adalbert's Church. Anyone interested in either Cub Scouts or Boy Scouts, feel free to contact Pete Luczyk @ 437-1507.



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My parents' generation had their own way of understanding this. They called this living out one's "duties of state." Their idea was simple, practical, and solidly theological: Nobody gets a free ride in life: We are expected to do some work and fulfill a vocation given us from God. Accordingly we should expect that family, church, duty, and work will necessarily consume our primary time and energy up until we retire. But the idea was that this is where God wants us and that this is where we will find sanctity. Sanctity is found by doing the duties that conscriptively unfold before us each day - doing our work, raising kids, taking care of aging parents, paying bills, helping neighbors, serving country, helping with church life.

The formula for sanctity doesn't need to be searched for; it finds you, in the duties that you find daily in the path of ordinary life. Ordinary life is your monastery. The alarm clock that goes off early each morning to rouse you from sleep and send you off to work is your monastic bell, as is the mortgage you are paying, the aging parents you now need to care for, the demands of your children, and the needs of your neighbors and country. Like the bell at a monastery, they summon you out of your own agenda and self-interest to something larger than yourself, the agenda of the community and God's cause. Not least, the church bell which summons you to weekly or daily worship is also a monastic bell. God is found in the rhythms of your daily life, at your kitchen table, in your bedroom, in the struggle to pay your bills and meet your responsibilities, and in the summons to go to church.

Monks have secrets worth knowing, but so too do families. Carlo Carretto did some deep inner work during all those years of silence, fasting, and prayer in the desert, but so too did his mother, during all those years when the asceticism of being a mother, of being over-busy, and of having to think always of other people's needs before her own made her fast from so many pleasures that she might have enjoyed and forced her to be self-forgetful and generous.

There are two kinds of monasteries and two kinds of monastic bells. Both are good, as long as they summon us beyond ourselves to the kind of fasting and prayer that makes us put others and God before ourselves.

Fr. Ron Rolheiser (The Catholic Weekly & Times, February 2008)

The Annettes' Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone who has participated in making our funeral luncheons possible: the people who shop, furnish food, set-up, serve the luncheon, clean up afterwards, and in any way serve in this ministry. The food is delicious and presented in such an attractive manner. Everyone is always most appreciative which makes our job a privilege to serve.

*God bless you,
Elsie Fix and Cecelia Pyard*



**INTERNATIONAL DINNER
CHAIRPERSON NEEDED**

There is an opportunity available for someone who would be interested in being the new chairperson for the yearly International Dinner. This person will do

event planning and coordinate volunteers for food donations and working the day of the event. Thank you for considering this opportunity to become more involved in one of our Parish Life Activities.

Sacred Vessels



As you might know, our parish has used "mixed, matched" chalice, paten, cruets, cups, ciboria and flagons at weekend and daily Masses. Evidently this problem has gone on for quite a few decades and no one has tried to help address it. Moreover, the Church recently has suggested the usage of metal items, instead of ceramic ones. So, I ask you to make a donation to a "Sacred Vessels fund" to help me purchase all the items above for usage at Masses. Obviously, you and all the generous donors will always be remembered at Masses for many years to come. Thank you so much for your help and generosity.

Fr. Peter Vu

Collection Counters Needed

Beginning in April the collection counting will take place on Monday mornings per recommendations from the Diocese. We need to increase our counting teams as many of our past people work during the week. If you are available to help us out with this ministry, please call the rectory at 361-5126 ext 200.



**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.)

Crafters Wanted

Crafters wanted for May 8, 2010 show at West Catholic High School in Grand Rapids MI. Go to westcatholicband.org or call Julie at 616-791-6277.



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