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SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

THE SPIRIT OF GOD
DESCENDING LIKE

A DOVE.

— MATTHEW 3:16 —

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****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 January 10	
4:00 PM Mass (A)	People of the Parish Special Intention for Ted & Denise Chally (<i>Friends</i>) †Richard Marizza, Sr. (<i>Rick & Laura</i>)
SUNDAY January 11 The Baptism of the Lord	
7:30 AM Mass (A)	†Betty Onsen †Jack Naiden (<i>Peter & Carm Collins</i>)
9:00 AM Mass (SH)	†Pat Bartman (<i>Jodi & John Walsh</i>)
11:30 AM Mass (A)	†Larry Ferrari (<i>Bill & Carol Pohl</i>)
TUESDAY January 13 Teaching Mass	
6:30 PM Mass (A)	Intention of the Celebrant
WEDNESDAY January 14	
8:30 AM Mass (SH)	†Jack Dunn (<i>Lee & Laurie Miller</i>)
THURSDAY January 15	
8:30 AM Mass (A)	†Louise Martin (<i>Peter & Carm Collins</i>)
FRIDAY January 16	
8:30 AM Mass (A)	†Shirley Boero (<i>Frank & Lee Sitar</i>)
SATURDAY January 17	
4:00 PM Mass (A)	†Betty Onsen (<i>Bob & Suzanne</i>) †Stevie McCawley (<i>Don & Pat Bianchetta</i>)
SUNDAY January 18 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
7:30 AM Mass (A)	†Joseph & Martha Collins (<i>Peter & Carm Collins</i>)
9:00 AM Mass (SH)	†Pat Bartman (<i>Lynn Phelan</i>)
11:30 AM Mass (A)	People of the Parish †Shirley Boero (<i>Mark & Roseanne Matteson</i>) †Phillis E. Dalton (<i>Lestina</i>) (<i>Lestina Family</i>)



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, Ryan Collins, Pam Cruz, Charlotte Curtis, Jan Dunn, Mark & Kay Francisco, Doris Giordano, Jim Jacobek, Mary Jo Maland, Gloria Markl, Donna Meyer, Steven Miller, Jean Peters, Larry Ried, Cecelia Schimandle, Jeff & Danita Stepanek, Helen Talty, Cary Teska, Glenn VanDrie, 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.

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, January 11	
9:45 am - Family Faith Formation - Berst Hall 12:00 pm - Baptism - Sacred Heart Church 6:30 pm - Evening Adult Bible Study - Madonna Room	
Monday, January 12	
Coal Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288	
Tuesday, January 13	
6:30 pm - Teaching Mass - Assumption Church	
Wednesday, January 14	
6:15 pm - Family Faith Formation - Berst Hall	
Thursday, January 15	
9:30 am - Bible Study - Madonna Room Coal Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288	
Friday, January 16	
No Events	
Saturday, January 17	
No Events	
Sunday, January 18	
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



We are looking for a volunteer to lead our Thursday morning Bible Study group beginning in the late spring or early summer. Please contact Pat Hudetz at 630-935-2103 for further details.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the name for the formal letters in the New Testament sent to people and Christian communities?
Answer: Epistles.

Lessons from Baptizing a Frog



I used to lead an RCIA session on baptism, where I would bring in my Kermit the Frog toy from when I was a child and pretend to baptize it. It was a session I especially made sure I led when we had children preparing for Easter sacraments. You would think Kermit would have become super holy having been baptized so many times, year after year. But, if he had been real, he would not have been any holier due to multiple baptisms than he was after the first baptism. He couldn't be re-baptized. (Not to mention, of course, he is a FROG.)

When Jesus came to John for baptism, he transformed the baptism of repentance that John was practicing into a baptism of redemption. And although we are called to repentance over and over in our life, redemption comes to us only once. We cannot get baptized again in the Jordan or Sea of Galilee because of romantic notions, or come into the Catholic Church by a second baptism so we can start all over. Our baptism, whether we can remember it or not, is a one-time deal. But it is the real deal. Whether you feel it or not, you are sealed for Christ, and the stain of original sin has been washed away.

Too many of us take that moment for granted. Yes, you may have been baptized as an infant. But much time has passed since then, and you can work to understand the impact that it had on your life. We sometimes look for a good time to begin living a stewardship way of life. However, that time already passed, and God has been waiting. We are called to reflect on our baptism and respond to the call it has placed on our lives. We can respond and be disciples, or we can be like Kermit the Frog, always searching for a new start that never comes.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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Thurs, Jan. 8th Springfield, IL Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception 7:30 pm	Tues, Jan. 13th Nashville, TN Westminster Presbyterian Church 7:00 pm
Fri, Jan. 9th Chicago, IL St. Vincent de Paul Church 7:00 pm	Thurs, Jan. 15th Louisville, KY St. Brigid Catholic Church 5:30 pm
Sat Jan. 10th Coal City, IL Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church 7:00 pm	Sun, Jan. 18th Decatur, IL St. Patrick Church 2:00 pm
Mon, Jan. 12th Webster Groves, MO Webster Hills UMC 7:00 pm	Thurs, Jan. 29th Peoria, IL Illinois Music Educators Conference 7:30 pm

Assumption Church Fellowship Committee presents

THE CHOSEN

Episode 7

6:00-7:30pm On Wednesday, January 28th Berst Hall

Episode 7 of Season 2!
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For more information, call our office secretary at 815.634.4171 extension 1.

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice,
I have grasped you by the hand;
I formed you, and set you
as a covenant of the people,
a light for the nations. (Is 42:6)

Psalm:

The Lord will bless his people with peace. (Ps 29)

Second Reading:

"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.
Rather, in every nation whoever fears him
and acts uprightly
is acceptable to him." (Acts 10:34-35)

Gospel:

And a voice came from the heavens, saying,
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am
well pleased." (Mt 3:17)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

John could not believe that Jesus would seek baptism from him, a lowly mortal man. But our God is a humble God. He does not fear our weakness. He extends his hand, saying, "It is fitting." So take his hand. Begin the work he has set out for you.

Observances for the week of January 11, 2026

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
Tuesday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: St. Anthony, Abbot
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

Joy is the experience of achieving what we most desire — and what we most desire is love. God made us in love and for love, and so, in the same way that a flower seeks the sunlight, our souls seek the warmth of true, selfless love.

Blessing for Baptismal Grace

Dear God,
Through Baptism, You called and claimed us as Your own, chosen and loved.
Pour Your blessing upon us as we remember our Baptism.
Plant Your identity in our hearts.
Help us to live as Your beloved.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of January 11, 2026

Sunday:

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/
Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

Monday:

1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/
Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday:

1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday:

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a,
8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday:

1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/
Mk 1:40-45

Friday:

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday:

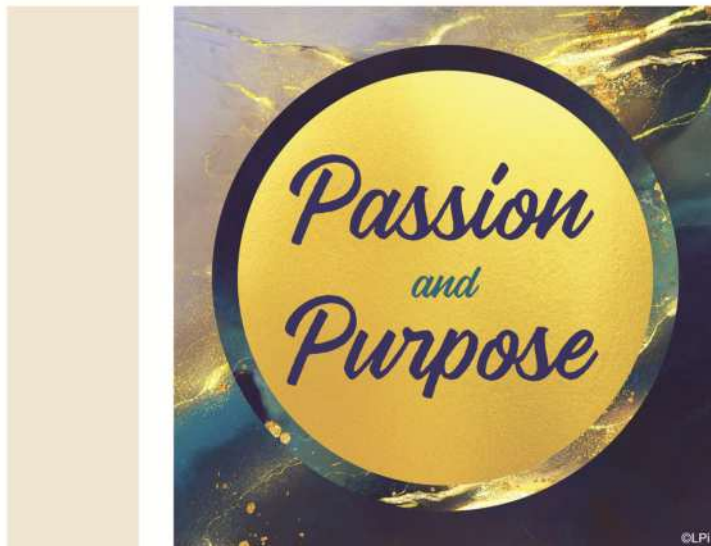
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday:

Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/
1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Apple ran a commercial not long ago called “Behind the Mac – Greatness.” It shows artists and creators, such as Kendrick Lamar, Billie Eilish, and Lady Gaga, working behind their MacBooks. The narration says, “There’s a certain kind of person who doesn’t wait for greatness. They make it.” It’s a compelling message. There’s beauty in using our gifts with passion and purpose. But there lies a hidden weight in that idea: If you are what you make, what happens when you can’t anymore? When the project fails, the passion fades, or the spotlight moves on, where is greatness then?

Today’s Gospel offers a differing vision of greatness. Jesus steps into the Jordan River. He hasn’t preached, healed, or performed a single miracle. Then the heavens open, and the Father speaks: **“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”** It’s not a reward for success. It’s not earned. Before he does anything “great,” Jesus receives the greatness of his identity from the Father.

And so do you. At your baptism, God said the same thing over you: “You are my beloved.” That is your true identity, not constructed or earned but received. When we see ourselves and others this way, everything changes for the better. We discover a greatness that can never be taken away.

This week, reflect on your baptism: look up the date, thank God for it, pray for those baptized with you, or visit the church where it happened. Let your identity be rooted there.

— *Father John Muir*

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: When the voice of God declares, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” he is referring, of course, to Jesus. But I think He would say the same of John the Baptist — and of all those who welcome Jesus into the waters, ready to do as he bids.

When Jesus Wades In

Usually, when God comes to us, we aren’t ready.

We think we are. Like John the Baptist, we stand in our waters of baptism, certain of our mission. We know how it’s going to go. We know what’s going to be asked of us. We’re sure of it.

Christ wades into the waters. And he screws up all our plans.

To be clear, I don’t think John the Baptist lacks faith when he balks at the idea of baptizing Jesus. I think it is, in fact, a testament to his humility. But whatever motivated John’s actions, he is — if even for a brief moment — hesitating to do the will of God. Just a few chapters after this in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus will acknowledge that John is the greatest person “born of women” — with the caveat that even he is not perfect enough for the Kingdom of Heaven.

Not yet.

Jesus didn’t give John an explanation as the two stood in the River Jordan. He merely said, “Allow it for now.” John could have resisted further, demanding to understand why. He could have grown suspicious at the simplicity of Jesus’ answer, at the strangeness of this request. He could have clung desperately to his version of How Things Are Supposed To Be, and in doing so, fostered doubt in his heart. He could have even stormed off, confused and angry.

He did none of these things, because John is, as Jesus says, the greatest born of women.

When the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of God declares, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” he is referring, of course, to Jesus. But I think He would say the same of John the Baptist — and of all those who welcome Jesus into the waters, ready to do as he bids.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

At times, temptation seems so powerful that it is almost impossible to resist. How can I be stronger in my resolve to avoid sin and temptation?

Answer:

The saints have written that every human person desires the good. In a sense, we don’t desire sin itself. Temptation is powerful because there is at least some bit of good in it. Even in the blackest of sin, there is something good that becomes twisted. We can look for good in sin when we feel it is lacking in our own life. When we lack true relational intimacy, it can be easy to turn to lust. When we lack confidence in God in our own lives, it can be easy to judge others or to grasp for control over situations. When we lack peace in the present moment, it can be easy to compete with others or to treat others poorly in our quest for success.

Overcoming temptation isn’t just about repressing our sinful desires. If that’s all we do, they’ll just burst out someplace else! If there is a recurring temptation in your life, prayerfully consider why this is so appealing to you. Submit this to God and bring it to a wise person. And in the meantime, continue to resist temptation to sin. If we fail to choose God in small choices, we’re several steps down the road towards failing in larger ones. Pray for the grace to persevere!



Ministry Schedule

January 17 - 18



Saturday, January 17 - 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, January 18 - 7:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - **Two volunteers needed**

Lector - Jaiden Leman

Servers - Pete Collins, Ron Marketti, Rick Marizza

Sunday, January 18 - 9:00 a.m. (Sacred Heart, Kinsman)

Extraordinary Minister - Scott Wilkinson

Lector - Kathy Vint

Servers - Max & Sam Veselak

Sunday, January 18 - 11:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - **Two volunteers needed**

Lector - Hannah Krull

Servers - **Volunteers needed**

Thank you for sharing your time and talents with us!



Please save the date for a Valentine's Day Dinner in Berst Hall on Valentine's Day, which falls on a Saturday this year. More details will be published soon!

2025 CMAA Report (as of Jan. 4, 2026)

Goal: \$32,500 Pledged: \$44,355 Paid: \$43,427 Donors: 170

Couple's Evening of Reflection



February 6, 2026
4:30 pm - 9 pm
 Evening of Reflection
 for Couples

This evening will allow sacramentally married couples to renew their wedding vows before Valentine's Day. A short social, Mass, and a wonderful dinner will allow couples to enjoy an evening together and reflect on their marriage on our sacred grounds.



Retreat Leader: Fr. J. Michael Sparough, SJ Bellarmine Ministry Team member; writer, storyteller, spiritual director, podcaster and retreat leader; President of Heart to Heart Catholic Media Ministry.

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Assumption Weekly Offering + E-Giving

Annual Offering Budget (7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026)	\$326,141
YTD Offering Budget	\$169,344
YTD Actual Offering	\$206,882
12/28/25 Mass Offering	\$8,139
12/28/25 E-Giving Offering	\$1,873
Last Week's Mass Offering	\$5,999
Last Week's E-Giving Offering	\$1,758
12/28/25 Total Offering	\$10,012
Last Week's Total Offering	\$7,757
Weekly Goal	\$6,272

Assumption Church Building Loan Balance through November, 2025

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

Sacred Heart, Kinsman Weekly Offering

12/21/25 Sunday Collection	\$1,823
12/28/25 Sunday Collection	\$1,231



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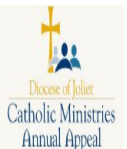


Come to our teaching Mass, where Father Josh will break down and explain the Mass as it happens. Please join us on Tues., January 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Assumption Church.

BEYOND ALL EXPECTATIONS:

Faith that Elevates!

2026



The 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun! The Diocese of Joliet invites all parishioners to support the 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Together, we can make a profound difference.

This year's theme is Beyond all Expectations: Faith that Elevates! Through the CMAA, we ensure Christ's mission and ministries reach everyone. We provide shelter for the homeless, feed the hungry, support vocations, and educate the next generation of Catholics. Our parish cannot accomplish this alone. As a diocese, we can do so much more.

Our parish goal is \$34,200. We receive 70% of any amount raised over goal to use within our parish. Please review your mailing from the Diocese of Joliet and prayerfully consider your gift.

If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

Kids Corner

Prayer

Lord, I love you and want to do what you ask of me.

Mission for the Week

I will pray for all people who are not baptized.

Sharing the Gospel

After you were baptized, the Holy Spirit came to help you do great things for God. Forgive someone who really hurts you. Invite someone who is usually left out to your party. Take care of the sick. Feed those without food. Do these things. They show that you love God above all and your neighbor as yourself. Then God will say to you, "I love this child of mine and am very pleased with you."

Now color the picture!



Circle the picture that is the **same** as the **first** one. Then color in all the pictures.



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