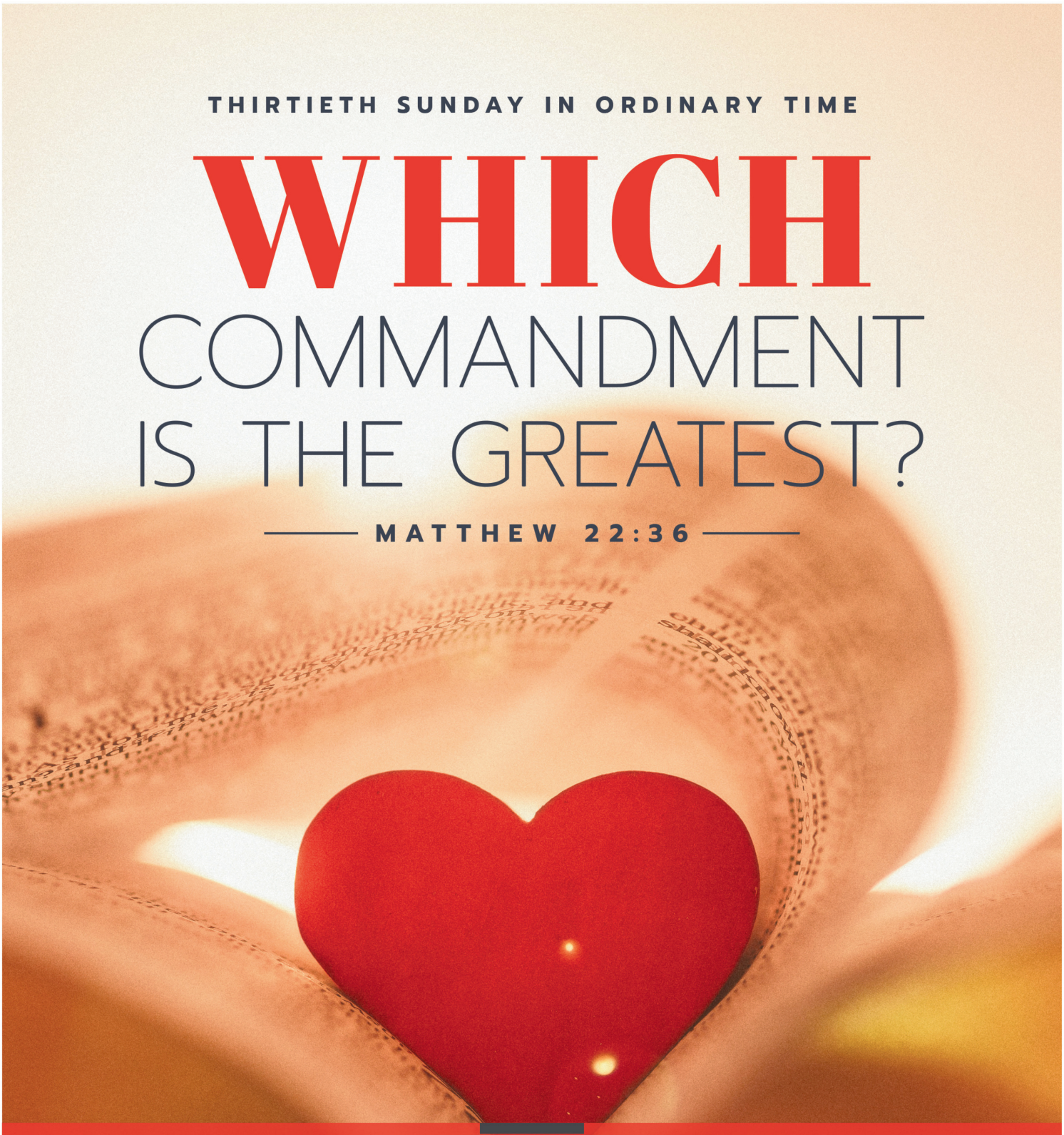
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WHICH COMMANDMENT IS THE GREATEST?

MATTHEW 22:36



ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

COAL CITY - KINSMAN | 195 S. KANKAKEE STREET - COAL CITY, IL | 815-634-4171

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

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Parish Information

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Coal City
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Sacred Heart, Kinsman
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Mass Times

Regular Weekend Mass Times

Assumption
Saturday - 4:00 p.m.*
**First Saturday Each Month/Extra Mass at 8:30 a.m.*
Sunday - 7:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Sacred Heart, Kinsman
Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

Regular Weekday Mass Times

Assumption
Tuesday - 6:30 p.m.*
**First Tuesday of the Month Mass is followed by St. Peregrine Devotions and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.*
Thursday & Friday - 8:30 a.m.

Sacred Heart, Kinsman
Wednesday - 8:30 a.m.

Rosary at Assumption
Tuesday - 6:00 p.m.
Thursday & Friday - 8:00 a.m.

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick
Please call the parish office.

Baptisms
Baptisms are usually scheduled on the second and fourth Sundays of each month after 11:30 a.m. Mass. Parents are required to attend a baptismal preparation meeting. Please contact the parish secretary to register.

Funerals
Funeral liturgies are usually celebrated at 10:00 a.m. The funeral director will contact the parish office regarding arrangements.

Marriage
Weddings are scheduled at least six months in advance. Completion of marriage preparation classes is required. Please contact the parish office before making wedding arrangements.

Confession Times*

Assumption
Tuesday - 6:00 p.m. to 6:20 p.m.
Thursday & Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 8:20 a.m.
Saturday - 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.
First Saturday Only - 8:00 a.m. to 8:20 a.m.

Sacred Heart, Kinsman
Wednesday - After 8:30 a.m. Mass
Sunday - After 9:00 a.m. Mass

**Different on Holy Days & Holidays*

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

Open Daily

5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Location: Across from Assumption Church

Mass Intentions, Prayers, & Weekly Events

Mass Intentions

Sat., Oct. 24 - 4:00 p.m.
†Jeff Zelinko *(Mike & Joanne Morrall)*
†Betty Watson *(Elaine Smith)*
†Jim Giordano *(Bob & Suzanne Hamilton)*
†Arthur Horn *(Michael & Michele Tupper)*

Sun., Oct. 25 - 7:30 a.m. - *30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
†Anthony Rice *(Peter & Carm Collins)*
†Lucille De Gulie *(Ron & Dianne Marketti)*

9:00 a.m. - *Kinsman*
†Pat Bartman *(Loisanne O'Connell)*

11:30 a.m.
People of the Parish
†Maria Cortese Family *(Family)*
†Norm Hook *(Family)*
†Melinda & Jaxson Cullen *(Robert & Teresa Cortez)*

Tues., Oct. 27 - 6:30 p.m.
†Shirley Boero *(Mark & Christine Marsaglia)*
†Noma Fehr *(Cindy & Curtis Grove)*

Wed., Oct. 28 - 8:30 a.m. - *Kinsman*
†Loisanne O'Connell *(Pat & Sue Carey)*

Thurs., Oct. 29 - 8:30 a.m.
Vocations to the Priesthood *(Peter & Carm Collins)*

Fri., Oct. 30 - 8:30 a.m.
†Don Matteson *(Mark Matteson Family)*

Sat., Oct. 31 - 4:00 p.m.
†Georgia Gervase *(Hamilton Family)*
†Pam O'Donovan *(Hamilton Family)*
†Shirley Boero *(Family)*

Sun., Nov. 1 - 7:30 a.m. - *All Saints' Day*
People of the Parish
†Tom Buban *(Terry Bouvier)*
†Lucille De Gulie *(Gail Bordy & Terry Bouvier)*
†Dawn Neumann *(Family)*

9:00 a.m. - *Kinsman*
†Pat Bartman *(Carol Jean Peterson)*

11:30 a.m.
†Ernie Viano *(Mark & Mary Jo Enrietta)*
†Sherman Hamerla *(Ray & Ruth Dillon)*
†Rev. Robert Noesen *(Robert & Teresa Cortez)*

Please remember those who have died. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Douglas Roy Letterly

(Father of Robert and Joel, Fiance of Evy)

This Week's Events

Sun., Oct. 25
9:45 am - Family Faith Formation - Berst Hall
12:30 pm - Confirmation Practice - Assumption Church
6:30 pm - High School Youth Broup - Berst Hall
6:30 pm - Evening Adult Bible Study - Madonna Room

Mon., Oct. 26
4 pm - 6 pm - Supplemental Kitchen - Berst Hall
4:30 pm - St. Vincent Meals - Fr. White Hall - Braidwood
Coal City Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288

Tues., Oct. 27
No Events

Wed., Oct. 28
6:15 pm - Family Faith Formation - Berst Hall

Thurs., Oct. 29
9:30 am - Bible Study - Madonna Room
7:00 pm - Confirmation w/Bishop Spies @ Assumption
Coal City Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288

Fri., Oct. 30
No Events

Sat., Oct. 31
No Events

Sun., Nov. 1
10:00 am - Fellowship Committee Mtg. - Madonna Room
2:00 pm - K of C Halloween Euchre Night - Berst Hall
6:30 pm - Evening Adult Bible Study - Madonna Room

Please pray for the sick:

Sharee Beeler, Mike Beshoar Family, Tracy Bianchi, Stacey Brown, Ryan Collins, Wes Evans, Lilly Fleming, Ben Holman, Mark Lotzer, Shannon Male, Tom McFarland, Sr., John "Jack" Micetich, Santo & Betty Messina, Donna Meyer, Gail Mirsky, Chasity Olson,Frank Peters, Patty Provance, Larry Ried, Karla Scarpelli, Celia Schimandle, Jeff Stepanek, Vance Stewart, Helen Talty, James Togliatti, Glenn VanDrie, Liz Veronda

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

Please pray for those serving our country:

Kaylee Brennan, Gabriel Davis, Sebastian Gasienica, Rhys Lyman, Brady O'Donnell, Zander Posey, Logan Teodoro



The Knights of Columbus will be at Assumption Church this weekend selling raffle tickets for the Illinois State Council Vocation Support Raffle.

Support a seminarian today!
They are our priests of tomorrow!

Weekly Scripture



Virtues, *Explained!*

All human beings have a body, just as all human beings have a soul. Since mankind fractured his relationship with the divine, the inclinations of the body are often at odds with the well-being of the soul.

Through the virtue of chastity, these inclinations become once again integrated.

In the Catechism, we read that chastity "includes an apprenticeship in self-mastery which is a training in human freedom" (CCC 2339). True freedom is impossible when a person is subject to any of his or her passions.

The sins of lust, pornography, and prostitution are principal offenses against the virtue of chastity, because these things undermine the integrity, or wholeness, of the human person's physical and spiritual dimensions.

All people are called to chastity, even those who are not called to celibacy, because all people have a physical self. Chastity is one of the twelve gifts of the Holy Spirit, which sustains moral life.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

"You shall not wrong any widow or orphan.
If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me,
I will surely hear their cry.
My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword;
then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans." (Ex 22:21-23)

Psalm

I love you, Lord, my strength. (Ps 18)

Second Reading

For they themselves openly declare about us
what sort of reception we had among you,
and how you turned to God from idols
to serve the living and true God
and to await his Son from heaven. (1 Thes 1:9-10)

Gospel

"You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
and with all your mind." (Mt 22:37)

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Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

Jesus gives us the greatest commandment: love God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind. When we do that, the rest comes naturally, and we love others as they should be loved. So, give Him everything — and let your life be love.

Worship & Observances

Blessing for Harvest

Thank you, Lord, for the growth we have seen this season. Bless our harvest and those who labor to bring us nourishment. May Your provision be known, Your pruning be sure, Your preservation total. Prosper the work of our hands, Lord, in Your goodness.
Amen.

Readings for the Week of October 25, 2026

Sunday
Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47 and 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/ Mt 22:34-40

Monday
Eph 4:32-5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday
Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday
Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Thursday
Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35

Friday
Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday
Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/ Mt 5:1-12a



Observances for the Week of October 25, 2026

Sunday
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

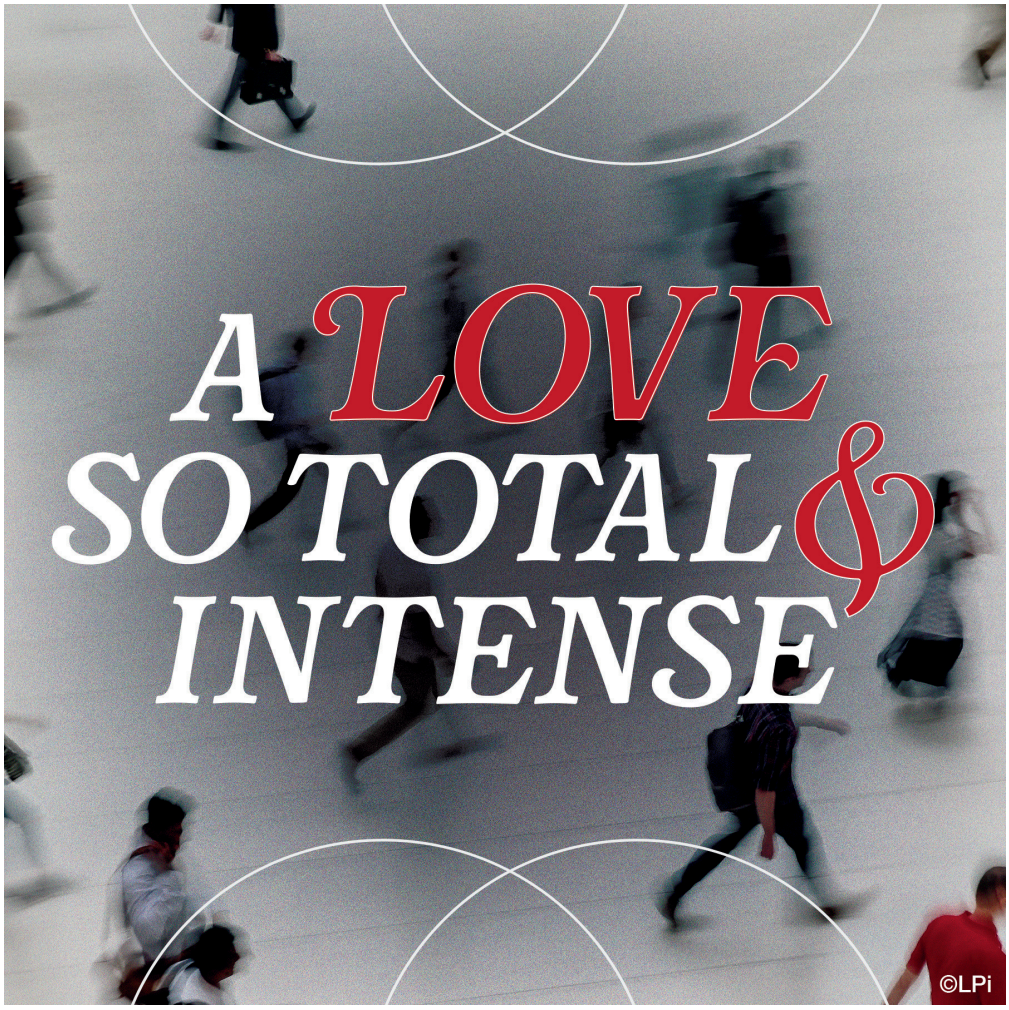
Wednesday
Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

Saturday
All Hallow's Eve

Next Sunday
All Saints; *Daylight Saving Time Ends*; National Vocation Awareness Week

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Gospel Meditation



Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Matthew 22:34-40

When I was in seventh grade, like most boys of that age, I was constantly hungry. I could eat at any hour of the day. Then I fell head over heels for a classmate named Kristin. One evening, while lying on my bed and pondering her perfections, my mom called me to dinner. For the first time in my adolescent life, I remember thinking: "I'm not hungry." My heart longed for Kristin more than my stomach for food. Now, I wouldn't confuse adolescent infatuation with mature love. But it was an experience of how love can reorder everything in our lives.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus says, **"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart" (Matthew 22:37)**. He is not issuing a burden or a moral goal for high achievers. He is naming the deepest orientation of the human heart. We were made for love so great that it gathers every other love into itself. Jesus does not ask us to love less the persons or things that attract us. Rather, he wants our love for God to be so total and intense that we love everything and everyone else because we love him so much.

Do we believe that such a love is possible for us? Because of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, it is! It is readily available to us. Let's repent of our half-hearted love for God and ask Him to fill our hearts to the brim with divine love.

— Father John R. Muir

(PRACTICING)
CATHOLIC

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus hands down the "greatest commandment" — to love God with all your heart, soul and mind.

Love God First

When the iconic Notre-Dame Cathedral of Paris burned in 2019, some made the argument that the money necessary to rebuild it would be better spent by the Church on providing services to the poor.

"After all," I heard someone argue. "History is important, but humanitarianism is our religion."

Close, but — as my father likes to say — no cigar.

Humanitarianism is actually not our religion, and you should never let anyone tell you it is. It's a small mistake, but it can become a big one, fast. Humanitarianism is wonderful — it describes a set of principles animated by an underlying belief in the value of human life. But this is not sufficient. We can't start with loving people and work our way up to God.

Why? Because I promise you, we will never end up reaching God.

If you have any doubt about this, you can consult literally any history book. Every war, every famine, every political disaster since the dawn of time has resulted from an attempt to put people first. "We're putting our people first," governments say — always right before they do something really, really heinous.

For what it's worth, the Church hasn't owned the Notre-Dame de Paris since the French Revolution. It was seized and rededicated to the Cult of Reason — the atheistic state religion that, it assured everyone, put people first (and put those people who disagreed to death at the guillotine).

We can't start with love of people, because we will always displace *some of the other people.* Only by starting with love of God — heart, soul, and mind — can we enter the narrow gate of correctly loving other people.

-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



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Parish Events









Ministry Schedule, Stewardship, & More

Ministry Schedule - Oct. 31 - Nov. 2

Sat., Oct. 31 - 4:00 p.m.
Extraordinary Ministers - ***Two volunteers needed***
Lector - Teresa Killebrew
Servers- ***Volunteers needed***
Ushers - Fred Hejna, Ron Henke, Bob Jacovec, Bob Schmitt

Sun., Nov. 1 - 7:30 a.m. - *All Saints' Day*
Extraordinary Ministers - Carm Collins, ***alt. needed***
Lector - Sandra Snyder
Servers - Pete Collins, Ron Marketti

Sun., Nov. 1 - 9:00 a.m. - *Kinsman*
Extraordinary Minister - Lee Miller
Lector - Dave Brockman
Servers - Abi & Gwen Siedentop

Sun., Nov. 1 - 11:30 a.m. - *All Saints' Day*
Extraordinary Ministers - Julie Keigher, ***alt. needed***
Lector - ***Volunteer needed***
Servers - ***Volunteers needed***

Mon., Nov. 2 - 6:00 p.m. - *All Souls' Day*
Extraordinary Minister - ***Volunteer needed***
Lector - ***Volunteer needed***
Servers - **Three volunteers needed**

Thank you for sharing your time and talents with us!

- SACRAMENTS -



Weddings at Assumption Church

Corey John Jurzak & Natalie Renee Benson
Oct. 10, 2026

Baptisms at Assumption Church

Mackenzie Anne Boblie
Parents: Joseph Boblie & Heather Schiller
Oct. 11, 2026

May our Lord bless you!

Please Drop Off Your Cards for Veterans

This is the last weekend you may drop off signed cards in the church for veterans.

Assumption Weekly Offering + E-Giving

Annual Offering Budget (7/1/2026 - 6/30/2027)	$329,644
YTD Offering Budget	$107,763
YTD Actual Offering	**$129,094**
Last Week's Mass Offering	$4,589
Last Week's E-Giving Offering	$1,448
Last Week's Total Offering	$6,037
Weekly Goal	**$6,339**

Assumption Building Loan Balance

Loan Amount	$620,123
Current Loan Balance Through July, 2026	$567,219

Sacred Heart, Kinsman Weekly Offering

10/11/26 Sunday Collection	$1,422

Want an easy way to donate to Assumption?
Scan the QR code on the left.



2026 CMAA Report as of Oct. 18, 2026

Goal: $34,200 Pledged: $40,682 Paid $38,572 Donors: 174

Lighted memorial luminarias and personalized memorial candles for our All Souls' Day Mass at Assumption on Monday, November 2 @ 6 p.m. are still available. A $5 donation is suggested per luminaria bag or memorial candle, and each should be designed to memorialize one person or one couple per memorial. These memorials may be purchased after weekend Masses at Assumption's narthex table, where they should be returned by Sunday, November 1, after personalization.

Questions? Contact Teri Jo Boylan at (815) 326-0254.



Kids Corner

Sharing the Gospel

When you have a choice to make, think about what God wants. Make sure your choices are good and that they help other people. When you follow God's example, you will be ready to love other people. With God's help you can be gentle, forgiving and kind.

Now color the picture!

Prayer

God, help me to love you and other people more and more every day.

Mission for the Week

As a family, help an elderly person in your neighborhood. Help them clean up their home or their yard.



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