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## ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Coal City**

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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.

**Sacred Heart, Kinsman**

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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

## Weekly Confession Times

**TUESDAY (A) - 6:00 p.m. to 6:20 p.m.**

**WEDNESDAY (SH) - Following the 8:30 a.m. Mass**

**THURSDAY & FRIDAY (A) - 8:00 a.m. to 8:20 a.m.**

**SATURDAY (A) - 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.**

**(First Saturday only - 8:00 a.m. to 8:20 a.m.)**

**SUNDAY (SH) - Following the 9:00 a.m. Mass**

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



## This Week's Events

**A:** Assumption

**SH:** Sacred Heart

### Sunday, December 28

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

### Mon., December 29 (Parish Office Closed)

Coal Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288

### Tuesday, December 30 (Parish Office Closed)

No Events

### Wednesday, December 31 (Parish Office Closed)

3:00 pm - Wedding - Assumption Church

### Thursday, January 1 (Parish Office Closed)

4:00 pm - Skating Back to Faith - Berst Hall

### Friday, January 2

No Events

### Saturday, January 3

No Events

### Sunday, January 4

10:00 am - Fellowship Committee Meeting - Madonna Room

12:30 pm - Baptism - Assumption Church

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



**Although Mass intentions are commonly requested for the souls of the departed, we also accept Mass intentions for the living. If you are requesting a Mass intention for the living, and it is related to a birthday or anniversary, please let us know so this can be noted alongside the intention. The stipend for each intention is \$10.**

### Please pray for the sick:

Nancy Armstrong & Family, Sharee Beeler, Paula Beshoar, Tammy Beshoar, Stacey Brown, Tom Buban, Denise Chally, Ryan Collins, Pam Cruz, Charlotte Curtis, Jan Dunn, Mark & Kay Francisco, Doris Giordano, Pat Hudetz, Jim Jacobek, Mary Jo Maland, Gloria Markl, Donna Meyer, Steven Miller, Dan Olson, Jean Peters, Larry Ried, Cecelia Schimandle, Fred & Wanda Singer, Jeff & Danita Stepanek, Helen Talty, Cary Teska, Glenn VanDrie, Steve Varsolona, Jake Veronda, Liz Veronda, John T. Walsh

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

#### SATURDAY December 27

**4:00 PM Mass (A)**

†Paul Ruffatti (Mom & Family)

†Shirley Boero (Dena Wren & Family)

†Jessie Kasher (Don & Pat Bianchetta)

#### SUNDAY December 28 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

**7:30 AM Mass (A)**

**Living Intention for Lucille De Gulie**

(John & Jackie Plese)

†Jack Naiden (John & Teri Jo Boylan)

**9:00 AM Mass (SH)**

†Pat Bartman (Nancy & Richard Sulzberger)

**11:30 AM Mass (A)**

**People of the Parish**

†John Hamerla (Ray & Ruth Dillon)

†Larry Ferrari (Wife, Joyce)

†John J. Lestina (Lestina Family)

†Joe De Gulie (Lucille)

#### TUESDAY December 30

**6:30 PM Mass (A)**

†Dolores Hertenstein (John & Teri Jo Boylan)

†Jicianta Boero (Shirley Boero)

#### WEDNESDAY December 31

**8:30 AM Mass (SH)**

**Intention of the Presider**

#### THURSDAY January 1 Mary, Mother of God

**8:30 AM Mass (A)**

†Andrew Frain, Jr. (Peter & Carm Collins)

**12:00 PM Mass (SH)**

**Intention of the Presider**

**6:30 PM Mass (A)**

†Shirley Boero (Family)

#### FRIDAY January 2

**8:30 AM Mass (A)**

†Betty Onsen (Beverly Luck & Family)

#### SATURDAY January 3 First Saturday

**8:30 AM Mass (A)**

†Mike Myers (Boero Family)

**4:00 PM Mass (A)**

†Theresa O'Connor (John & Teri Jo Boylan)

†Betty Onsen (Don & Pat Bianchetta)

†Jim Mauro (Family)

#### SUNDAY January 4 The Epiphany of the Lord

**7:30 AM Mass (A)**

**People of the Parish**

†Andrew Frain, Jr. (Don & Nadine Lawson)

**9:00 AM Mass (SH)**

†Pat Bartman (LeAnne & Mike Tjelle)

**11:30 AM Mass (A)**

†Larry Ferrari (Wife, Joyce)


†Jeff Keck (Mallory & Nick Butler)

PRAYERS FOR THE MEN  
AND WOMEN WHO SERVE  
IN OUR ARMED FORCES.

### Please pray for those serving our country:

Sebastian Gasienica, Rhys Lyman,  
Brady O'Donnell, Zander Posey, Logan Teodoro





Assumption Church  
Fellowship Committee presents

# THE CHOSEN

Episode 6

6:00-7:30pm | On Wednesday, January 7th | Berst Hall

Episode 6 of Season 2!  
Followed by a short discussion with Fr. Josh and Deacon Bill.

For more information, call our office secretary at 815.634.4171 extension 1.



Mass times for this Holy Day of Obligation are:

8:30 a.m. - Assumption Church  
12:00 p.m. - Sacred Heart Church  
6:30 p.m. - Assumption Church





ASSUMPTION CHURCH FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE PRESENTS

# SKATING BACK TO FAITH

GLIDE INTO THE NEW YEAR with an enchanting skating experience at Berst Hall!



IF INTERESTED, PLEASE SIGN UP WITH YOUR SKATE SIZE TO PARTICIPATE  
You can sign up on the church website or by contacting a fellowship member.

## EVENING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Every Sunday **6:30 PM** Join us!

Madonna Room, 180 S Kankakee St, Coal City, IL 60416

RSVP with link on website or contact Hannah Krull

## MARK THE DATE!

Thursday, January 1st, 2026  
Open from 4:00-7:00pm

BERST HALL  
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For more information, call our office secretary at 815.634.4171 extension 1.



### Thank You from Saint Vincent's Table



Saint Vincent's Table makes 100+ meals every Monday night for anyone who would like to come in for a hot nutritious meal, as well as deliver to our homebound in the area. The participating churches in this ministry over the past year (New Hope Presbyterian, Coal City First Baptist, Assumption, and Braidwood Catholic Churches) would not be able to make this possible without the help of our 60+ volunteers, as well as the many private donors, food pantries, and local businesses who share their time, talent, and treasures with us. These include: C. C. Lions Club, Christian Life Assembly, Coal City Berkot's, Coal City Food Pantry, Crane, Firm Handshake, Grundy County Foundation, Jewel, Knights of Columbus, PADS, The Whistle Stop, and Top Fuel Saloon.

Starting in 2026, we have just three participating churches: Assumption Catholic Church, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, and New Hope Presbyterian Church. Therefore, we have decided to suspend our meals for January and February of this year and resume on March 2nd at the Presbyterian Church in Coal City. Pick up for homebound delivery will continue to be from 4:00 - 4:30, and dine-in will be from 4:30 - 5:30. We look forward to seeing you in March!

Thank you everyone! Happy New Year from all of us!

*The Saint Vincent's Table Monday Night Meals Crew*

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[VOCATIONS@DIOCESEOFJOLIET.ORG](mailto:vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org)  
PHONE: (815) 221-6171

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Whoever honors his father atones for sins,  
and preserves himself from them. (Sir 3:3)

### Psalm:

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.  
(Ps 128)

### Second Reading:

And whatever you do, in word or in deed,  
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Col 3:17)

### Gospel:

He rose, took the child and his mother,  
and went to the land of Israel. (Mt 2:21)

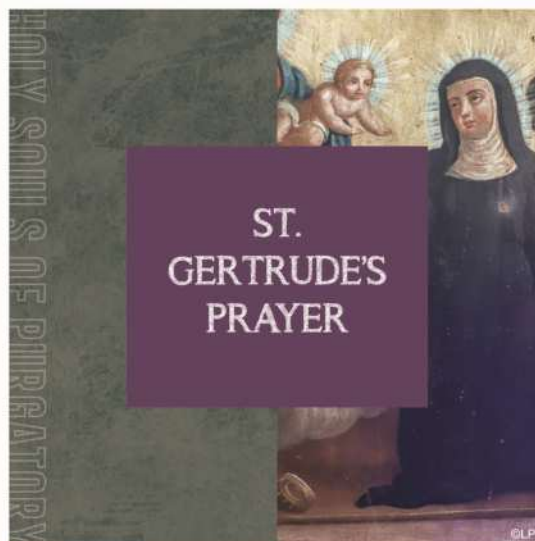
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God created the Holy Family with a great sense of purpose, because he knew that Jesus would be defined by the woman and man who raised him. Who is our "Holy Family" — the people who will define us? Who has God placed within our lives for a specific purpose?

## Observances for the week of December 28, 2025

- Sunday:** The Holy Family
- Wednesday:** St. Sylvester I, Pope; *New Year's Eve*
- Thursday:** Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace
- Friday:** Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
- Saturday:** The Most Holy Name of Jesus
- Next Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord



## Devotions, *Explained!*

St. Gertrude's Prayer is a petition said on behalf of the Holy Souls of Purgatory, offering the Blood of Christ in reparation for the sins of the departed.

## Family Blessing

May God bless, protect, unite, mend, and renew our family. Help us to be instruments of healing and holiness, breaking generational curses, rewriting scripts, overcoming tribulation, joining in gratitude, and growing in joy ... together. Amen.

## Worship & Meditation

### Readings for the week of December 28, 2025

#### Sunday:

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/  
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

#### Monday:

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/  
Lk 2:22-35

#### Tuesday:

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/  
Lk 2:36-40

#### Wednesday:

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

#### Thursday:

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/  
Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

#### Friday:

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/  
Jn 1:19-28

#### Saturday:

1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/  
Jn 1:29-34

#### Next Sunday:

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



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### Gospel Meditation

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was ten, my dad gathered our family around the table in small-town Vermont and told us we were moving to the big desert city of Phoenix, Arizona. We were leaving behind family, friends, and everything familiar. None of us knew what to expect.

But something beautiful happened. As we made the move together, our family grew closer. In retrospect, I'm amazed at my parents' courage to go on that adventure. Even as a kid I realized our family found, in that challenge, a deeper unity and mutual love.

In today's Gospel, Joseph is told: **"Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee..." (Matthew 2:13, 20).** First to Egypt, then later to Israel. The Holy Family is frequently challenged to move and change, to adapt to God's will for them, in order to find safety in the midst of threat. It's not just an idiosyncratic story about survival. It's a spiritual pattern for all of us. Every Christian family is called to be a kind of sanctuary, especially in a world full of noise, busyness, and fear.

May I make a practical application for us? The Lord's Day, Sunday, is perhaps the most practical way we imitate this dynamic we see in Joseph and his family. Sunday is not meant to be just like every other day, filled with errands and stress. It's meant to be a day set apart; a holy "escape" into rest, worship, joy, and peace. A day to rise, take your family, and flee, into God's presence

— Father John Muir

# Liturgical Life

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** If any four-word sentence encapsulates what we can expect from the Christian life, it is this: God had other plans.

### Other Plans

I don't know exactly what kind of life Mary and Joseph envisioned when they were first betrothed — back in those simple times when they were just like any other couple who had hopes, dreams and no angels telling them what to do.

Whatever their plans were, I think it's safe to say that the future God had in store for Mary and Joseph was not one either of them expected. I would imagine they both anticipated something a little quieter. A little more stable (no pun intended). A little less tumultuous.

It exhausts me simply to read through the chaos of their movements in today's Gospel. Flee to Egypt, return to Israel (but not Judea! Herod's son is there! Divert to Galilee! Divert!). Settle in Nazareth (let me remind you, this is all happening with a baby in tow, and without the aid of a minivan). Take a deep breath, but don't get too comfortable — now it's almost time to lose your kid in Jerusalem. Then you'll have about 20 years off before he starts raising people from the dead, and that's when things start to get *really* crazy.

The story of the Holy Family is the ultimate example of the phrase "God had other plans." If any four-word sentence encapsulates what we can expect from the Christian life, it is this.

I thought I was meant for that job, but God had other plans. I thought I would live in this place, but God had other plans. I thought I was supposed to become this person, but God had other plans.

We can do all the right things. We can make all the right choices. We can say, over and over again until our voice wears out, "Thy will be done." But all we can know for sure is that God has other plans.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that?

### Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

If I go to the Sacrament of Penance and end up repeating the same sins, does that mean I do not have a strong enough intention to amend my life?

#### Answer:

There is a popular expression that says, "Be patient. God isn't finished with me yet!" Growing in faith and holiness is an ongoing, life-long project, and our struggle with sin is at the heart of it. As St. Paul says, the good he intends to do, he does not do. The evil he does not intend, he does! It is not always a lack of intention, but more often the allure of evil that makes it difficult to change.

When we confess our sins, we are to come with a fully contrite heart. You need to reflect on your true feelings toward your actions before approaching the sacrament. After confession, there are strategies you can make to avoid falling into the same traps of sin. First, pray for and seek out strength and perseverance through multiple sacraments, charitable work, and personal sacrifice. Second, avoid occasions of sin when you might fail or be sorely tempted. In doing these things, remind yourself daily that it is a spiritual war we wage, and with God's grace, we will succeed.



## Ministry Schedule

January 1 - 4



**Thursday, January 1 - 8:30 a.m. (Mary Mother of God)**

Extraordinary Minister - Dianne Marketti

Lector - **Volunteer needed**

**Thursday, January 1 - 12:00 p.m. (Sacred Heart, Kinsman)**

Extraordinary Minister - Scott Wilkinson

Lector - Kathy Vint

Servers - Max & Sam Veselak

**Thursday, January 1 - 6:30 p.m. (Mary Mother of God)**

Extraordinary Minister - **Volunteer needed**

Lector - **Volunteer needed**

Servers - **Three Volunteers needed**

**Saturday, January 3 - 4:00 p.m.**

Extraordinary Minister - Matt Skwarczek, **alternate needed**

Lector - **Volunteer needed**

Servers - **Volunteers needed**

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

**Sunday, January 4 - 7:30 a.m.**

Extraordinary Ministers - **Two volunteers needed**

Lector - Jaiden Leman

Servers - Pete Collins, Ron Marketti, Ken Bonomo

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

Extraordinary Minister - Scott Wilkinson

Lector - Kathy Vint

Servers - Max & Sam Veselak

**Sunday, January 4 - 11:30 a.m.**

Extraordinary Ministers - Julie Keigher, **alternate needed**

Lector - **Volunteer needed**

Servers - **Volunteers needed**

**Thank you for sharing your time and talents with us!**



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## Assumption Weekly Offering + E-Giving

Annual Offering Budget (7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026)	\$326,141
YTD Offering Budget	\$150,528
YTD Actual Offering	<b>\$180,818</b>
12/14/25 Mass Offering	\$5,362
12/14/25 E-Giving Offering	\$1,763
12/14/25 Total Offering	\$7,125
<b>Weekly Goal</b>	<b>\$6,272</b>

## Assumption Church Building Loan Balance through November, 2025

Loan Amount	\$620,123
Current Loan Balance	\$589,039

## Sacred Heart, Kinsman Weekly Offering

12/7/25 Sunday Collection	\$1,423
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## 2025 CMAA Report (as of Dec. 14, 2025)

Goal: \$32,500 Pledged: \$43,991 Paid: \$42,962 Donors: 170



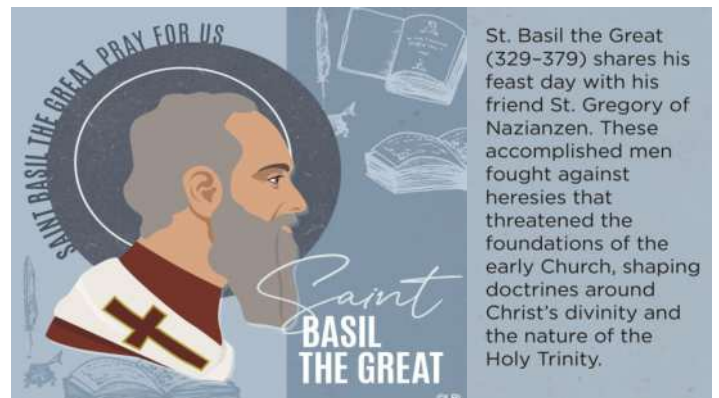
On behalf of Father Josh and the parish staff, we wish you and your family many blessings in 2026.

Please note that our parish office will reopen on Friday, January 2.



**Gabriella Pope & Nathan Weese**

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



**Question:** Which saint is the patron saint of priests?

**Answer:** St. John Vianney

## Kids Corner

### Prayer

Dear God, thank you for keeping Jesus safe when he was a little baby.

### Mission for the Week

If you were not safe, and if you had to move away in the middle of the night, list three small things you would want to bring along.

### Sharing the Gospel

After King Herod found out that Jesus had been born, little Jesus was no longer safe. Herod did not want any other kings around, even baby kings like Jesus. In a dream, God warned Joseph that their little family needed to move far away from Herod. Joseph took Mary and Jesus and got out of Bethlehem as quickly and as quietly as they could. God protected little Jesus. God wants you to be safe, too.

Now color  
the picture!



Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

listed  
Joseph  
Mary

engaged  
traveled  
baby

sheep  
Savior  
angels

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