

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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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church**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"**RANDOM ACTS OF RECONCILIATION**

One way we know that God has forgiven our sins and brought us into communion is that we feel the desire and capacity to bring the peace of reconciliation to others around us. All around us dwell those who are not reconciled with each other or do not know the peace of God's forgiving love. How can we bind up the wounded whose paths cross ours? The following are a few suggestions for "random acts of reconciliation."

Assume the best. Too often we are prepared to assume the worst about people. Recently, a friend was asked to give a parish presentation and a woman came with a tape recorder fully prepared to turn him in to the bishop for any possible heretical words he might speak. Such an attitude toward Jesus prevented many from hearing him and receiving his gift of healing. When you find yourself behind someone in line and thinking disparaging remarks about them, consider that he or she might be doing the best that can be done in a challenging situation. Assume everyone's challenges are at least as great as your own.

Listen patiently to someone with whom you absolutely disagree, and realize that he or she is a good person whom God loves. Discover at least one idea or statement that you could agree with. Express that agreement.


Consider who might be the least person you would leave any material resources to if you were to die today. Then spend at least 10 minutes in prayer for that person. Ask God to send them blessings.

If you were told that you would die next week, whom would you most like to seek forgiveness from? Write a letter, an email, or phone and ask pardon for the distance between you – even if it is his or her fault.

Read an extended defense of a position that you deeply disagree with. Determine that you will try at least to understand this position, and that you will consider with compassion how someone might have come to it.

Consider your vocabulary. Decide to remove at least one disparaging term, foul expression or impolite word a week for 10 weeks. Review your conversations and thoughts each night to renew your commitment. Consider whether you have made headway. Ask God to place a compassionate, graceful or at least neutral word on your tongue when you are tempted to use the repented term.

Eileen Burke-Sullivan (The Parish Life)

The Mass Intentions  and The Week Ahead	
Monday, January 30, Weekday	
7:00 AM	Mass, † Carl and Joe Obetts
6:30 PM	RCIA
Tuesday, January 31, Saint John bosco, Priest	
1:00 PM	Fatima Club
6:30 PM	Baptismal Session
Wednesday, February 1, Weekday	
4:30 PM	Religious Ed
5:30 PM	Mass, † Romana Kuehn
6:00 PM	Reconciliation
6:30 PM	Confirmation, RCIC & Religious Ed
7:00 PM	Adult Choir
Thursday, February 2, The Presentation of the Lord	
7:00 AM	Mass, † The Intentions of the Egeler Family
7:30 AM	24-hour Eucharistic Adoration
10:00 AM	Bible Study Session
3:00 PM	Girl Scouts
8:30 PM	ABVM Men's 35+ Basketball
Friday February 3, Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop	
9:00 AM	Mass, † Daniel and Wilma Banas, Theresa Schwartz and Mary Carnevale
10:00 AM	Friday Walkers
5:30 PM	8th Grade Movie Fundraiser
Saturday, February 4, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	Blessing of the Throats at Mass
4:00 PM	Reconciliation until 5:00
5:30 PM	Mass, † Bill Millering, Genevieve Quick, Barbara Olejniczak and Leona Adamski
Sunday, February 5, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	Blessing of the Throats at Mass
8:30 AM	The Holy Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass-CLOW, † Ken and Michael Fex and Robert and Emily Gentry
10:00 AM	Knights of Columbus Breakfast until 12:30 PM
10:00 AM	Confirmation Make Up
11:00 AM	Mass-CLOW † Joe VanOeffelen and Family
11:00 AM	PS/K/1st Rel Ed
12:10 PM	Baptism
12:30 PM	LFUL Marriage Prep
5:30 PM	Mass, † The members of our Parish
6:30 PM	Junior High & High School Youth Ministry
8:00 PM	Youth Group Open Gym

Liturgical Ministers & Volunteers for February 4 & 5		
Greeters	5:30 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM 5:30 PM	Aggie Zemke Peg Ely Dorothy Deja Mitch Phillips
Lectors	5:30 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM 5:30 PM	Tom Kuehl & Steve Lachniet Therese Cotter & Bob McCambridge Cathy McDaniels & Mike Tomich Janet Cornell & Karen Roersma
Eucharistic Ministers	5:30 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM 5:30 PM	A. & D. Doerr, R. McEnanly, L. Moerdyk, B. Quick, B. Roger & M. White C. Bolek, R. Dinkel, F. Evans, M. Hurst, E. Schmuker & M. Smith T. Clonan, K. Egan, P. Ek, B. Obetts, A. O'Rourke, C. & S. Schaberg M. & S. Friedman, P. Mosher, D. Schultz, B. Tammens, A. Urbane & T. VanVliet
Altar Servers	5:30 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM 5:30 PM	G. & N. Clements & D. Zeug M. Maharry, C. & M. Markules C. VanSetters, J. & M. Westman K. Brinkmeier, R. Novak & A. Roersma
Ushers	All Masses	Team A
Children's Liturgy of the Word	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Irene Roberts Artisha O'Rourke
Nursery	11:00 AM	Kristen Miles, Olivia Lescinskas & Mary Novak
Housekeepers for the Lord (Fri or Sat)		Kim Jones, Mary Ann Lauka & Mary Momber
Collection Counters		Kim Cruickshank

Thank you A special Thank You to the wonderful people who took down the Christmas decorations so quickly - not only once but twice: Dave Kommer, Sarah Mazgalis, Meg & Chuck Frodl, Les & Theresa Luczek, Rose Roberts, Frank Evans and Bill Fix. Thank You! The Art & Environment Committee

Readings for the Week of January 29, 2012

Monday:	2 Sm 15: 13-14; 30; 16: 5-13; Mk 5: 1-20
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18: 9-10, 14, 24-25, 30—19:3; Mk 5: 21-43
Wednesday:	2 Sm 24: 2, 9-17; Mk 6: 1-6
Thursday:	Mal 3: 1-4; Heb 2: 14-18; Lk 2: 22-40
Friday:	Sir 47: 2: 11; Mk 6: 14-29
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3: 4-13; Mk 6: 30-34
Sunday	Jb 7: 1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23; Mk 1: 29-39



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, Bruce Clarke, James Gelderbloom, Carole Grabiell, Rosemary Hatcher, Josephine Hikade, Emma Kennedy, John Luccase, Richard Malone, Harland Peacock, Sandy Reale, Diane Tava, Tom & Rosemarie Trubiroha, Clayton & Stephen Cruickshank, Kyle Lamb & Matt Remelts.

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"

January 22—week 30

Weekly Goal	\$17,423.00
Envelopes & EFT—\$43.33 Average	\$14,386.00
Loose & Children	\$1,101.50
Envelopes Issued	1125
Envelopes & EFT Returned (28%)	332
AEEF School Expense Fund	\$530.00
Annual Goal To Date	\$522,690.00
Actual	\$513,725.08

Moses told the people, "The Lord will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own kinsmen." God still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His Church. What gifts are yours to share?

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Rockford Education Grant

We would like to congratulate our kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Margaret Rabbers, in her recent award from the Rockford Education Foundation. She was awarded \$162.02 to purchase T1-108 Calculators for Math to be used in her classroom. We thank the Rockford Education Foundation for their continued support of our school.

Meijer Rewards

We want to thank all of you for contributing to our Meijer Rewards program. In doing so, we receive monthly checks averaging 150.00 to 200.00. This money is allocated to help our classroom technology program. Thank you again for your continued support!

Now enrolling for the 2012-2013 school year

If your child is not currently enrolled in Assumption School and you would be interested in your Parish School where our students learn and grow in their faith on a daily basis, we would love the opportunity to give you a tour of our school, meet our students and staff, and show you what we have to offer. Some of our classes are filling up, so please feel free to call the school office at 361-5483 Ext. 250 to see what classes are available. We will be offering 50% off tuition for the 2012-2013 school year for any new families.

Attention Altar Servers



Holy Week is just around the corner. During this most holy week of the Church year, we celebrate many special Masses. I am asking for volunteers, three per Mass, for these special celebrations. If you would like to be a part of these special celebrations, please contact me so I can schedule you for your Mass preference. You may contact me by email at Mauerjk@aol.com, or by phone, 887-8067.

- The Mass schedule is:
- Holy Thursday (April 5) – 7:00PM
- Good Friday (April 6) – 12:00 Noon
- Holy Saturday (April 7) – 8:00PM
- Easter Sunday (April 8) – 9:00AM
- Easter Sunday (April 8) – 11:00AM

Thank you for your continued service to ABVM Parish,
Deacon Mike



PEWS INVOLVEMENT

After Masses on February 4th and 5th some of ABVM's PEWS committees will be available to discuss the mission of their ministry. At Assumption we are blessed with a wide variety of groups that socialize, raise funds and grow people in the Catholic faith. This is a great opportunity to learn about some of the missions we have. If you are considering becoming more involved, here is your chance!

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest Winners

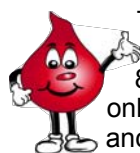


The Knights of Columbus would like to congratulate the winners of the annual free throw contest held on Friday night, January 20 at ABVM. Each of these winners will move on and compete at the District Contest at OLC on Sunday, February 5 at 1:30. Thank you to all of the participants who joined in the fun!

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| 10 year old Girls | Kaelyn Kramarz |
| 11 year old Girls | Abby Dood |
| 12 year old Girls | Taylor Benoit |
| 9 year old Boys | Ben Maskell |
| 10 year old Boys | Justin Johnson |
| 11 year old Boys | Max Serra |
| 12 year old Boys | Mitch Adams |
| 13 year old Boys | Phillip Polkowski |

HELP Pregnancy Crisis Aid is holding an "eBay drive" on Friday February 17, 4-8pm and Saturday February 18, 10am-2pm at our location, 705 Bridge St NW. Come bring your duplicate Christmas presents or unloved items sitting around your house. We will list your items on eBay using eBay Giving Works and 100% of the sales go to HPCA. Already an ebay user? Choose HELP Pregnancy Crisis Aid and sell for charity or remember us during checkout. Have questions?? Call Christy Staskiewicz@ 785-4782. God Bless!

Shine Youth Rally- All 6th-8th graders are encouraged to attend the annual diocese-wide Middle School Youth Rally. Shine is on Saturday, March 24 at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Grand Rapids. This will be a day of fun icebreakers and games, live music and powerful talks -- be sure to contact Beth Baltruczak.



The next parish blood drive is Tuesday, February 7th at Assumption School from 2 to 8 PM. You can schedule an appointment online by logging into www.miblood.org/donating/ and entering Assumption and February 7, or call Rich Panek at 874-2953.

In 2011, parishioners donated 188 units of blood. This represented 564 lives potentially saved. Consider participating in this act of charity-you could save a life!



2012 Steubenville Youth

Conference, The Eighth Day- All current 8th-12th graders are invited to attend the conference on June 15-17 (This is the date Assumption got in; the original date advertised was full). The total cost for the weekend is \$200. We will be doing some fundraisers to help minimize the expense of the trip. The Conference will include dynamic speakers, praise & worship, and fellowship. If you are interested in attending, contact Beth Baltruczak.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday





Friday

Saturday

Parish Calendar

February 2012

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK JANUARY 29 THROUGH FEBRUARY 4

<p>5 9:00 AM Mass-CLOW 10:00 AM K of C Breakfast until 12:30 PM 10:00 AM Confirmation Makeup 11:00 AM Mass-CLOW 11:00 AM PS/K/1st Gr Rel Ed 12:10 PM Baptism 12:30 PM LFUL Marriage Prep 5:30 PM Mass 6:30 PM JH/HS Youth Group 8:00 PM YG Open Gym</p>	<p>6 7:00 AM Mass at Center Hse 6:30 PM RCJA</p>	<p>12 9:00 AM Mass-CLOW 10:00 AM Confirmation Makeup 11:00 AM Mass-CLOW 11:00 AM PS/K/1st Gr Rel Ed 12:00 PM Children's Choir 5:30 PM Mass 6:30 PM JH/HS Youth Group 8:00 PM YG Open Gym</p>	<p>19 Coffee & Donuts AM 9:00 AM Mass-CLOW 10:00 AM Confirmation Makeup 11:00 AM Mass-CLOW 11:00 AM PS/K/1st Gr Rel Ed 12:30 PM Boy Scouts 283 5:30 PM Mass 6:30 PM JH/HS Youth Group 8:00 PM YG Open Gym FOOD PANTRY COLLECTIONS</p>	<p>1 4:30 PM Religious Ed 5:30 PM Mass 6:00-7:00 PM Reconciliation 6:30 PM Confirmation, RCIC & Religious Ed 7:00 PM Adult Choir</p>	<p>8 3:15 PM Brownies 4:30 PM Religious Ed 5:30 PM Mass 6:00-7:00 PM Reconciliation 6:30 PM Confirmation, RCIC & Religious Ed 7:00 PM Adult Choir 7:00 PM Pastoral Council Mtg</p>	<p>15 4:30 PM Religious Ed 5:30 PM Mass 6:00-7:00 PM Reconciliation 6:30 PM Confirmation, RCIC & Religious Ed 7:00 PM Adult Choir 7:00 PM Finance Council Mtg</p>	<p>22 Ash Wednesday 9:00 AM Mass 3:15 PM Brownies 7:00 PM Mass </p>	<p>2 7:00 AM Mass 7:30 AM 24-hour Adoration 10:00 AM Bible Study Session 3:00 PM Girl Scouts 8:30 PM ABVM Men's 35+ B-ball</p>	<p>9 7:00 AM Mass 7:30 AM 24-hour Adoration 10:00 AM Bible Study Session 6:00 PM Preschool Open House 7:30 PM K of C 2226 8:30 PM ABVM Men's 35+ B-ball</p>	<p>16 7:00 AM Mass 7:30 AM 24-hour Adoration 10:00 AM Bible Study Session 3:00 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Rel Ed Catechists Mtg 7:00 PM Fine Arts Festival 8:30 PM ABVM Men's 35+ B-ball</p>	<p>23 7:00 AM Mass 7:30 AM 24-hour Adoration 7:00 PM Social Committee 8:00 PM Usher's Club Mtg 8:30 PM ABVM Men's 35+ B-ball</p>	<p>3 8:30 AM Holy Rosary 9:00 AM Mass 10:00 AM Friday Walkers 5:30 PM 8th Grade Movie Fundraiser</p>	<p>10 10:00 AM Holy Rosary 9:00 AM Mass 10:00 AM Friday Walkers</p>	<p>17 8:30 AM Holy Rosary 9:00 AM Mass 10:00 AM Friday Walkers 5:00 PM Cub Scouts Banquet</p>	<p>24 8:30 AM Holy Rosary 9:00 AM Mass in Chapel 10:00 AM Friday Walkers 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 </p>	<p>4 4:00-5:00 PM Reconciliation 5:30 PM Mass</p>	<p>11 10:00 AM-Confirmation Retreat until 8:00 PM 4:00-5:00 PM Reconciliation 5:30 PM Mass</p>	<p>18 10:00 AM K of C Free Throw Contest 4:00-5:00 PM Reconciliation 5:30 PM Mass</p>	<p>25 4:00-5:00 PM Reconciliation 5:30 PM Mass</p>	<p>AABC-ABVM Athletic Boosters Club AEEF-Assumption Education Endowment Fund CLOW-Children's Liturgy of the Word HS-High School JH-Junior High K-Kindergarten K of C- Knights of Columbus LFUL-Love Following Upon Love PS-Preschool RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults YA-Young Adult</p>
<p>7 2:00 PM Parish Blood Drive until 8:00 PM 5:00 PM Boy Scouts 283 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 3283 7:00 PM K of C 13526 6:30 PM Bible Study Session 7:00 PM Auction Committee Meeting</p>	<p>14 Valentine's Day 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 283 6:30 PM Bible Study Session 7:00 PM K of C 13526 </p>	<p>13 7:00 AM Mass 6:30 PM RCJA 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed 7:30 PM AABC Meeting</p>	<p>21 7:00 AM Mass 6:30 PM RCJA Retreat 7:00 PM Board of Ed Mtg</p>	<p>8 4:30 PM Religious Ed 5:30 PM Mass 6:00-7:00 PM Reconciliation 6:30 PM Confirmation, RCIC & Religious Ed 7:00 PM Adult Choir</p>	<p>28 1:00 PM Fatima Club 5:00 PM Boy Scouts 283 6:30 PM Baptismal Session</p>	<p>27 7:00 AM Mass 6:30 PM RCJA Retreat</p>	<p>26 9:00 AM Mass-CLOW 10:00 AM Confirmation Makeup 11:00 AM Mass-CLOW 11:00 AM PS/K/1st Gr Rel Ed 12:00 PM Children's Choir 5:30 PM Mass 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 3283 6:30 PM JH/HS Youth Group 8:00 PM YG Open Gym</p>	<p>29 4:30 PM Religious Ed 5:30 PM NO Mass or Reconciliation 6:30 PM Confirmation, RCIC & Religious Ed 7:00 PM Adult Choir</p>	<p>9 7:00 AM Mass 7:30 AM 24-hour Adoration 10:00 AM Bible Study Session 6:00 PM Preschool Open House 7:30 PM K of C 2226 8:30 PM ABVM Men's 35+ B-ball</p>	<p>10 7:00 AM Mass 7:30 AM 24-hour Adoration 10:00 AM Bible Study Session 6:00 PM Preschool Open House 7:30 PM K of C 2226 8:30 PM ABVM Men's 35+ B-ball</p>	<p>17 8:30 AM Holy Rosary 9:00 AM Mass 10:00 AM Friday Walkers 5:00 PM Cub Scouts Banquet</p>	<p>24 8:30 AM Holy Rosary 9:00 AM Mass in Chapel 10:00 AM Friday Walkers 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 </p>	<p>LOVE LIFE LIVE LENT TRANSFORM YOUR WORLD</p>							

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS to the family and friends of Don Ek who was called to his heavenly home on Saturday, January 14. May Don rest peacefully in the arms of his Heavenly Father, and may his family and friends experience God's consolation in their time of grief and loss.



OUR PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES to the family of Steve Janicki who passed away on Sunday, January 15. May Steve and all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace and may his family experience God's consolation in their time of grief and loss.



COMING SOON

Building A Legacy 2012 Catholic men's conference at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Grand Rapids. Featuring an all-priest lineup, with dynamic speakers from near and far. Saturday, March 10, 2012. For more information go to www.buildingalegacy.org or call Dave at 616-791-7394.

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Education Sunday – Catholic Schools Week
Sunday, Jan. 29 marks Education Sunday and the beginning of Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 29 – Feb. 5). You will receive a letter this week asking you to help West Catholic High School prepare students for leadership and service roles in the church and community with a gift to the Annual Fund. Please consider your generous gift of \$50, \$100, \$250 or more which will help all students, especially the more than 30 percent with financial need. Reply by mail or go to grwestcatholic.org and click "Help Support West Catholic."



Diocese of Grand Rapids

Statement of Bishop Hurley on the Health Insurance Mandate:

The recent decision to uphold the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) insurance ruling is a great disappointment. The HHS ruling mandates religious people and institutions to act in violation of their consciences in providing certain health care benefits (contraception, sterilization and abortifacients) as part of health care plans offered to employees of Catholic agencies and institutions which serve the church and community.

The implications of this mandate raise serious questions about the ability of our Catholic institutions of health care, charities and education to carry out their mission in accord with Catholic teaching and individual conscience. The full implications are not clear and will require careful study and action by legal and moral scholars.

This directive is another expression of a serious threat to religious liberty and conscience and erodes our right to exercise religion in our society.

As a federal issue, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is committed to use every legal means possible and take leadership to prevent the implementation of this mandate in our Catholic agencies and institutions.

I ask for your prayers that our rights as a Catholic community and others who share our views will be respected and honored.

Most Reverend Walter A. Hurley
Bishop of Grand Rapids
January 23, 2012

For additional information: Log onto the websites for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) www.usccb.org or the Diocese of Grand Rapids www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org.

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