

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

# JESUS

HIMSELF DREW  
NEAR AND WALKED  
WITH THEM.

— LUKE 24:15 —



## ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026

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**Mass and Confession Times**

**REGULAR WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

**Assumption** - Saturday - 4:00 p.m. (\*First Saturday of the Month - Additional 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 & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.)  
Thursday & Friday - 8:30 a.m.

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

**ROSARY**

**Assumption** - Tuesday - 6:00 p.m., Thursday & Friday - 8:00 a.m.

**CONFESSION TIMES (Different on Holy Days & Holidays)**

**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 Sat. 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.

**Eucharistic Adoration Chapel**

**Assumption** - The Adoration Chapel is open daily from 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

**Sacraments**

**ANOINTING 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** - Baptisms are ordinarily scheduled for the second and fourth Sundays of the month after 11:30 a.m. Mass.

**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.

Mass Intentions

<b>SATURDAY April 18</b>	
<b>4:00 PM Mass (A)</b>	†Theresa O'Connor (Lucille De Gulie) †Shirrell Hall (Don & Pat Bianchetta) †Suzanne Lissy (Family)
<b>SUNDAY April 19</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Third Sunday of Easter</b></span>	
<b>7:30 AM Mass (A)</b>	People of the Parish Special Intention for Lucille De Gulie (Noma)
<b>9:00 AM Mass (SH)</b>	†Kristine Lewis Suyko (Peggy & Frank Francisco)
<b>11:30 AM Mass (A)</b>	†Robert M. Watson (Family) †Megan Riley (Riley Family) †Joey Bertino (Family) †Cheryl & Helen Bega (Friend) †Norman Hook (Family)
<b>TUESDAY April 21</b>	
<b>6:30 PM Mass (A)</b>	†All Souls in Purgatory (Ray & Ruth Dillon)
<b>WEDNESDAY April 22</b>	
<b>8:30 AM Mass (SH)</b>	†Gus Sisk (Donna Gabehart)
<b>THURSDAY April 23</b>	
<b>8:30 AM Mass (A)</b>	†George Billy (Laura Uher)
<b>FRIDAY April 24</b>	
<b>8:30 AM Mass (A)</b>	†Greg Maruszak (The Neumanns)
<b>SATURDAY April 25</b>	
<b>4:00 PM Mass (A)</b>	People of the Parish †Linda Odo (Hamilton Family) †Anthony Farrero (Regina Farrero West, Daughter) †Suzanne Lissy (Family)
<b>SUNDAY April 26</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b></span>	
<b>7:30 AM Mass (A)</b>	†Leonard Halliday (Kelly, Bill, & Family)
<b>9:00 AM Mass (SH)</b>	Living Intention for Wedding Anniversary of <b>Art &amp; Holly Hanley (Family)</b>
<b>11:30 AM Mass (A)</b>	† Shirley Boero (Sue & Doug Wills)

Weekly Confession Times

<b>TUESDAY (A) - 6:00 p.m. to 6:20 p.m.</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY (SH) - Following the 8:30 a.m. Mass</b>
<b>THURSDAY &amp; FRIDAY (A) - 8:00 a.m. to 8:20 a.m.</b>
<b>SATURDAY (A) - 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.</b> (First Saturday only - 8:00 a.m. to 8:20 a.m.)
<b>SUNDAY (SH) - Following the 9:00 a.m. Mass</b> (Different on Holy Days & Holidays)



This Week's Events

<b>A:</b> Assumption	<b>SH:</b> Sacred Heart
<b>Sunday, April 19</b>	
9:00 am - Cards & Collectibles Show - Berst Hall 10:00 am - Fellowship Committee Meeting - Madonna Room 6:30 pm - Evening Adult Bible Study - Madonna Room	
<b>Monday, April 20</b>	
4:30 pm - St. Vincent Meals - New Hope Presbyterian Church Coal Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288	
<b>Tuesday, April 21</b>	
No Events	
<b>Wednesday, April 22</b>	
No Events	
<b>Thursday, April 23</b>	
9:30 am - Bible Study - Madonna Room Coal Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288	
<b>Friday, April 24</b>	
No Events	
<b>Saturday, April 25</b>	
10:00 am - Bike Blessing - Assumption Church Parking Lot (Afterwards - Hotdogs and Pop-Cycles - Berst Hall) 2:00 pm - Civil War Presentation - Berst Hall	
<b>Sunday, April 26</b>	
12:30 pm - First Communion Practice - Assumption Church 1:30 pm - First Communion Activity - Madonna Room 2:00 pm - Baptism - Assumption Church 6:30 pm - Evening Adult Bible Study - Madonna Room	

**Please pray for the sick:** Barry Berta, Paula Beshoar, Cindi Meyer Brandeis, Stacey Brown, Tom Buban, Ryan Collins, Kay & Mark Francisco, Doris Giordano, George Good, Pat Hanna, Mark Lotzer, Mary Jo Maland, Gloria Markl, Donna Meyer, Frank & Jean Peters, Larry Ried, Steve Stork, Helen Talty, Cary Teska, 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.



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.

**John A. Phelan**  
(Husband of Kathy)



# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

**First Reading:**

“Exalted at the right hand of God,  
 he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father  
 and poured him forth, as you see and hear.” (Acts 2:33)

**Psalm:**

Lord, you will show us the path of life. (Ps 16)  
 Or Alleluia.

**Second Reading:**

He was known before the foundation of the world  
 but revealed in the final time for you. (1 Pt 1:20)

**Gospel:**

Then they said to each other,  
 “Were not our hearts burning within us  
 while he spoke to us on the way and opened the  
 Scriptures to us?” (Lk 24:32)

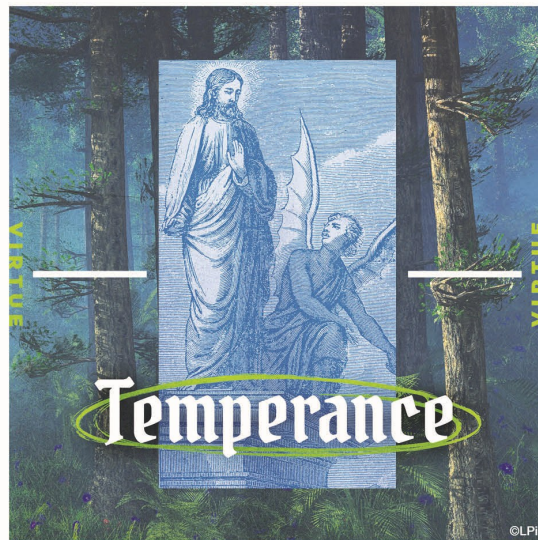
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**Live The Liturgy**  
**Inspiration of the Week**

Like Cleopas, we make our way through this world with weary feet and disappointed hearts. Christ falls into step beside us. He can open our eyes. Will we let him?

## Observances for the week of April 19, 2026

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Easter
- Tuesday:** St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday:** *Administrative Professionals' Day; Earth Day*
- Thursday:** St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
- Friday:** St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr; *Arbor Day*
- Saturday:** St. Mark, Evangelist
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations



### Virtues, Explained!

This cardinal virtue of temperance is shown in the person who is master of his passions and his attachment to the world. “It ensures the will’s mastery over instincts and keeps desires within the limits of what is honorable,” we read in the Catechism.

### Blessing for Spring

Dear Lord,  
 As this new season begins,  
 bring new life to our hearts as well.  
 Prune what has grown despondent,  
 brush back that which darkens and clouds.  
 As the flowers bud and bloom,  
 bless us with new wonder, new hope,  
 new promise, new joy.  
 Amen.

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of April 19, 2026

### Sunday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

### Monday:

Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

### Tuesday:

Acts 7:51-8:1a/ Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

### Wednesday:

Acts 8:1b-8/ Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

### Thursday:

Acts 8:26-40/ Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

### Friday:

Acts 9:1-20/ Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

### Saturday:

1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

### Next Sunday:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I first read Homer's *Odyssey* as a teenager, one scene captured my imagination: Odysseus finally returning home after 20 years, yet no one recognized him. Disguised as a beggar, he speaks with his wife, his son, and even his enemies. He is fully present, yet hidden. Only at the right moment does he reveal himself, and everyone realizes he has been with them all along. I was struck by the mystery that he could be so close to his loved ones, and yet they simply could not identify him.

A similar mystery is at the heart of today's Gospel. Two disciples walk the road to Emmaus with Jesus, but **"their eyes were prevented from recognizing him."** (Luke 24:16) He listens, teaches, and eats with them, yet they remain blind until he breaks the bread. Suddenly their eyes are opened — and at that very moment, he vanishes. His disappearance is not absence. Rather, it is revelation. The Risen Lord is now present in a new way, in the breaking of the bread and in the life of His Church.

Faith is this shift of vision. Instead of searching for a visible Jesus as if he were absent, we learn to recognize him unveiled in hidden ways — in Scripture proclaimed, in the Eucharist, in the sacraments, in the very life of the Church.

And what is true of him is true of us. Just as he disappears into the mission of his Body, we too are meant to be hidden in him. When we live hidden in Christ, we are seen for who we really are.

— *Father John Muir*

# Liturgical Life

## ( PRACTICING ) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** Christ gave us everything. He gave us “happily ever after.” But what do you do with everything? What do you do with “happily ever after?” What do you do with the Resurrection? What do you do with salvation?

### The Story That Never Ends

The biggest mistake we can make as Christians is to think that the Resurrection is the end of the story.

Of course we *know*, logically, that it isn't — there are whole books of the Bible that come after it, detailing not just the activities and teachings of the Risen Christ, but the development of the early Church and the Gospel's first baby steps into the wider world. We know this.

But sometimes we don't act like it.

The thing is, we like stories that can be tied up neatly in a bow. It's why “happily ever after” is a thing. These tidy endings are especially satisfying following an emotional gut punch and a twist — for instance, let's say the crucifixion of the story's hero and a *gotcha!* moment where it turns out he's not dead after all. Drinks all around! And...scene. The curtain falls.

But the curtain didn't fall. It still hasn't.

Look at Cleopas. He has heard the testimony of people he knew, people he trusted — and yet, he's in a world of confusion. He's stumbling along the road, wondering what to believe.

Christ gave us “happily ever after.” But what do you do with “happily ever after?” What do you do with the Resurrection? What do you do with salvation?

The Resurrection left loose ends — not because it was insufficient, but because it was not a final chapter. So being a Christian means embracing the life of a loose end. It means figuring out what to do with the Resurrection, with salvation, with forgiveness — with this hard-won “happily ever after” that is a gift but also a commission.

Because the curtain is still up, and we are all characters in the Greatest Story Ever Told.

So, what's the next scene?

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that?

### Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:


What do Catholics believe about the end of the world?

#### Answer:

We hear the phrase “the end of the world” casually today. Often in film or media, it means the end of civil society or the threat of human annihilation by natural disasters. For the Christian, our perspective is distinctly Christ-centered. Numerous times through the Gospel, Jesus notes that he will come again, even after he has ascended into heaven. The Church typically refers to this as the Second Coming of Jesus or the Latin “Parousia,” meaning “presence” or “arrival.”

We believe that Christ will come again, and at his Second Coming, temporal time will end. Human history will end, at least as we know it. However, it doesn't mean that creation will be destroyed. The book of Revelation speaks of a renewal, indeed a “*new heaven and a new earth*” (Rev 21:1). Christ will come again in glory. Our souls will be reunited with our bodies. While our lives were judged individually at our deaths, which we call the particular judgment, something new will happen here. Theologians call it the general judgment or the last judgment, in which our deeds and the effects — for good or ill — will be known to all. For the early Christians, this second coming was hoped for! They knew it was the completion of God's work of redemption for the human race. We, too, should pray with them, “Come Lord Jesus!”

# CARDS AND COLLECTIBLES SHOW



Sunday, April 19th  
9AM-3PM.  
**FREE ADMISSION!**

BERST CENTER, 180 S. KANKAKEE ST., COAL CITY, IL.  
CALL TERRY FOR MORE INFO 815-955-3857

## EVERYONE'S WELCOME



**JOIN US FOR OUR 2ND ANNUAL BIKE BLESSING**

**10:00AM, 25 APR 2026**  
Assumption Church Parking Lot  
215 S Kankakee St,  
Coal City, IL 60416

**Event information**

Blessing begins at 11am. Bicycles line up at the North entrance of the church parking lot in the grass by the handicap area. Bicycle parade after blessing to Berst Hall for hotdogs and a pop-cycle.

All motorcycles enter the church parking lot from the South entrance on Oak Street. There will be a general blessing and a blessing with Holy water for those who prefer.

In the event of inclement weather, the blessing will be held on May 9 at 10:00am



Anything with wheels

- Bicycles
- Motorcycles
- Scooters
- Electric Bicycle & Scooters
- Wagons
- Strollers
- Unicycle
- Wheelchairs

Civil War Presentation at 2pm by Ron Marketti with artifacts on display in Berst Hall.


## Join Us

For a presentation on the cause for the canonization of Venerable Augustus Tolton





6:30-8 pm, Tuesday, May 5  
at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus  
604 N Raynor Ave, Joliet, IL 60435  
Parish Commons - Door 26

Join **Bishop Perry** from the Archdiocese of Chicago for his presentation on the cause for the canonization of Father Augustus Tolton



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ASSUMPTION CHURCH FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE PRESENTS

# BREAKFAST

## Mother's Day

SUNDAY **10** MAY

**8:00 AM - 1:00 PM**  
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March 27, 2026

Dear Formation Leaders,

Thank you for all that you do to serve the young church. As you may know, this coming summer we welcome our second annual Steubenville Joliet Youth Conference for high school students at Benedictine University in Lisle from June 26-28. I am writing to encourage you to sign up a group if you have not already done so. Thank you to the many of you that already have, as this event offers a life-changing encounter with Our Lord in a dynamic, fun, and relevant environment for young people among thousands of their peers. This event is also the culmination of years of hard work bringing this conference to our diocese, and many of you helped to make that happen by sending teens the last 2 summers, beginning with the 1-day event in 2024.

Signing up a group is easy. Simply visit <https://partnershipforyouth.org/steubenville-joliet> to learn the necessary information and begin the process. Regarding lodging during the conference, our Department of Catechesis and Evangelization has multiple options for you to consider, and you can contact them for more information at [cmazur@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:cmazur@dioceseofjoliet.org) or 815-221-6134.

This event can be a perfect start or "restart" of a youth ministry, if you can take even a small group of 3 to 4 young people to participate. All rising 9th graders through graduating seniors are welcome to participate. In fact, this is how a parish in our diocese started a now active youth ministry. Having a conference locally also helps us to save costs on transportation, as other conferences are a 5 hour or more drive away. To aid you in promoting, you can find helpful materials at <https://partnershipforyouth.org/media-kit>.

Thank you for supporting this initiative, which helps us continue to move forward in making disciples and evangelizing the young church.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Dennis E. Spies  
Apostolic Administrator  
Auxiliary Bishop & Vicar for Clergy



### Don't miss the Steubenville Joliet Youth Conference!

Join 2,000+ high school youth for a dynamic conference featuring speakers, music, fun, and worship. The registration deadline is **May 5**.



**Register With A Group Today!**

Email: [admin@partnershipforyouth.org](mailto:admin@partnershipforyouth.org)



### Ministry Schedule April 25 & 26



**Saturday, April 25 - 4:00 p.m.**

Extraordinary Ministers - **Two volunteers needed**

Lector - **Volunteer needed**

Servers- **Volunteers needed**

Ushers - Ron Henke, Bob Jacovec, Doug Letterly, Bob Schmitt, Fran Schmitt

**Sunday, April 26 - 7:30 a.m.**

Extraordinary Ministers - Therese Bouvier, **alternate needed**

Lector - **Volunteer needed**

Servers - Ron Marketti, Pete Collins, Rick Marizza

**Sunday, April 26 - 9:00 a.m. (Sacred Heart, Kinsman)**

Extraordinary Minister - Carrie Sulzberger

Lector - Brent Sulzberger

Servers - Abi & Gwen Siedentop

**Sunday, April 26 - 11:30 a.m.**

Extraordinary Ministers - **Two volunteers needed**

Lector - **Volunteer needed**

Servers- **Volunteers needed**

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 contact Laura at the parish office. Thank you for sharing your time and talents with us!



**2026 CMAA Report (as of April 12, 2026)**

Goal: \$34,200 Pledged: \$31,188 Paid: \$24,023 Donors: 153

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### Assumption Weekly Offering + E-Giving

Annual Offering Budget (7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026)	\$326,141
YTD Offering Budget	\$257,152
YTD Actual Offering	<b>\$322,109</b>
4/5/26 Mass Offering	\$8,160
4/5/26 E-Giving Offering	\$1,788
Last Week's Mass Offering	\$5,847
Last Week's E-Giving Offering	\$1,458
4/5/26 Total Offering	\$9,948
Last Week's Total Offering	\$7,305
<b>Weekly Goal</b>	<b>\$6,272</b>

### Assumption Church Building Loan Balance through February, 2026

Loan Amount	\$620,123
Current Loan Balance	\$578,610

### Sacred Heart, Kinsman Weekly Offering

3/29/26 Sunday Collection	\$2,040
4/5/26 Sunday Collection	\$3,968



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### Easter FLOWERS

**Thank you for your Easter flower offering in honor of the following people as well:**

- |                               |                  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Chester Cichon                | Albert Johnson   |
| Mary Cuculich                 | Jack Orr         |
| The Haldorson Sisters:        | James Rothengass |
| Elsie, Alice, Betty, Lucille, | Kathy Ryan       |
| June, Helen                   | Gary Simons      |
| Dolores Hertenstein           | Marilyn Tyler    |



Assumption's Decorating Committee would like to thank everyone who recently helped carry up the palms and also thank those who assisted in bringing up the Easter decorations. We appreciate the help! Thank you!!!

**Save the Date - Summer Fun Family Bingo**

~Saturday, May 16~

More details will be published soon!



## Welcome New Parishioners

**Torris & Madison Sandeno and Family**

*We're so happy you're here!*

# Kids Corner

## Prayer

Lord, help me show others that I am a Christian by my words and actions.

## Mission for the Week

I will say, "I'll be glad to help. Tell me what to do first."




## Sharing the Gospel

Pretend Jesus is at your home. He sits at the dinner table with your whole family. He breaks bread with you. He fills each cup with a drink. He plays with you and helps you with your homework. He tells you that he loves you. You thank him for the food and ask him to bless your family. Jesus says, "I've got to go, but I'll remain in your heart forever."

Now color the picture!



Which letter **begins** each picture name?  
Circle the beginning letter. Then color the pictures.

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