



# ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025**

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT



John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. - Mt 3:4

**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.

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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****ANOIDING 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.

## Diocese of Joliet

### Office of the Bishop



Blanchette Catholic Center  
16555 Weber Rd.  
Crest Hill, Illinois 60403  
[www.diojoliet.org](http://www.diojoliet.org)

### 2025 Retirement Fund for Religious

[retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon, our parishes will participate in the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection. This important annual appeal benefits more than 21,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives in service to the Church.

These faithful servants have long been a source of inspiration and support in our communities. I am personally grateful for the religious who helped shape my own faith journey. Perhaps you, too, have known an elderly sister, brother, or religious order priest whose quiet dedication, prayerful presence, or selfless acts left a lasting impression on your life.

Today, the challenges many of these senior religious and their communities face in meeting their retirement needs are greater than ever. Most received little to no pay for their service, and their communities struggle to cover rising health care expenses and the increasing cost of day-to-day eldercare. The financial burdens continue to grow, and the need is urgent.

Gifts to the Retirement Fund for Religious make a real, tangible difference to these many women and men religious. Contributions directly support their ongoing care today and help ensure that their communities can plan wisely for their future.

I know you are asked to support many worthy causes, and I thank you for the many ways you give. Please consider making a gift to this year's collection if you are able—and continue to pray for all our elderly religious. They also remember us daily in their prayers.

May God bless you and your loved ones abundantly with peace and health.

As I remain –

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Ronald A. Hicks*

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks  
Bishop of Joliet



## Mass Intentions

<b>SATURDAY December 6</b>	<b>First Saturday</b>
<b>8:30 AM Mass (A)</b> †Ray & Betty Onsen ( <i>John &amp; Teri Jo Boylan</i> )	
<b>4:00 PM Mass (A)</b> <b>Special Intention (Family)</b> †Shirley Boero ( <i>Pat Davito</i> ) †Jerry Heavens ( <i>Family</i> )	
<b>SUNDAY December 7</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>7:30 AM Mass (A)</b> †Jack Naiden ( <i>John &amp; Teri Jo Boylan</i> )	
<b>9:00 AM Mass (SH)</b> †Don Bartman ( <i>Lynn Phelan</i> )	
<b>11:30 AM Mass (A)</b> <b>People of the Parish</b> †Larry Ferrari ( <i>Billy &amp; Carol Pohl</i> ) †Jack Aichele ( <i>Pat &amp; Family</i> ) †John Zentmyer ( <i>Georgia &amp; Family</i> )	
<b>MON. Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> <b>(Holy Day of Obligation)</b>	
<b>8:30 AM Mass (A)</b> †Gary Buttons ( <i>Boero Family</i> )	
<b>12:00 PM Mass (SH)</b> †Loisanne O'Connell ( <i>Peter &amp; Roberta Brockman</i> )	
<b>6:30 PM Mass (A)</b> †Shirley Boero ( <i>Family</i> )	
<b>TUESDAY December 9</b>	
<b>6:30 PM Mass (A)</b> †Mike Myers ( <i>Boero/Grove Family</i> )	
<b>WEDNESDAY December 10</b>	
<b>8:30 AM Mass (SH)</b> †Loisanne O'Connell ( <i>Peter &amp; Roberta Brockman</i> )	
<b>THURSDAY December 11</b>	
<b>8:30 AM Mass (A)</b> †Betty Onsen ( <i>Beverly Luck &amp; Family</i> )	
<b>FRIDAY December 12</b>	
<b>8:30 AM Mass (A)</b> †Marcus Marketti ( <i>Ron &amp; Dianne Marketti</i> )	
<b>SATURDAY December 13</b>	
<b>4:00 PM Mass (A)</b> †Mary Sitar ( <i>Frank &amp; Lee</i> ) †Sharon Youskevitch ( <i>Youskevitch Family</i> ) †Lucille Schmidberger ( <i>Harold &amp; Georgette</i> ) †Ken Cromer ( <i>Family</i> )	
<b>SUNDAY December 14</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>7:30 AM Mass (A)</b> <b>People of the Parish</b> †Jeff Keck ( <i>Mallory &amp; Nick Butler</i> ) †Sis Martin ( <i>Terry &amp; Carol Halliday</i> )	
<b>9:00 AM Mass (SH)</b> †Pat Bartman ( <i>Carol Jean Peterson</i> )	
<b>11:30 AM Mass (A)</b> †Bill McClintock ( <i>Mark Matteson Family</i> ) †Larry Ferrari ( <i>Wife, Joyce</i> ) †Bill & Vivian Finn ( <i>Family</i> )	

## Catholic Trivia - Biblical Archangels

**Question:** What are the names of the three biblical archangels?

**Answer:** Gabriel, Michael, and Raphael.

## 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 7



10:00 am - Fellowship Committee Meeting - Madonna Room

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

## Mon., December 8 (Immaculate Conception/Office Closed)

4:30 pm - St. Vincent Meals - Berst Hall

Coal Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288

## Tuesday, December 9

No Events

## Wednesday, December 10

6:00 pm - *The Chosen* Viewing - Berst Hall

7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal - Assumption Church

## Thursday, December 11

9:30 am - Bible Study - Madonna Room

## Friday, December 12

No Events

## Saturday, December 13

2:45 pm - Children's Handbell Choir Rehearsal - Madonna Room

## Sunday, December 14

9:45 am - Family Faith Formation - Berst Hall

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



**Please pray for those serving our country:** Sebastian Gasienica, Rhys Lyman, Brady O'Donnell, Zander Posey,

## 2025 CMAA Report (as of Nov. 23, 2025)

Goal: \$32,500 Pledged: \$43,752 Paid: \$41,544 Donors: 169

**Please pray for the sick:** Nancy Armstrong & Family, Sharee Beeler, Paula 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, 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.*

## 38th Annual Christmas Concert Series

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✧ Let the harmonies of the holidays fill your heart with peace, warmth, and celebration. Whether you are a longtime fan or joining us for the first time, we promise an experience of musical magic.

Prairie Creek Public Library, Dwight, Tuesday, December 2, 6:30 p.m.  
 United Methodist Church, Morris, Saturday, December 6, 7 p.m.  
 St. Patrick Catholic Church, Seneca, Sunday, December 7, 2 p.m.  
 St. Columba Catholic Church, Ottawa, Sunday, December 14, 2 p.m.

The Dwight Public Library concert is open to the public and free of charge but reservations are required. Contact the library at 815 584 3061. The church concerts will have a free will offering.

The City-Wide Choir and  
 Coal City United Methodist Church present



## A Thrill of Hope

A Christmas Musical by Joel Raney  
 with the composer conducting

December 7, 2025

4:00 pm

Coal City UMC -  
 6805 E. McArdle Road



This event is made possible through a Vital Worship, Vital Preaching Grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, Grand Rapids, Michigan, with funds provided by Lilly Endowment Inc.

Assumption Church Fellowship Committee presents

# THE CHOSEN

Episode 5

6:00-7:30pm | On Wednesday, December 10th | Berst Hall

Episode 5 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.

Diocese of Joliet Catholic Schools

## Beyond the Books

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# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him:  
a spirit of wisdom and of understanding,  
a spirit of counsel and of strength,  
a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD. (Isa 11:2)

### Psalm:

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.  
(Ps 72)

### Second Reading:

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you,  
for the glory of God. (Romans 15:7)

### Gospel:

"I am baptizing you with water, for repentance,  
but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I." (Mt 3:11)

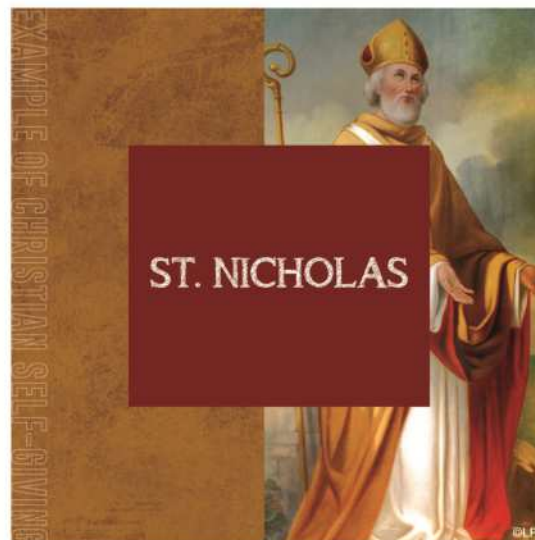
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The story of Advent is a story of repentance. John the Baptist held up a mirror to the chosen people. He urged them to look at what they saw there. This Advent, will we look in the mirror? Will we choose repentance?

## Observances for the week of December 7, 2025

<b>Sunday:</b>	2nd Sunday of Advent
<b>Monday:</b>	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>Tuesday:</b>	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Our Lady of Loreto
<b>Thursday:</b>	St. Damasus I, Pope
<b>Friday:</b>	Our Lady of Guadalupe
<b>Saturday:</b>	St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	3rd Sunday of Advent



## Devotions, Explained!

St. Nicholas is sometimes merged with the modern figure of Santa Claus in the collective imagination. But St. Nicholas was a real-life bishop, a follower of Jesus whose example of Christian self-giving endures hundreds of years after his death.

## Prayer for Advent - Peace

Come, Lord Jesus!  
Bring your peace to our world.  
Inspire reconciliation, heal  
divisions, bind wounds,  
rewrite scripts.  
You are the Prince of Peace,  
bring that light into every space.  
Amen.

## Worship & Meditation

### Readings for the week of December 7, 2025

#### Sunday:

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/  
Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

#### Monday:

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/  
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

#### Tuesday:

Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/  
Mt 18:12-14

#### Wednesday:

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/  
Mt 11:28-30

#### Thursday:

Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/  
Mt 11:11-15

#### Friday:

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/  
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

#### Saturday:

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16,  
18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

#### Next Sunday:

Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10  
(see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11



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### Gospel Meditation

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

This week we hear that John the Baptist is out in the wilderness eating “**locusts and wild honey**” (Mark 1:6). It's not just a strange historical detail. It's a symbolic expression of a healthy spiritual diet. The path to Christ includes both the hard and the beautiful, the gritty and the sweet. We have to learn to gulp the locusts and savor the honey.

I remember working with a young couple preparing for marriage. They were sincere, but raw — barely beginning to discover faith. Part of me wanted to rush them ahead, to fill in all the gaps, to bombard them with scripture and church documents. I swallowed that instinct. It was like eating locusts.

But I also recall them light up as they spoke about each other, about their first child, then their second. And they wanted to be close to God. Something innocent and beautiful was unfolding. That was the honey. I knew God was asking me to savor it.

This Advent, maybe we're each being invited to accept both locusts and honey. Maybe it's time to stop avoiding the difficult parts of faith — prayer that feels dry, the call to repentance, the patience with the troublesome. It's time to eat some locusts.

But we also need to notice the small gifts God gives us: a peaceful moment, a good conversation, the joy of serving someone else, new life, good intentions of our friends. That's the honey. Savor it!

John didn't avoid either. He took it all in. And so can we. What are your locusts? Your honey? If we let God feed us with both, we'll be ready — really ready — for the coming of Christ.

— Father John Muir



# Liturgical Life

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** It is so, so beautiful to be culturally Catholic. But actions, rituals, traditions, sentiments, nostalgia — none of it matters unless it bears the fruit of a transformed heart.

### Culturally Catholic

Catholic culture is so thick, you could spread it on a scone. Or a baguette. Or a slice of ciabatta bread. Or naan (Wait, do you put butter on naan? I would, because I'm Midwestern, but I sense that this is, perhaps, incorrect).

Okay, maybe my comparison is imperfect, but what I'm saying is this: Catholic culture is delicious, it's versatile, and it's nourishing. It's the same everywhere, even though it also looks and feels totally unique in every place. The Day of the Dead in Mexico, Simbang Gabi in the Philippines, St. Patrick's Day in Ireland, Meskel in Ethiopia, Semana Santa processions in Spain: these are all touchstones of Catholic culture.

It is so, so beautiful to be culturally Catholic. But today, when I hear John the Baptist's words to the Pharisees and the Sadducees, I am reminded that Catholicism is so much more than just cultural expression.

The Pharisees and Sadducees were loyal sons of Abraham and scrupulous observers of the law of Moses. Their culture, you could say, was strong. But John the Baptist is telling them — and he's telling us — that culture isn't enough.

Actions, rituals, traditions, sentiments, nostalgia — none of it matters unless it bears the fruit of a transformed heart.

It's something to remember especially as we approach Christmas, a time when culture and cultural rituals become so (beautifully) prominent. In the cultural practice of Christmas, we are like the Wise Men approaching the manger, bearing our gifts. But how terrible would it have been if the wise men had hurried away, their culture expressed, their ritual complete, and gone back to the world unchanged by the gaze of the Infant?

So be culturally Catholic. Bring these gifts to the Christ Child — but linger there. Reflect. And then when you return to the world, you will bring Catholic culture with you.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that?

### Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

I've heard people call Jesus' conception by the Holy Spirit being "immaculately conceived." Is that what the Immaculate Conception is?

#### Answer:

While these two events are often confused, they are not the same thing. We celebrated the conception of Jesus on March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation. While that was surely miraculous, it isn't what we refer to as the "immaculate conception." The Immaculate Conception is Mary's conception, and we typically celebrate it on December 8th. If the 8th happens to be a Sunday, the Church moves the feast to December 9th. It is a holy day of obligation. Why does the Church consider it so important to celebrate?

Mary's conception is immaculate because she was conceived without original sin. The angel Gabriel acknowledges this when he hails Mary as "full of grace" (Luke 1:28). Scripture scholars identify several theological ideas that confirm this. In the Old Testament, the sacred, pristine Ark of the Covenant held the presence of God. The presence of God is now held within a new "ark" — the womb of Mary. Genesis 3 also prophesies of a woman who would oppose the devil and whose child would crush the devil's head. Christ is the "New Adam." This passage sets up Mary, then, as the "New Eve." Jesus and Mary are the beginnings of a new creation, one we all can participate in through the grace of our baptism. After all, God's love is more "original" than our sin!





## Ministry Schedule

December 8, 13 & 14



**Monday, December 8 - 8:30 a.m.**

**\*The Immaculate Conception—Holy Day of Obligation\***

Extraordinary Minister - **Volunteer needed**

Lector - **Volunteer needed**

**Monday, December 8 - 6:30 p.m.**

**\*The Immaculate Conception—Holy Day of Obligation\***

Extraordinary Ministers - **Two Volunteers needed**

Lector - **Volunteer needed**

Servers - **Three Volunteers needed**

**Saturday, December 13 - 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, December 14 - 7:30 a.m.**

Extraordinary Ministers - **Two volunteers needed**

Lector - Janice Unger

Servers - Pete Collins, Ron Marketti, Ken Bonomo

**Sunday, December 14- 9:00 a.m. (Sacred Heart, Kinsman)**

Extraordinary Minister - Brent Sulzberger

Lector - Dave Brockman

Servers - Abi & Gwen Siedentop

**Sunday, December 14 - 11:30 a.m.**

Extraordinary Ministers - **Two volunteers needed**

Lector - **Volunteer needed**

Server - **Volunteer needed**

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

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

OF THE *Blessed Virgin Mary*

**\*HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS SCHEDULE\***

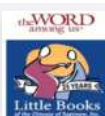
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 8**

**8:30 a.m. - Assumption Church**

**12:00 p.m. - Sacred Heart Church**

**6:30 p.m. - Assumption Church**

*The Word Among Us* and *The Little Blue Books* are now in the narthex. A free will offering of only \$1 is suggested for each copy of *The Little Blue Book*.



Sweets Sunday Christmas Bake Sale

Plan to stop by the narthex December 6 and 7 to pick up some sweet treats at the Sweets Sunday Christmas Bake Sale sponsored by FCCLA. All proceeds to be used for school roof repair.

Anyone wishing to donate baked goods may drop off at the Berst Center Kitchen Door on Saturday, December 6 from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Please contact Teri Jo Boylan 815.326.0254 for more information.



## Assumption Weekly Offering + E-Giving

Annual Offering Budget (7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026)	\$326,141
YTD Offering Budget	\$131,712
YTD Actual Offering	<b>\$159,724</b>
11/23/25 Mass Offering	\$4,823
11/23/25 E-Giving Offering	\$1,408
11/23/25 Total Offering	\$6,231
<b>Weekly Goal</b>	<b>\$6,272</b>

## Assumption Church Building Loan Balance through October, 2025

Loan Amount	\$620,123
Current Loan Balance	\$591,037

## Sacred Heart, Kinsman Weekly Offering

11/16/25 Sunday Collection	\$1,020
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### Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. - Assumption Church

6:00 p.m. - Sacred Heart Church

9:00 p.m. - Assumption Church

### Christmas Day

7:30 a.m. - Assumption Church

9:00 a.m. - Sacred Heart Church

11:30 a.m. - Assumption Church

### Confessions

Tuesday to Friday at regular times

**None Christmas Eve or Day**

## Children's Handbell Choir



Our Children's Handbell Choir will be honoring and glorifying our Lord with their handbell music at Assumption's 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Practices are on Saturdays from 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. in the Madonna Room, through Sat., Dec. 20. For further information, or if your child would like to join, please contact Alex Kuhel at (815) 655-2440. New members are welcome!

## Kids Corner

### Prayer

Lord, teach me to be truly sorry when I do something wrong.

### Mission for the Week

I pray that people thinking of doing evil will choose God's way instead.

### Sharing the Gospel

Today you are with John the Baptist. He is wearing a camel skin coat and has a leather strap around his waist. He shares two grasshoppers and a little wild honey with you. He says, "Turn back to God! The kingdom of heaven will be here soon." You tell John, "I am very sorry for my sins. I am now obeying God's laws." Then John baptizes you in the Jordan River to make you ready for the kingdom of heaven.

Now color  
the picture!



Match John the Baptist to his right shadow.





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