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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“GO OUT
AND WORK IN
THE VINEYARD.”

— MATTHEW 21:28 —

Parish Information

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Coal City

195 South Kankakee Street | Coal City, IL 60416 | (815) 634-4171

Sacred Heart, Kinsman

219 Emmett Street | Kinsman, IL 60437

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Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Friday – 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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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.

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.

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

Saturday, September 26 (Blue Mass)

4:00 p.m. Mass

People of the Parish

†**Jake Veronda** (Pat & Mike Trofimchuck)

†**Joan Cromer**

Sunday, September 27

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Mass

Living Members of Joseph Collins, Sr. Family

(Peter & Carm Collins)

†**Lucille De Grush** (Ron & Dianne Marketti)

9:00 a.m. Mass (Sacred Heart)

†**Loisanne O'Connell** (Don & Mary Pfeifer)

11:30 a.m. Mass

†**Norm Hook** (Family)

†**Sherrie Lesch** (Friend)

†**Larry Ferrari** (Pohl Family)

Tuesday, September 29

6:30 p.m. Mass

†**Robert & Mary Beverly LaRocca** (Peter & Carm Collins)

Wednesday, September 30

8:30 a.m. Mass (Sacred Heart)

†**Jim Phelan** (Ed & Jean Condon)

Thursday, October 1

8:30 a.m. Mass

†**Kenneth De Grush** (Ron & Dianne Marketti)

Friday, October 2

8:30 a.m. Mass

Living Members of Peter LaRocca Family

(Peter & Carm Collins)

Saturday, October 3

8:30 a.m. Mass (First Saturday)

†**Tom Buban** (Ron & Dianne Marketti)

4:00 p.m. Mass

†**James Papesh** (Family)

†**Jim Giordano** (Carol & Bill Pohl)

Sunday, October 4

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Mass

†**Anton & Violete Quartaroli** (Peter & Carm Collins)

†**Lynn Kratchovil** (Ron & Dianne Marketti)

9:00 a.m. Mass (Sacred Heart)

†**Scott & Sean Blair** (Blair Family)

11:30 a.m. Mass

People of the Parish

†**Lucille De Gulie** (Joyce Ferrari)

†**Don Matteson** (Lori McClintock)

This Week's Events

Sunday, September 27

12:30 pm - Baptisms - Assumption Church

6:30 pm - Evening Adult Bible Study - Madonna Room

Monday, September 28

No Events

Tuesday, September 29

No Events

Wednesday, September 30

No Events

Thursday, October 1

9:30 am - Bible Study - Madonna Room

Friday, October 2

No Events

Saturday, October 3

No Events

Sunday, October 4

6:30 pm - Evening Adult Bible Study - Madonna Room



**Family Halloween
Bingo Night in Berst Hall
Saturday, October 24
5 p.m.**

Please pray for the sick:

Sharee Beeler, Mike Beshoar Family, Tracy Bianchi, Stacey Brown, Ryan Collins, Doris Giordano, Lilly Fleming, Pat Hanna, Ben Holman, Doug Letterly, Mark Lotzer, Shannon Male, Tom McFarland, Sr., John "Jack" Micetich, Santo & Betty Messina, Donna Meyer, Gail Mirsky, Carol Morin, Chasity Olson, Frank Peters, Patty Provance, Larry Ried, 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.



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serving our country:**

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

Weekly Scripture



Virtues, Explained!

Our God is just — but our God is also merciful. Practicing the virtue of equity means striving to imitate God in both these important aspects.

Governments draft legislation and authorities enforce laws in an attempt to create a system of rules and regulations that will ensure the common good. But we live in a fallen world, and there will never be a perfect justice system. Following one law will demand much more of one man than it does another, just the same as breaking one law will be easier for one woman than it is for another — and exacting punishment for the sake of punishment is never justice.

The virtue of equity is practiced by those who attend to the letter of the law, but who do so using their God-given human faculties and the mercy required of a Christian. To practice equity is to look at the whole picture — especially the divinely crafted person at the center of it.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life. (Ez 18:27)

Psalm

Remember your mercies, O Lord. (Ps 25)

Second Reading

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Phil 2:10-11)

Gospel

Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." (Mt 21:31)

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Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

The owner of the vineyard gave both his sons the same opportunity. Only one took it, even though he had rejected it at first. Always remember: it is never too late to do the will of God. He waits for you.

Worship & Observances

Prayer for Autumn

Dear God,
As the weather changes,
the birds migrate, and autumn's
flowers, colors, and clouds make
their entrance, we thank You for
the gift of this beautiful season!
Help us use this season to
draw closer to each
other and to You.
Amen.

Readings for the Week of September 27, 2026

Sunday

Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/
Mt 21:28-32

Monday

Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3,
4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday

Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12

Friday

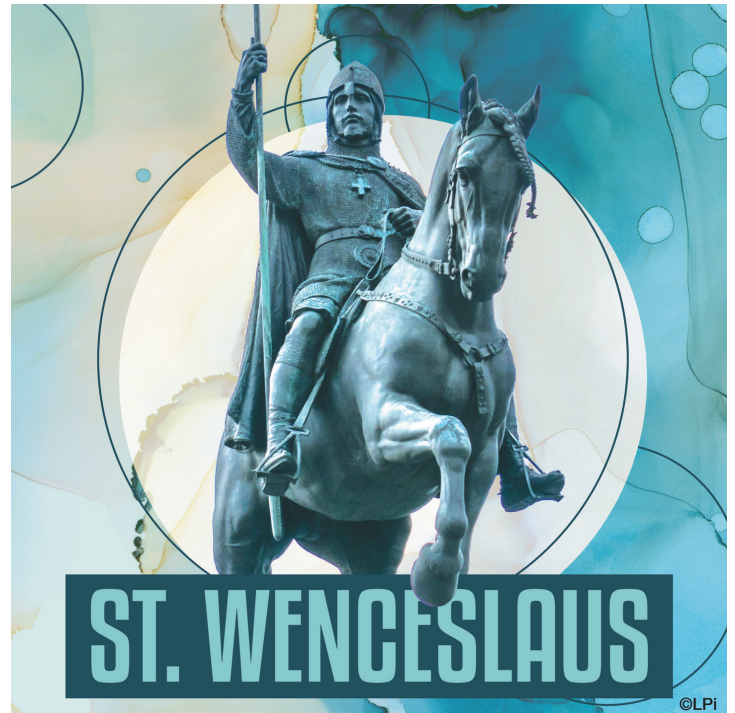
Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/
Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/
Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday

Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/
Mt 21:33-43



Observances for the Week of September 27, 2026

Sunday

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Priesthood Sunday

Monday

St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and
Companions, Martyrs

Tuesday

Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Wednesday

St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Thursday

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and
Doctor of the Church

Friday

The Holy Guardian Angels

Next Sunday

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

Gospel Meditation

STEP INTO THE

Father's Will



Encourage
Deeper
Understanding
of Scripture

Matthew
21:28-32

This Sunday, Jesus tells a short, uncomfortable story. A father asks two sons to go work in the vineyard. One says no, but later goes. The other says yes, but never shows up. It is a parable so simple, we almost miss how sharp it is. Jesus is clear about who it is for. This is not aimed at pagans or outsiders. It is aimed squarely at religious people, people who know the right words and sound obedient.

Jesus is not condemning unbelief so much as disobedience. The polite hypocrisy that says the right things while quietly resisting the Father's will. St. John Chrysostom put it bluntly, "Not words, but deeds, are what God requires. Nothing so exasperates Him as insincere obedience, while nothing so delights Him as repentance."

Every disciple must face that mirror. Do I publicly profess faith in Christ while privately resisting what

He asks of me? It is easy to say, I believe in God in my heart. But if faith never becomes action, it slowly becomes an illusion.

Jesus does not expose hypocrisy to shame us. He reveals it to heal us. He wants our hearts and our deeds to speak the same word, to let our yes truly mean yes. Like the second son who initially refused but afterwards changed his mind and went, Jesus invites us to step into the Father's will, however late, however imperfectly.

Challenge: Where are your public faith and private obedience divided? Where do you say, I will go, but never enter the vineyard? Go, get to work, even if it is late. The Father's vineyard is still open.

— Father John Muir

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus shares the parable of the two sons and the vineyard, telling the chief priests and elders that to enter the kingdom of God, they must change their minds about John the Baptist's message of repentance.

The God of Changed Minds

I wonder what was so important.

The man gave both his sons the same order: go out and work in the vineyard today. One son said yes. One refused.

The first son doesn't show up. The second son changes his mind, and does what his father asked. I wonder what was so important, that it kept the first from fulfilling his word. I wonder what was so important, that it prevented the second from committing wholeheartedly.

I have an image in my head of the sun setting on the vineyard. The second son pauses for a moment to catch his breath while his father sits at the gate, anxiously scanning the horizon. "Any sign?" the son asks the father, who instead of answering drops his gaze into his lap.

With this parable, Jesus acknowledges that few of his disciples can anticipate a straight path to Heaven. Most of us are destined for a few bends in the road.

Most of us will suffer failures of will and strength. We will become distracted. We will become preoccupied. We will doubt ourselves. There will be so many things that seem important, and it will take us too long to realize they aren't. Once we have, we may be too proud to change course.

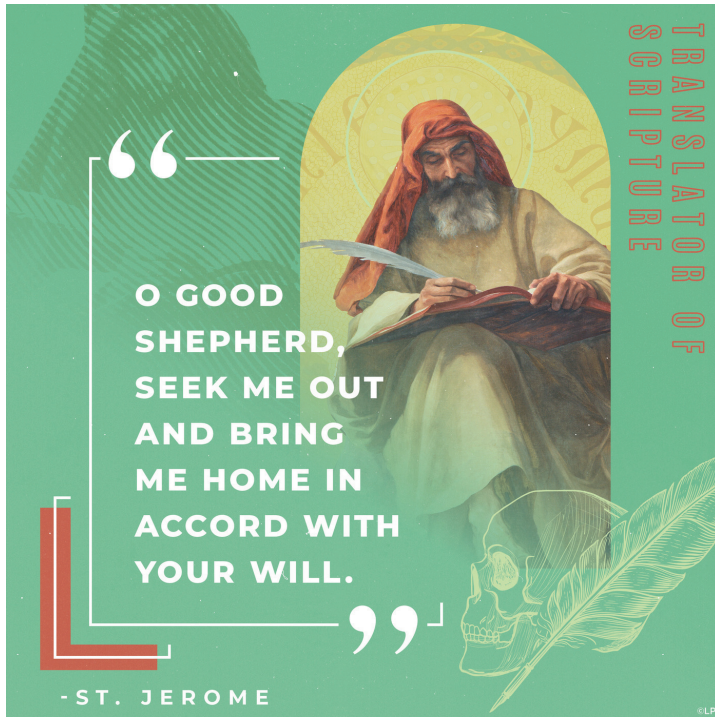
The shadows grow long in the vineyard. Any moment and they will give way to darkness. With its dying breath, the sun illuminates the contours of a figure making his way toward the father and son. When the figure cries out, it is a voice they recognize. "Am I too late?"

We worship the God of second chances. The God of changed minds. The God of never-too-late.

-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



Liturgical Life



Why Do We Do That?

Catholic Life Explained

Question

Who is St. Jerome, and why is he so significant that we honor him with a feast on September 30?

Answer

St. Jerome (345–420) was considered the greatest biblical scholar of his day, conversant with Latin, Greek, and Hebrew. He set about translating the books of the Bible from their original languages into Latin.

Much of Jerome's correspondence has survived and gives us a powerful glimpse into the kind of person that he was, as well as the time in which he lived. Jerome eventually became Pope Damasus' (366–384) personal secretary. In the West, Latin was overtaking Greek as the language of the common people. The pope desired a translation of the Bible that would be accurately translated from the original languages into the language and idiom of the people. Previous Latin translations existed, but they were poor in quality.

Jerome set about this task and spent the rest of his life meticulously translating. He is credited with the translation of the Bible known as the Vulgate, a Latin translation intended to address the needs of the common people. That translation became the standard and the only one used by Catholics until modern times. Catholics did not actively engage in a similar process until 1943, when Pius XII allowed Catholic scholars once again to go back to the original languages and translate an accurate and meticulous version of the Bible. We carry on that tradition to this very day.

Catholic Trivia

What was the relationship among the three children who witnessed Mary's apparition at Fátima?

Answer: Sister, Brother, and Cousin

"Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." – Mt 21:31

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Ministry Schedule, Stewardship, & More

Ministry Schedule - October 3 & 4

Saturday, Oct. 3 - 4:00 p.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - Matt Skwarczek, **alt. needed**

Lector - Janice Unger

Servers- Volunteers needed

Ushers - Ron Henke, Bob Jacovec, Doug Letterly,
Bob Schmitt, Fred Hejna

Sunday, Oct. 4 - 7:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - Carm Collins, **alt. needed**

Lector - Jaiden Leman

Servers - Pete Collins, Ron Marketti

Sunday, Oct. 4 - 9:00 a.m. (Sacred Heart, Kinsman)

Extraordinary Minister - TBD

Lector - TBD

Servers - TBD

Sunday, Oct. 4 - 11:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - Julie Keigher, **alt. needed**

Lector - Hannah Krull

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!

Assumption Weekly Offering + E-Giving

Annual Offering Budget (7/1/2026 - 6/30/2027) \$329,644

YTD Offering Budget \$76,068

YTD Actual Offering **\$98,678**

Last Week's Mass Offering \$4,887

Last Week's E-Giving Offering \$1,228

Last Week's Total Offering \$6,115

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

9/13/26 Sunday Collection \$1,536



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Kids Corner

Sharing the Gospel

God wants you to change your way of behaving after you hear his words. He wants you to say you are sorry and believe in him. He wants you to be a better person. He wants you to choose good over evil. Write your favorite Bible verse. Stick it on your mirror or your lunch box. When you know it by heart and do what it says, then get a new verse. That will make God smile.



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the picture!**

Prayer

God, I want to listen to your words.

Mission for the Week

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