

Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Roman Catholic Parish

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Coal City, IL 60416

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Immaculate
Conception
Parish

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Braidwood, IL 60408

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

HOSANNA!

MARK 11:9

Holy Thursday | 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper @ Assumption

Good Friday | 11:30 a.m. Living Stations of the Cross @ Immaculate Conception
3:00 p.m. Veneration of the Cross @ Assumption
4:15 p.m. Confessions @ Assumption

Holy Saturday | 12:00 p.m. Easter Basket Blessing @ Assumption (Kankakee St.)
7:15 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass @ Assumption

Easter Sunday | 7:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Mass @ Assumption
9:30 a.m. Mass @ Immaculate Conception

JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

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Eucharistic Adoration Chapel**Assumption** - The Adoration Chapel is open daily from 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.**Immaculate Conception** - The Adoration Chapel in Fr. White Hall is open daily from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please call Anita Harding at (815) 739-9767 for the entry code before or after hours or to make an Adoration commitment.**Sacraments****ANOIDTING OF THE SICK** Please call the parish office.**BAPTISMS** Parents are required to attend a baptismal preparation meeting prior to the baptism. Please contact the parish secretary to register.**Assumption** - Second and fourth Sundays of the month after 11:30 a.m. Mass**Immaculate Conception** - First and third Sundays of the month**FUNERALS** Funeral liturgies are ordinarily celebrated at 10:00 a.m. The funeral director will contact the parish office regarding arrangements.**MARRIAGE** Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Marriage preparation classes are required to be completed before the Sacrament of Marriage can be celebrated. Please contact the parish office before making wedding arrangements.**RECONCILIATION (Different on Holy Days & Holidays)****Assumption** - Tuesday - 6:00 p.m. to 6:20 p.m., Wednesday & Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 8:20 a.m., Saturday - 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.**Immaculate Conception** - Thursday following the 8:30 a.m. Mass & Sunday following the 9:30 a.m. Mass**ST. PEREGRINE DEVOTIONS** In honor of St. Peregrine, the patron saint of those who suffer with cancer or any illness, a special devotion is held on the first Tuesday of each month following the 6:30 p.m. Mass at Assumption Church, with Adoration and Benediction.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY March 23	
4:00 PM Mass (AP)	†Catherine Baudino (<i>John & Teri Jo Boylan</i>)
SUNDAY March 24 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	
7:30 AM Mass (AP)	†Juan Fehr (<i>Noma Fehr</i>)
9:30 AM Mass (IC)	†Callie Smith Tatroe (<i>Tatroe Family</i>) †Ken Knorr (<i>Bruce & Melissa [Knorr] Radtke</i>) †Norma Sarcletti (<i>Family</i>)
11:30 AM Mass (AP)	†Norman Hook (<i>Family</i>) †Sheila Brown (<i>Friend</i>) †John Zentmyer (<i>Georgia & Family</i>) †Ernie Viano (<i>Mark & Mary Jo Enrietta</i>)
TUESDAY March 26	
6:30 PM Mass (AP)	Intention of the Celebrant
WEDNESDAY March 27	
8:30 AM Mass (AP)	†John Fowler, Sr. (<i>Peter & Carm Collins</i>)
THURSDAY March 28 Holy Thursday	
(No 8:30 AM Mass at IC)	
7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper (AP)	All Assumption & Immaculate Conception Parishioners
FRIDAY March 29 Good Friday	
(No 8:30 AM Mass at AP)	
[11:30 AM Living Stations of the Cross (IC)]	
[3:00 PM Veneration of the Cross (AP)]	
[4:15 PM Confessions (AP)]	
SATURDAY March 30 Holy Saturday	
[12:00 PM Blessing of Easter Baskets (Kankakee St. Entrance)]	
7:15 PM Easter Vigil Mass (AP)	All Assumption & Immaculate Conception Parishioners
SUNDAY March 31 Easter Sunday	
7:30 AM Mass (AP)	†Suzanne Lissy (<i>Family</i>)
9:30 AM Mass (IC)	Parishioners of Immaculate Conception
11:30 AM Mass (AP)	†John Zentmyer (<i>Georgia & Family</i>) †John L. "Jackie" Lestina (<i>Lestina Family</i>) †Michelle Pittman (<i>Mark Matteson Family</i>)

In Your Charity, Please Pray for the Sick of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Immaculate Conception Parishes:

Sharee Beeler, Linnea Buban, Tom Buban, Ryan Collins,
Mary Lou Cobb, Charlotte Curtis, Bradley Davis,
Charita Dillon, Michael Dillon, Richard Fenoglio,
Anita Harding, Karin Kendzora, Braydon Mark, Donna Meyer,
Jim Micetich, Marilyn Offerman, Frank Peters, Jean Peters,
Ellen Rogers, Ed Scasny, Cecelia Schimandle, Marie Swanson,
Jake Veronda, Gary Wallerich

*Names will remain on the prayer list for six months. If you would
like your name to remain on the list, please contact us.*

Sacrament of Penance Confession Schedule

TUESDAY (AP) - 5:00 p.m. to 6:20 p.m. (Expanded during Lent)
WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY (AP) - 8:00 a.m. to 8:20 a.m.
THURSDAY (IC) - Following the 8:30 a.m. Mass
SATURDAY (AP) - 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.
SUNDAY (IC) - Following the 9:30 a.m. Mass
(Different on Holy Days & Holidays)



EXPANDED CONFESSION TIME

Tuesday, March 26, 5:00 p.m. to 6:20 p.m.

Good Friday, March 29, 4:15 p.m.

Assumption Church

This Week's Events

AP: Assumption Parish **IC:** Immaculate Conception

Sunday March 24 (Palm Sunday)

12:30 pm - Baptisms - AP
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm - YM Living Stations Practice - IC

Monday March 25

8:30 am - Communion Service - IC
4:45 pm - St. Vincent Meals - Immaculate Conception Braidwood
Coal City Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288

Tuesday March 26

8:30 am - Communion Service - IC
10:00 am - CCW Meeting - IC
Braidwood Community Care Food Pantry Open - 815-325-0779

Wednesday March 27

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Christ's Passover - Fr. White Hall
Assumption Food Pantry Open - 815-518-2000

Thursday March 28 (Parish Office Closed)

Coal City Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288

Friday March 29 (Parish Office Closed)

11:30 am - 12:30 pm - Living Stations of the Cross - IC
3:00 pm - Veneration of the Cross - AP

Saturday March 30

12:00 pm - Blessing of Easter Baskets - AP (Kankakee St. Entrance)

Sunday March 31

Happy Easter!

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I have set my face like flint,
knowing that I shall not be put to shame. (Is 50:7)

Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

Second Reading:

He humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
Because of this, God greatly exalted him. (Phil 2:8-9)

Gospel:

They brought him to the place of Golgotha
—which is translated Place of the Skull—. (Mk 15:22)

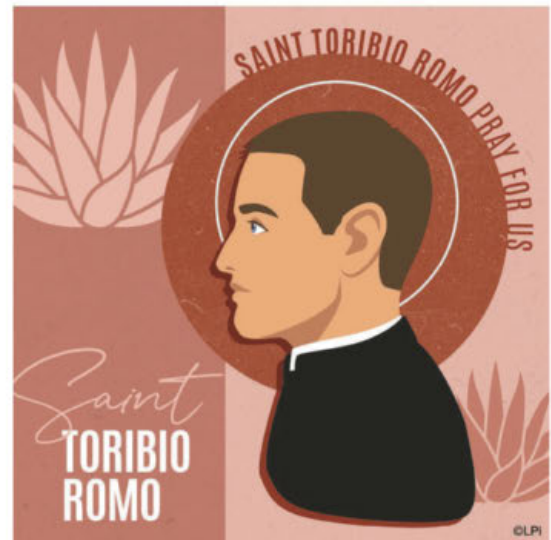
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The crowds of Jerusalem beautified the path of Jesus as he came into the city, offering their own cloaks in homage. Let us make way in our hearts for the King as we enter into Holy Week.

Observances for the week of March 24, 2024

- Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord,
Holy Week begins
- Thursday:** Holy Thursday
- Friday:** Good Friday
- Saturday:** Holy Saturday
- Next Sunday:** Easter Sunday



Saint of the week

St. Toribio Romo González was a Mexican priest and martyr from Jalisco in the early 1900's. He's known for his strong devotion to the Eucharist and catechesis to the poor. During a time of religious persecution in Mexico, government troops shot and killed him.

Prayer for Palm Sunday

Blessed be your name, oh Lord my God! As we enter this week of your Passion and Death, keep me in lockstep with you. Help me to be attentive to every word you would have me hear, every lesson you would have me learn. I want to journey with you. Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of March 24, 2024

Sunday:

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/
Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/
Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday:

Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday:

Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and
17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday:

Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and
33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday:

Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps
89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18
(see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday:

Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17,
25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/
Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday:

Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps
104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps
33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18
or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11
(1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18
(1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13
(2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar
3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn
6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3,
5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
(24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9
or Mk 16:1-7

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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A few months before they married, my twenty-three-year-old sister and her fiancé planned a cross-country road trip to visit his family. My parents told them that they could only go if they slept in separate hotel rooms, offering to foot the bill. It might sound prudish, but my parents wanted the young couple to understand that their approaching unity was close, but not yet. Patience solidifies love.

What could this possibly have to do with Palm Sunday? It's usually overlooked, but the Gospels tell us that, after entering Jerusalem, Jesus **"looked around ... and since it was late, went out to Bethany with the twelve"** (Mk 11:11) for the night. Who cares? Why include this detail? Jews in those days believed that the new Davidic King would one day re-enter and "marry" the city. A new future marked by fidelity would begin for God's people. Israel's God would be in union with His people forever. Without over-sexualizing the metaphor, perhaps Jesus refused to sleep in Jerusalem to remind us of his marital purpose. He was entering Jerusalem as the bridegroom-king. It was almost time, but not yet. Soon he will sleep in Jerusalem in the tomb and then something new will begin: his one body, his Church.

Lenten challenge: This Holy Week, I challenge you to keep this image in your mind all the way until Easter Sunday: Jesus is the faithful bridegroom who patiently prepares his bride for their new life together. Go to the Good Friday liturgy and kiss the cross. When you do, let that gesture be the long-awaited "I do" to our faithful God, who always waits for us.

— Father John Muir

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Whole Story

The Bible is a strange book.

It's one of the only books that most people never read in its entirety, even those who claim it as one of their favorites. It's also one of the only books that we feel comfortable chopping up and sectioning out. There's nothing wrong with that, really, until people start making wholesale judgments of divine revelation based on one tiny part of it. You can't base your belief system on a few lines from Leviticus and ignore the Gospels, just like you can't embrace the teachings of Jesus and ignore the Old Testament. You need to accept the whole story, in its entirety, or none of it means anything.

But it's hard, because accepting the whole story means patience. It means critical thinking. It requires endurance. It's easier just to throw a line from Leviticus at a problem and be done with it.

Holy Week reminds us that salvation history is a tapestry, not a collection of threads. As beautiful as the individual stitches might be, you won't appreciate the message unless you back up and look at the complete product. If we didn't have the whole story, Holy Thursday and Good Friday would be neither holy nor good. And without Holy Week, Easter morning means nothing — it's just a guy waking up.

How often in life do we find ourselves confused to the point of hopelessness, unable to make sense of it all? Overwhelmed by the pain and suffering that exists in this world, and for seemingly no reason. Some of us become so frustrated we throw up our hands and despair.

We need Easter. We need the whole story. We need to be patient.

"His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified they remembered that these things were written about him and that they had done this for him." — John 12:16

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Do Catholics always need to receive communion in wafer form, or can it be different kinds of bread?

Answer:

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the most common form for the eucharistic bread is the small white communion "wafer" that is a ubiquitous part of the Catholic Mass. The instructions of the Church have been very specific regarding the make-up of the bread used in the Mass: "The bread used in the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharistic Sacrifice must be unleavened, purely of wheat, and recently made ... it follows therefore that bread made from another substance, even if it is grain, or if it is mixed with another substance different from wheat to such an extent that it would not commonly be considered wheat bread, does not constitute valid matter for confecting the Sacrifice and the Eucharistic Sacrament" (see *Redemptionis Sacramentum* by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, no. 48).

The Church's tradition of using a wheat-based bread is based on the bread that Jesus would have used at the Last Supper and is considered to be an essential part of the "matter" of the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

As we consider the question of whether a "wafer" — which is properly called a "host" — should be used, we also must keep in mind that in the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church, leavened (i.e. "raised") bread is more often used. And so, while the thin, white "wafer" is most commonly used in the Roman Rite of the Church, the full expression of the Catholic tradition does allow for a more substantial form of bread to be used, but the tradition of using a simple wheat bread with no other additions or additives is considered essential.

Liturgical Life

Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!"

- Mk 11:9-10

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Despite his suffering, we hear how the prophet Isaiah found strength in his faith and fidelity to God. How does your faith help you through professional or family challenges?

Second Reading

Paul taught that central to Jesus's identity was his humility and obedience to God. How well do you practice these Christian virtues?

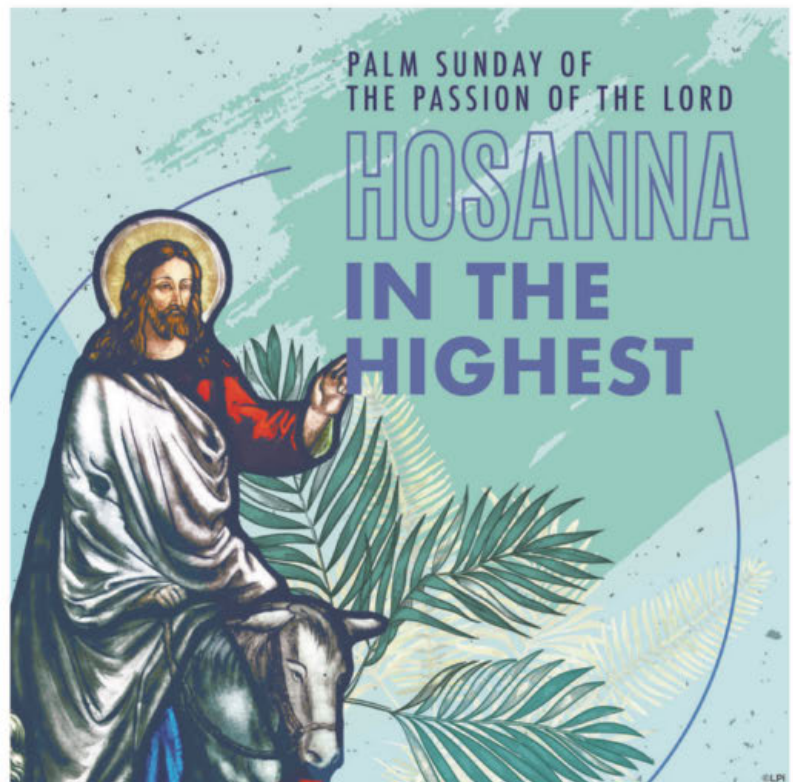
Gospel Reading

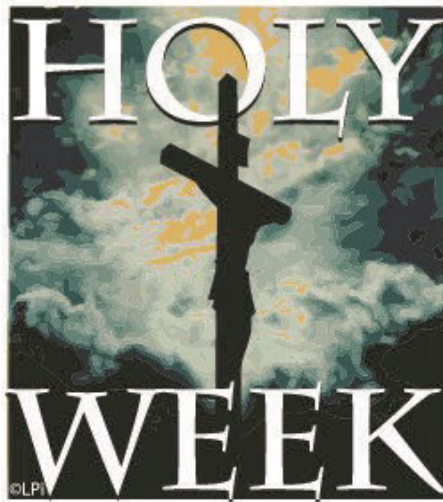
We hear today Mark's account of the Passion of our Lord. How do you prepare yourself to listen to the passion narrative?



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Walk Every Step with Christ

Holy Week is a week for being mindful. We must set loose the baggage of Lent, and not be deterred by the dazzling sunrise of Easter morning beckoning in the distance.

It's okay for us to be excited for Easter. We've waited so long, after all. In my opinion it's one of the best feelings there is: the yearning we have in our hearts for the Resurrection as we embark on Palm Sunday. And in a purely logical sense, many of us have Easter celebrations for which we are preparing, and practical considerations to contend with. It's going to be a busy week, one likely full of happy distractions.

But my friends, we simply must keep our feet on the ground. Let's not "skip" Holy Week. Resist the urge to flip to the last page of the book, to fast-forward to the final scene of the movie. Don't rob yourself of the journey. This week is a blessed opportunity. It is this week that teaches us who we are. In the span of the Triduum, we have the birthday of the priesthood, the institution of the Eucharist, the sacrifice on Calvary and so many other vivid and meaningful scenes.

It may sound strange, to advise someone to savor the moments of Holy Week. There are so many violent and heartrending moments, after all. But this is the valley of tears, remember — we are not in Heaven yet. And here, in our fallen, sin-filled world, it is the heartrending moments that seem to matter the most.

These are the moments that define us as Catholics. Live them. Cherish them. Be present for each one.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Sacrifice for Others

I read a story recently about a teacher who donated to one of her former students a kidney. This tremendous act of selflessness came about because the young person had lost most of the function his kidneys due to an illness. Literally, that teacher gave the gift of life to someone who wasn't her own child or another family member. This is certainly radical stewardship.

How far would you go to give of yourself so that another might live? Would you have to love him or her like your own child or parent? No one can deny it would be a difficult decision, especially if your giving put your own health at risk.

Reflecting on these things helps to provide some perspective on the crucifixion of Jesus. Not only did he suffer tremendously at the hands of the Romans, he gave his life for us so we might live forever. What does true stewardship look like? The cross is a symbol to us of total surrender. When we are called to give of ourselves in ordinary ways in daily life we sometimes hesitate and think twice. Perhaps when we are unsure we should look to the cross and there we can find our strength. And then when the call comes to truly sacrifice and place our trust in God, we may have already developed a lifestyle that makes responding, "yes," that much easier.



--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Hosanna to the Messiah!

While Jesus would not be crowned an earthly king, Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem has many parallels to the Messianic expectations of the Hebrew people. Before entering, Jesus requisitions a donkey from its owner. In the ancient world, kings had this right. Yet the animal that Jesus requests is rare -- a colt upon which no one else has sat yet. Yet, it's a donkey. This is no great war-charger, no magnificent animal. Jesus acts with all the authority of an earthly king, yet his kingdom is one of simplicity and peace. As the disciples throw cloaks over the donkey, the crowd spreads theirs on the road. This ancient gesture dates back to the line of kings descended from David. Not only are these physical kingly gestures, but the crowd of followers cries out in jubilation and praise. The Messiah has come to Jerusalem!



Palm Sunday



It was during the fourth century in Jerusalem that Christians first started using palm branches in commemoration of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. Today, we continue to use palms in most churches on this Sunday, Catholic and Protestant alike. It is one of those traditions of worship that, no matter how far apart we may seem at times, we continue to share due to our common heritage.

But Palm Sunday is also known as Passion Sunday, because we hear an account of the passion of Jesus Christ during the liturgy. Most churches also share this reading in common. Many Catholic parishes use multiple lectors to proclaim the Gospel, while it is not uncommon for a similar reading or even a performance in many mainstream Protestant churches.


The commonality found in the worship on this particular Sunday seems to highlight the fundamental truth in the observance: Jesus Christ died for everyone. He did not die on a cross for just Catholics, or just Orthodox, or just Protestants. Whether one acknowledges it or not, he was crucified for all those who are born of man. Today, we rejoice not just for what he has done for us but also for what he has done for all of creation.

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Join Our Parish

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish presently serves hundreds of families within Coal City and the surrounding area. Immaculate Conception Parish presently serves over one hundred families in Braidwood and the surrounding area. Many Catholics attend either of these parishes for Mass and consider it their "spiritual home." However, they are not formally registered in either parish. Why not take the opportunity to become "one of the family?"

For those who are new to either Roman Catholic parish, we hope that you find the grace and love of Jesus Christ in the teachings and ways of the Catholic faith. As you become more acquainted with either parish, you may find an area in which to share. The success of our parish and bringing the faith to others depends on the work, sacrifice, prayers, and cooperation of all of us.

To register, simply fill out the form below and return it to the parish office through the mail, at the parish office, or through the Sunday offering. You may also register online by going to the parish website of your choice.

Welcome! We're happy you're here!

Name(s):

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:



We need everyone's help setting up Assumption's Easter decorations! If you can help us, please come to Door 1 on Good Friday at 5:00 p.m. No experience is necessary.

Thanks in advance for your help!

This Week on EWTN

LOVE, AGONY, AND HOPE

A Journey into the lives of Jesus and Mary on Holy Thursday and Good Friday

This narrated concert filled with sacred music celebrates the Passion of Jesus, the Last Supper, and the Blessed Sacrament.

Sunday, March 24 @ 12:30 p.m., 10:00 p.m.

THE MAN OF THE SHROUD

Fr. Eamon Kelly embarks on a historical and scientific exploration of the Shroud of Turin. This holy linen provides a deeper understanding of Christ's sufferings and resurrection.

Mon., Mar. 25 @ 10:30; Thurs., Mar. 28 @ 3:30 p.m.

PRAYING WITH JESUS IN THE GARDEN OF OLIVES

From Jerusalem, celebrate Holy Thursday with this special Holy Hour. Join the Franciscans of the Holy Land as they pray as Jesus did at the Garden of Gethsemane in the Basilica of the Agony.

Thursday, March 28 @ 3:00 a.m.

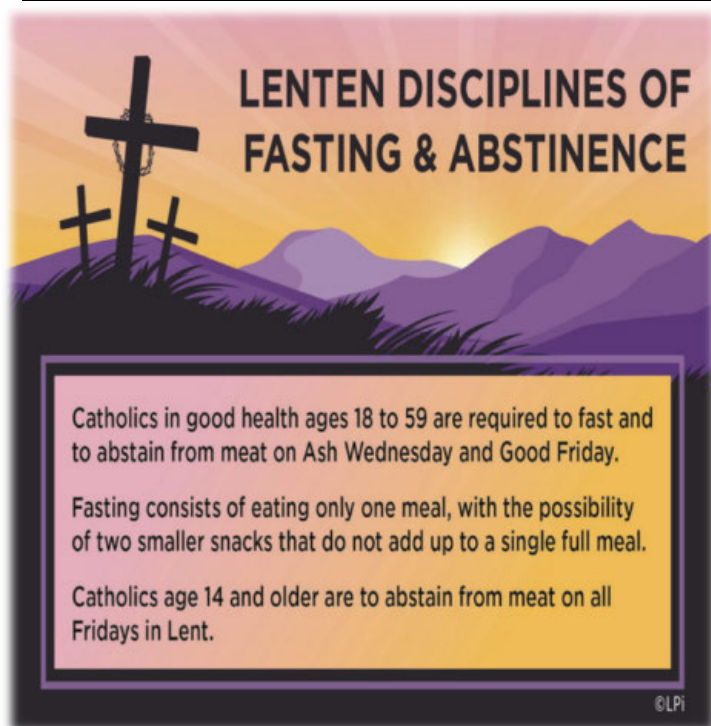
LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION *Live*

On Good Friday, celebrate the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, honoring the redemptive death of Jesus, from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

Friday, March 29 @ 1:30 p.m.



If you'd like to bring in your old palms for disposal, you may place them in the gold vases by Assumption's entrances. These palms will be burned and used for our subsequent Ash Wednesday Masses.



LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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BRAIDWOOD, ILLINOIS

CHRIST'S PASSOVER *Reflection and Prayer* *Wednesday, March 27, 2024* *6:30 PM in Fr. White Hall*

We will explore the connection between the Jewish Passover meal and the Last Supper that Jesus shared with His Apostles, and how it relates to Mass and the Holy Eucharist today.

For questions or to volunteer please call (815) 600-3718

*This is a sampling of food items shared at the Last Supper.
Sandwiches will be available right after this event. Free will donation.



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

SPRING CLASSES

SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH TUESDAY, APRIL 9TH
SUNDAY, MAY 5TH TUESDAY, MAY 7TH

SPECIAL DATES FOR SECOND GRADE FAMILIES ONLY

SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH - 10:00 A.M.
**FIRST CONFESSION, COMMUNION PRACTICE,
AND RETREAT**

SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH - 10:00 A.M.
FIRST SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH - 10:00 A.M.
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Our parish office will be closed on
the following dates:

Holy Thursday—March 28th

Good Friday—March 29th

Easter Monday—April 1st



Immaculate Conception TRIVIA NIGHT

\$10.00/PERSON OR \$60.00/TABLE

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SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM/TRIVIA BEGINS AT 6:30 PM
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Ministry Schedule



Assumption Church - Mar. 28 - 31

If you are interested in assisting us at our weekend Masses, please sign up through the volunteer link on our website, which contains the most up-to-date schedule, or call or email Laura at the parish office. Confirmed volunteers for our upcoming services are below:

Holy Thursday, March 28 - 7:00 p.m.

Extraordinary Minister - **Volunteer needed**

Lector - Jaiden Leman

Good Friday, March 29 - 3:00 p.m. Veneration of the Cross

Extraordinary Minister - **Volunteer needed**

Lector - Laura Marizza

Holy Saturday, March 30 - 7:15 p.m.

Extraordinary Minister - **Volunteer needed**

Lectors - Laura Marizza, Jaiden Leman

Easter Sunday, March 31 - 7:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - David Burch, Therese Bouvier

Greeter - Teri Jo Boylan

Lector - **Volunteer needed**

Servers - Ron Marketti, Pete Collins

Sunday, March 31 - 11:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - **Volunteers needed**

Lector - **Volunteer needed**

Servers - **Volunteers needed**

Immaculate Conception 9:30 am Easter Sunday, Mar. 31

Extraordinary Ministers - Bob & Mary Dragovan, Rita Werner

Greeters - Reese Evans, Fred Hejna, Angie Kelleher, Mike Molloy

Lector - Michelle Roberts

Servers - Trong Nguyen, Connor & Harper Roberts

Thank you for sharing your time and talents with us!

Assumption Weekly Offering + E-Giving

Annual Offering Budget (7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024)	\$341,590
YTD Offering Budget	\$249,622
YTD Actual Offering	\$249,135
Last Week's Mass Offering	\$5,313
Last Week's E-Giving Offering	\$1,518
Last Week's Total Offering	\$6,831
Weekly Goal	\$6,569

Assumption Church Building Loan Balance Through January, 2024

Original Note Amount	\$796,607
Current Loan Balance	\$463,580

Immaculate Conception Weekly Offering

Annual Offering Budget (7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024)	\$115,440
YTD Offering Budget	\$84,360
YTD Actual Offering	\$97,544
Last Week's Total Offering	\$3,931
Weekly Goal	\$2,220



Please mark your calendars for a fun-filled evening of family bingo in Berst Hall on Sat., May 18th! Additional details will be published soon...



Paisley Rose Dunkin

Parents: Cory & Brittany Dunkin

Lily June Johnson

Parents: Jeremy & Alicia Johnson

Assumption Church

March 24, 2024

May God bless you!



In your charity, prayers, and Mass offerings, please remember those who have died. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Mae Pogliano

(Mother of Pat, Carol, Robert, Jim, Don, and Bill)



Kids Corner

Prayer

God, I am so happy you sent Jesus to be my king.

Mission for the Week

Invite your Grandma over to visit. Ask her to read John 12:12-16 to you.

Sharing the Gospel

Your mom tells you, "Grandma should be here any minute." You watch out your window for her little red car to come down your street. After she parks her car, you run out to meet her. You are so happy she came to visit! The people in today's Gospel were waiting for a king to come. This king would ride into Jerusalem, not in a little red car, but on a donkey. When the people saw Jesus riding on the donkey, they knew he was the king that they were waiting for. They ran out to meet him and waved palm branches in the air. They were so happy he came.

Now color the picture!



Find and circle ten things that are different:





April 20, 2024
Registration at 9:30 am
New Community Christian Church

Hello Friend,

We invite you to walk with us at the annual spring fundraising event to benefit the Grundy County Pregnancy Resource Center.

Last year we facilitated over 451 client visits! We trust that we will experience growth this year and are excited to have you join us! The best part is that we served every client free of charge thanks to supporters like you.

We trust that growth will continue through this year, but we need your help to meet the needs of women and families in our community. Will you walk with us?

Tina Brockett

Tina Brockett & the Grundy PRC Team

Here is how to join the Walk:

1. Register at www.gwprcevents.org or by scanning the QR code below or calling our center to pre-register for the Walk
2. Set a dollar goal to raise
3. Use the printable pledge sheet or FundEasy online platform (or both) to begin collecting pledges as a sponsored walker
4. Share your progress on our event Facebook page
5. Join us for the WALK on April 20th at New Community Christian Church from 10:00 am-12:00 pm *Refreshments, activities, and memories provided

Incentives:

\$250 IN PLEDGES:

1 Walk T-shirt

\$500 IN PLEDGES:

1 Walk T-shirt +

1 Walk Sweatshirt



Register for the Walk using this QR code!



2024 Humanitarian Scholarship

Introduction:

In memory of all former members who exemplified the pillars of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism in Council 1574, we have established a scholarship program for high school seniors seeking financial assistance for continuing their education. Scholarships are awarded primarily on the basis of merit. However, financial need and other circumstances may be considered. The scholarship award will be \$500 and this scholarship is **renewable annually** throughout the recipient's educational tenure up to 4 years contingent on continued service to others and ability to maintain adequate standing in their schooling (maximum awarded through 4 years of studies will be \$2,000 per recipient).

Eligibility:

Scholarship applications will be accepted from individuals who meet the following requirements:

1. Must be planning on attending college, trade, or vocational school in Fall of 2024
2. Must be a member of one of the following parishes: Braidwood-Immaculate Conception, Coal City-Assumption BVM, South Wilmington-St. Lawrence, Kinsman-Sacred Heart, or Reddick-St. Mary

Application:

Applicants must submit the following material:

1. A completed and signed application. Applications will be made available on our Knights of Columbus 1574 FaceBook Page, <https://braidwoodkoc.volasite.com> and by emailing KofCBraidwood@gmail.com or text/call 815-651-1963
2. Two signed letters of recommendation concerning the applicant's character. These must be from persons other than family members.
3. A typed and signed essay, of not more than 500 words on: **"Describe, in your own words, what it means to 'serve others' and explain why this is important to you, your parish, or the community in general."**

The sealed Application must be received at the address below no later than:

4:00 PM / TUESDAY – APRIL 16, 2024

Applications received after this date and time will not be considered.

MAIL TO: Knights of Columbus

195 E. Main St.

Braidwood, IL 60408

OR Emailed to KofCBraidwood@gmail.com

The Scholarship Committee will review all applications. Decision will be made by: **APRIL 30, 2024**. Selections of the Scholarship Committee will be final. Please provide an email address.

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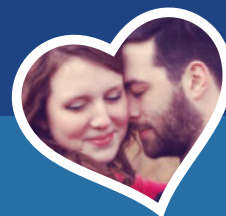
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