

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YOUR LIGHT MUST
SHINE.

— MATTHEW 5:16 —



ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

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

SATURDAY February 7		First Saturday
8:30 AM Mass (A)	†Vincent "Butch" Biros (<i>Matt Baskerville</i>)	
4:00 PM Mass (A)	†Theresa O'Connor (<i>John & Teri Jo Boylan</i>) †Gwen Vacca (<i>Don & Pat Bianchetta</i>)	
SUNDAY February 8		Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Mass (A)	†Helen Talty (<i>Noma</i>)	
9:00 AM Mass (SH)	†Betty Walsh (<i>Family</i>)	
11:30 AM Mass (A)	People of the Parish †Larry Ferrari (<i>Wife, Joyce</i>) †Shirley Boero (<i>Mark & Roseanne Matteson</i>) †Jeff Reed (<i>Mike Beshoar Family</i>)	
TUESDAY February 10		
6:30 PM Mass (A)	Special Intention for Good Health of Marianne Nuetzmann (<i>Carol</i>)	
WEDNESDAY February 11		
8:30 AM Mass (SH)	†Joanne Slusarski (<i>John & Charlotte Blair</i>)	
THURSDAY February 12		
8:30 AM Mass (A)	†Jack Naiden (<i>Peter & Carm Collins</i>)	
FRIDAY February 13		
8:30 AM Mass (A)	†Shirley Boero (<i>Family</i>)	
SATURDAY February 14		
4:00 PM Mass (A)	†Betty Watson (<i>John & Teri Jo Boylan</i>) †Dolores Hertenstein (<i>Hamilton Family</i>) †Megan Riley (<i>Riley Family</i>)	
SUNDAY February 15		Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Mass (A)	People of the Parish †Norman Lardi (<i>Michael Yerkes</i>) †Juan Fehr (<i>Noma</i>) †Russ Leman (<i>Noma</i>)	
9:00 AM Mass (SH)	†Pat Bartman (<i>Pam & Jack Dunn</i>)	
11:30 AM Mass (A)	†Melinda & Jaxson Cullen (<i>Teresa & Robert Cortez</i>) †Helen Dryer (<i>Tom & Nita Glover Family</i>) †Paul & Mildred Hook (<i>Family</i>)	

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, February 8	
10:00 am - Fellowship Committee Meeting - Madonna Room 6:30 pm - Evening Adult Bible Study - Madonna Room	
Monday, February 9	
Coal Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288	
Tuesday, February 10	
No Events	
Wednesday, February 11	
9:00 am - Marthas Meeting - Madonna Room	
Thursday, February 12	
9:30 am - Bible Study - Madonna Room Coal Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288	
Friday, February 13	
No Events	
Saturday, February 14	
Bethlehem Nativity Products Display @ Assumption - Narthex 5:30 pm - Valentine's Day Dinner Dance - Berst Hall	
Sunday, February 15	
Bethlehem Nativity Products Display @ Assumption - Narthex 12:30 pm - Baptisms - Assumption Church 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, Logan Teodoro

Please pray for the sick:

Nancy Armstrong & Family, Sharee Beeler, Paula Beshoar,
Cindi Meyer Brandeis, Stacey Brown, Tom Buban, Ryan Collins,
Charlotte Curtis, Jan Dunn, Kay & Mark Francisco, Mary Jo Maland,
Gloria Markl, Donna Meyer, Frank & Jean Peters, Larry Ried,
Cecelia Schimandle, Steve Stork, Helen Talty, Cary Teska,
Glenn VanDrie, Steve Varsolona, Jake Veronda, 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.

Marthas Ministry

The Marthas will be meeting this Wednesday, February 11 at 9 a.m. in the Madonna Room to discuss dates for their upcoming events, including their potluck dinner.

Please join us Wednesday morning at this important meeting. New members are always welcome!

Assumption Fellowship Committee Presents



*Valentine's
Dinner Dance*

Join us for a meaningful evening of fellowship and community as we celebrate love, friendship, and Christian unity. This semi-formal gathering provides an opportunity for adults to come together in a wholesome, welcoming environment to enjoy a family-style dinner, music, and dancing.

All adults (21+) are welcome—whether you attend with a spouse, a guest, or on your own—as we share in joyful fellowship and celebration.

February 14

*Doors & Seating
5:30*

*Dinner Begins:
6:00*

For questions or to reserve your seats, please call the Parish Center 815.634.4171

Berst Hall ~ 150 S. Kankakee St.
Coal City, IL 60416



Bethlehem Nativity Products

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Bethlehem Nativity Products will be visiting the parish on behalf of St. Catherine Catholic Parish of Bethlehem and the Christian families in Bethlehem (Holy Land). For centuries, the Christian and Catholics in Bethlehem have earned a living by carving olive wood religious art to sell to visiting pilgrims. Nowadays there are no tourists or pilgrimage groups visiting the Holy Land because of the war, making it difficult for Catholic artisans to support their families by the dignified work of Christ's birth.

During our visit to your parish, we will have hand carved religious items; please consider purchasing a piece of art from the Holy Land to support your fellow Catholics who choose to stay and protect the Holy sites where Jesus himself lived. Your purchase will make a difference in the lives of many Catholic families. Please support this noble cause.

We accept cash, personal checks, all credit cards, and monthly installment payments as well. Thanks for your generosity.

Please visit our display in Assumption's narthex

Saturday & Sunday

February 14th & 15th, 2026

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Ash Wednesday Masses

Wednesday, February 18

8:30 a.m. - Sacred Heart/Kinsman

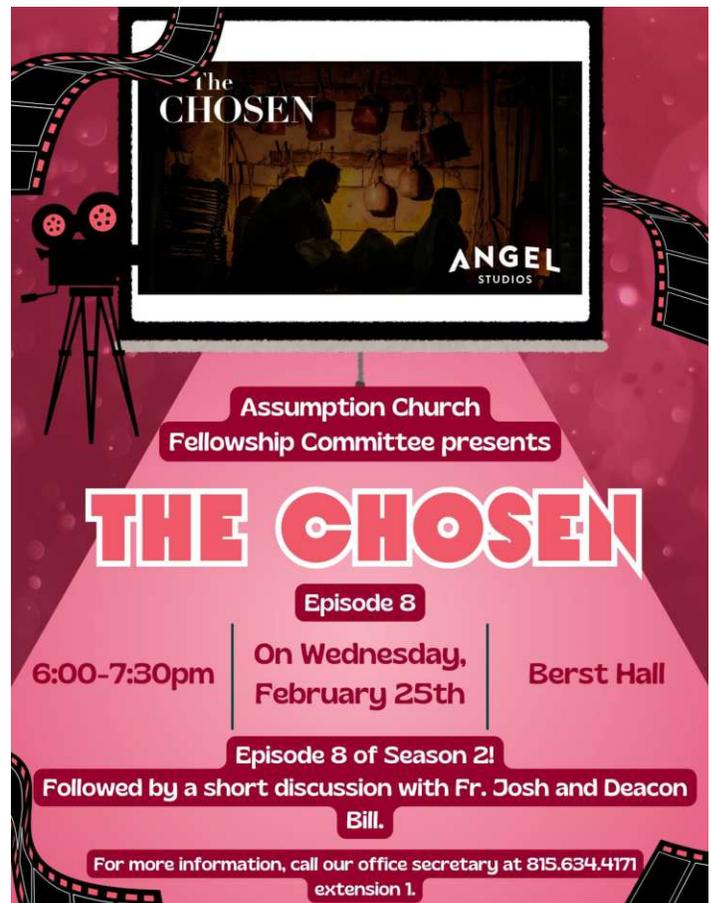
12:00 p.m. - Assumption

6:30 p.m. - Assumption



Just in time for Lent! Join Catholic Spirit Radio in Normal (or via Zoom) for their next bible study starting Thursday, February 19th at 6:30 p.m. Changes in the disposition of our hearts help us to grow in holiness and in our faith. The study, "Discernment of the Spirits," helps develop practical methods for your spiritual growth as Fr. Timothy Gallagher shares the St. Ignatius rules of discernment. Registration is required. Call or text Tony at 309-750-9062 or email perio2000@frontier.com.

The Catholic Spirit Radio Network can be heard on 89.3 in our community. Are you listening? It's an easy Lenten habit to add!



The CHOSEN

ANGEL STUDIOS

Assumption Church Fellowship Committee presents

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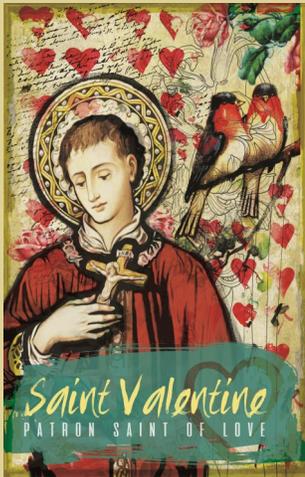
Episode 8

6:00-7:30pm | On Wednesday, February 25th | Berst Hall

Episode 8 of Season 2!

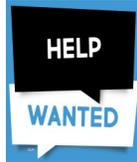
Followed by a short discussion with Fr. Josh and Deacon Bill.

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



St. Valentine was a Catholic priest or bishop who lived during the Roman Empire, around the 3rd century. His exact identity is somewhat unclear, as there were several saints named Valentine or Valentinus, but the most widely recognized story involves him defying the orders of Emperor Claudius II. Claudius had outlawed marriages for young men, believing that single soldiers were more effective than those with wives and families. St. Valentine, however, secretly married couples, defying the emperor's decree. For this, he was arrested and eventually executed on February 14, around the year 269 AD. Over time, St. Valentine's Day became a celebration of love and affection, symbolizing his acts of kindness and devotion to others.

—Catholic News Agency



Director of Operations
All Saints Catholic Academy, Naperville, IL

All Saints Catholic Academy (ASCA) is a regional Catholic school serving nearly 500 students, preschool through 8th grade, located in Naperville. The Director of Operations is an integral part of the school's leadership team, working closely with the principal to advance the operational vitality of the school. Primary responsibilities are financial management, facilities management, and human resources management, all of which are in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Diocese of Joliet. In addition to knowledge of these fields, this role requires flexibility and the ability to work collaboratively with others in the Diocese and school community. Schedule is Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Evening and weekend hours as needed or required (ex: monthly Board meetings). Must hold a bachelor's degree and have experience in accounting or bookkeeping. A practicing Catholic is preferred. To view a full job description, visit: The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois. To apply for this outstanding opportunity, please send resume to Margie Marshall, ASCA Principal, mmarshall@ascacademy.org.

Ash Wednesday:
Between Promise and Fulfillment



February 18, 2026
9 am - 3 pm
Day of Reflection for Adults

The gospels of Lent 2026 situate the People of God with Christ in some profound, challenging ways. Buckle up! What does fasting, alms giving, and praying provoke in us that we can pray with? How do my usual temptations locate me with Christ? What does the Samaritan Woman reveal to me about encountering Christ anew? What does the raising of Lazarus reveal to me about my reluctance to be brought to life?



Retreat Leader: Fr. Roc O'Connor, SJ
Bellarmine Ministry Team member; full time composer and writer; published his collection of eight new songs, *All Shall Be Well: The Hand of God* in June 2020.



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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your wound shall quickly be healed. (Is 58:8)

Psalm:

The just man is a light in darkness to the upright. (Ps 112)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

When I came to you, brothers and sisters,
proclaiming the mystery of God,
I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom.
For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you
except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. (1 Cor 2:1-2)

Gospel:

"You are the light of the world.
A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.
Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel
basket." (Mt 5:14-15)

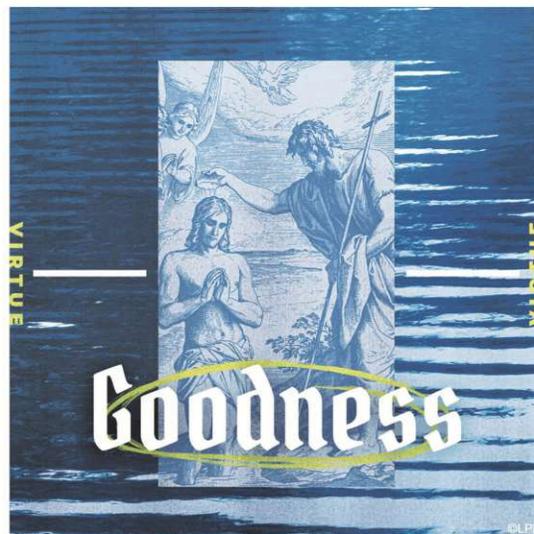
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Salt without flavor is no longer salt. Light that illuminates nothing is no longer light. As Christians, we must be what we have been made to be. So think about it, carefully: what stands between you and being who you were made to be?

Observances for the week of February 8, 2026

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Marriage Day
- Tuesday:** St. Scholastica, Virgin
- Wednesday:** Our Lady of Lourdes
- Saturday:** Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop;
Valentine's Day
- Next Sunday:** 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

In baptism, the Holy Spirit gives us the sanctifying grace of justification — the ability to grow in goodness through an increase in moral virtue (CCC 1266). Baptism, therefore, disposes us toward goodness.

Blessing of Mission

Bless us on our way, O Lord.
Share with us as we share with others.
Heal us as we help others to heal.
Provide for us as we open our hands in charity.
Every gift comes from You.
You are at the heart of all that is good.
Share that goodness with us today, abundantly.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of February 8, 2026

Sunday:

Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/
Mt 5:13-16

Monday:

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/
Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday:

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10,
11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday:

1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday:

1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and
40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday:

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13,
14-15/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday:

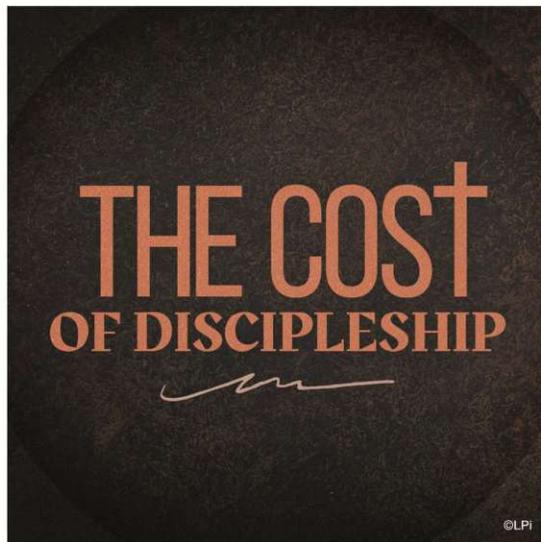
1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab,
19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday:

Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/
1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a,
27-28, 33-34a, 37



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I recently learned why zebras have stripes. Scientists used to think it was for camouflage, but new research suggests something more interesting: the stripes help zebras blend in with one another. When a predator looks at a herd, the overlapping stripes make it hard to single out one animal. But if a researcher spray-paints a dot on just one zebra, predators lock on it and eventually attack. The lesson? In the wild, blending in is protection. Standing out can be dangerous.

Human beings are not so different. Most of us would rather blend in than stand out, especially when it comes to our faith. We know that giving bold witness to Jesus — through our words, values, or public choices — can make us targets for criticism, isolation, or judgment. That's why Jesus' words in today's Gospel are so challenging: **"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden" (Matthew 5:14).**

A city on a hill draws attention. It also draws fire. But that's part of the cost of discipleship. Jesus doesn't call us to be tribal or boastful. He calls us to stand in the open with humble confidence, so that people might see our good deeds and glorify our Father in heaven. Today, let's ask for the courage not just to believe in Christ, but to be seen believing in him.

— Father John Muir

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: The greatest saints in history were not great at holiness. The greatest saints in history were great at being who they were meant to be.

Be Salty

I want you to close your eyes. Are they closed? (I'm serious.) Okay. Now think of the greatest saint in history.

I don't care who you're thinking of. It's going to be different for everyone. Just think of that person. Think of his or her life. And answer the question: Why is he or she a great saint?

You're all thinking of different people, but the answer is the same for everyone. And it's not "Because he did great things for God" or "Because she sacrificed everything she had for the poor." Those answers show *evidence* of the reason. But the reason is something more.

The greatest saints in history were not great at holiness. God brought holiness about within them because (ding ding ding! Here's the answer!) the greatest saints in history were great at being who they were meant to be.

Not who they wanted to be. Not who they thought they should be. Who they were meant to be.

Simply put, they gave themselves to God. All of themselves. Flaws and all. And God took them, in their totality, and said: "Now watch this."

Just imagine if salt was ashamed of being salty. Imagine if it looked at the sodium content on its nutrition label and thought, "That's embarrassing," and decided it was going to stop being salt. Well, great. Now it's just a box of tiny rocks.

Wouldn't it have been better for the salt to trust the baker using it?

There is a plan for each of us. There is a path to holiness for each of us. This path doesn't bypass our flaws or our weaknesses; it incorporates them. It transforms them. It fulfills them.

So be salty. Be who you were meant to be.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Are near-death experiences real?

Answer:

There is a lot of curiosity and fascination with the idea of an afterlife and communicating with those who have died. In movies, television shows, and numerous books, people make claims about their ability to communicate with the dead, or having had a near-death experience. There is no objective way to verify any of this. While details about people and events can be surprisingly accurate, it is just circumstantial evidence that might be explained in other ways.

On the other hand, when people have unusual experiences, sometimes called near-death or out-of-body, it is real to them. They react with the emotions and thoughts that one would expect. At times, they report details they could not have known any other way, such as bits of conversation, or meeting people they had never known in this life. So certainly, to the person, they experience something. We believe in a life after death, we believe in the communion of saints. These things are not a contradiction to faith, but we should not base our faith on them, nor change our beliefs. They are unexplained and will likely remain so.



Ministry Schedule February 14 - 18



Saturday, February 14 - 4:00 p.m.

Extraordinary Minister - **Two volunteers needed**
 Lector - **Volunteer needed**
 Servers - **Volunteers needed**
 Ushers - Ron Henke, Bob Jacovec, Doug Letterly, Bob Schmitt, Fran Schmitt

Sunday, February 15 - 7:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - **Two volunteers needed**
 Lector - Nancy Bonomo
 Servers - Pete Collins, Ron Marketti, Rick Marizza

Sunday, February 15 - 9:00 a.m. (Sacred Heart, Kinsman)

Extraordinary Minister - Pam Siedentop
 Lector - Ed Condon
 Servers - Emma McDonald & Jack Veselak

Sunday, February 15 - 11:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - **Two volunteers needed**
 Lector - **Volunteer needed**
 Servers - **Volunteers needed**

Ash Wednesday Masses

Wed., February 18 - 8:30 a.m. (Sacred Heart, Kinsman)

Mass Volunteer - **Lee Miller**

Wed., February 18 - 12:00 p.m.

Extraordinary Minister - **Volunteer needed**
 Lector - Laura Marizza

Wed., February 18 - 6:30 p.m.

Extraordinary Minister - Tim O'Keefe
 Lector - **Volunteer needed**
 Servers - **Three volunteers needed**

Thank you for sharing your time and talents with us!



Your Gift to the CMAA Makes an Impact!

The 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) Opening Report is in today's bulletin. As Christians, we are called to elevate our faith beyond all expectations in service to our brothers and sisters in need.

Through the CMAA, we serve the most vulnerable in our community, and our parish benefits from many CMAA-supported ministries including vocations, Catholic education, and faith formation.

Our parish goal is \$34,200. The diocese returns 70% of any amount raised over goal to our parish. Please review your mailing from the Diocese of Joliet and prayerfully consider your gift. Thank you!

Assumption Weekly Offering + E-Giving

Annual Offering Budget (7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026)	\$326,141
YTD Offering Budget	\$194,432
YTD Actual Offering	\$239,268
Last Week's Mass Offering	\$7,086
Last Week's E-Giving Offering	\$2,278
Last Week's Total Offering	\$9,364
Weekly Goal	\$6,272

Assumption Church Building Loan Balance through December, 2025

Loan Amount	\$620,123
Current Loan Balance	\$587,099

Sacred Heart, Kinsman Weekly Offering

1/25/26 Sunday Collection	TBD
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Thank you to all who helped take down Christmas this year at Assumption. We had so many helping hands, which made our jobs lighter, and there were even people who came back from early Mass to help as well!

We couldn't do it all without you. It takes a village, and we truly appreciated the help. Thank you again for all you do!

God bless you all,

The Decorating Committee



Norman & Brianne Beasley & Family

Brent & Alison Leiterman & Family

Walter & Lynne Mahaffay

Manuel Peralta

We're so happy you're here!

Kids Corner

Prayer

Lord, let me be a light that teaches others about your goodness and mercy.

Mission for the Week

I will show others how to get to heaven by my words and actions.

(Song: This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.)

Sharing the Gospel

Look around you at night in the dark. You can not see much. Then turn on a flashlight. Now you can tell where to walk without bumping into things. God wants you to be a ray of light. He wants you to show others his goodness and healing power. God wants you to warn others about evil. God wants you to lead others to heaven by your words and actions.

Now color the picture!

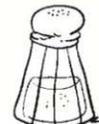


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Circle the picture that starts with that sound.

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