

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD.

— JOHN 1:29 —



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SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026

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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 17	
4:00 PM Mass (A)	† Betty Onsen (Bob & Suzanne) † Stevie McCawley (Don & Pat Bianchetta)
SUNDAY January 18 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
7:30 AM Mass (A)	† Joseph & Martha Collins (Peter & Carm Collins)
9:00 AM Mass (SH)	† Pat Bartman (Lynn Phelan)
11:30 AM Mass (A)	People of the Parish † Shirley Boero (Mark & Roseanne Matteson) † Phillis E. Dalton (Lestina) (Lestina Family) † Megan Riley (Riley Family) † Alan Riley (Riley Family)
TUESDAY January 20	
6:30 PM Mass (A)	† Nancy Jacobec (Peter & Carm Collins)
WEDNESDAY January 21	
8:30 AM Mass (SH)	† Loisanne O'Connell (Chuck & Cathy Worley)
THURSDAY January 22	
8:30 AM Mass (A)	† Dolores Hertenstein (John & Teri Jo Boylan) † Shirley Boero (Joe & Lynda Youskevitch)
FRIDAY January 23	
8:30 AM Mass (A)	† Betty Onsen (Rick & Laura) † Jack Naiden (Cindi Grove/Boero Family)
SATURDAY January 24	
4:00 PM Mass (A)	† Tony Bianchi (Carol & Dave Ballantine) † Betty Watson (Bob & Suzanne) † Jay Ransom (Class of 1976)
SUNDAY January 25 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	
7:30 AM Mass (A)	People of the Parish † Norman Lardi (Michael Yerkes) † Enriqueta Cabral (Elena Cabral) † Carlos Cabral (Elena Cabral)
9:00 AM Mass (SH)	† Robert Briscoe (Ruth Briscoe & Family)
11:30 AM Mass (A)	† Gwendolyn Vacca (Mark & Roseanne Matteson) † Raymond Bono (Family) † Norman Hook (Family) † Mildred B. Lestina (Lestina Family) † Todd Sandeno (Riley Family)

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 18	
6:30 pm - Evening Adult Bible Study - Madonna Room	
Monday, January 19 (Parish Office Closed/MLK Holiday)	
Coal Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288	
Tuesday, January 20	
No Events	
Wednesday, January 21	
No Events	
Thursday, January 22	
9:30 am - Bible Study - Madonna Room Coal Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288	
Friday, January 23	
No Events	
Saturday, January 24	
No Events	
Sunday, January 25	
6:30 pm - Evening Adult Bible Study - Madonna Room	

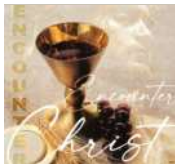
The annual blessing of the throats will occur at the 6:30 p.m. Mass at Assumption Church on the Feast of St. Blaise, which is on Tuesday, February 3. Please join us.

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.



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



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN
Question: Is it true or false that all wine used in the Eucharist must be fermented?
Answer: True.



Assumption Church Fellowship Committee presents

THE CHOSEN

Episode 7

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

Episode 7 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.

BE FORMED

Season 12

The Creed (Part 2):
The Son, Jesus Christ

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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!

Friendly Visiting Program Volunteers Needed:

Catholic Charities is seeking volunteers to provide free friendly visits, virtual calls, and phone calls to older adults who are homebound or socially isolated, experiencing loneliness, and seeking companionship.

As a volunteer you will:

- Build friendly and caring connections
- Make a positive impact on the lives of older adults
- Share common interests and have good conversations.

Be the reason someone smiles today! Interested in becoming a Friendly Visiting Volunteer? Call 815-221-6020, or email FVP@cc-doj.org.

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.

To register for this retreat, scan the QR Code or visit jesuitretreat.org/retreats



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

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I will make you a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.
(Is 49:6)

Psalm:

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)

Second Reading:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 1:3)

Gospel:

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said,
"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the
world." (Jn 1:29)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Do we recognize Christ when we see him? Do we have the courage to point him out, to show others who he is? John cried out so the whole world could hear: "He is the Son of God." Always and everywhere, let us do the same.

Observances for the week of January 18, 2026

Sunday:	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Martin Luther King Day
Tuesday:	St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
Wednesday:	St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
Thursday:	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Friday:	St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
Saturday:	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday:	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week



Virtues, Explained!

Our modern Catholic understanding of peace is derived from the Hebrew concept of *shalom*, or wholeness, and refers not just to an absence of violence but to a personal reconciliation with one's Creator.

Blessing of the Beloved

Dear God,
Bless and anoint us today. You are our Father and guide.
Remind us of our identity in You: loved, called, and equipped for mission.
Bless us as we journey, giving us strength for each day and grace in each step.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of January 18, 2026

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

Monday:

1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and
23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday:

1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday:

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2,
9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday:

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-
11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday:

1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday:

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/
Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday:

Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13,
17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It's common to hear belief in Jesus and the Church mocked as blind faith and credulity. But in reality, it is deeply human and rational. Think about it: we rely on the testimony of others constantly. I trust chemists who certify the safety of toothpaste and cleaning products. I trust engineers when I use a microwave or drive over a bridge. Why? Because they have studied and seen what I have not, and their testimony proves itself in daily life. That kind of trust is not irrational; it is how human knowledge works.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist declares: **"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God" (John 1:34).** That is the language of an eyewitness. It invites us into a very human act: trusting someone who has directly encountered something — or Someone — we have not yet fully seen ourselves.

The Church's faith is built on this kind of reliable sight-based testimony. The Apostles did not make abstract claims. They saw, followed, suffered for, and proclaimed Jesus Christ. Over centuries, their witness — carried in Scripture, in the lives of the saints, and in the sacramental life of the Church — has proven dependable. We come to know its truth by assenting to it, by living and studying it, praying with it, trusting it.

Faith in Christ is not a childish leap into the dark. It is a step into the light of testimony that proves itself over time.

— *Father John Muir*

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: John the Baptist recognizes Jesus when he sees him, though there is nothing extraordinary-looking about him. This is how Jesus comes to us today: veiled in the ordinary. He is in the people who are easiest to miss, the easiest to ignore, the easiest from whom it is to turn away.

Behold the Lamb

"Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

Be honest. When the priest or deacon read this line from the Gospel today, did your brain finish it with: "Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb"? (Mine did. And then I almost blurted out: "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul will be healed." Because it's Sunday morning, and I'm tired.)

We hear the words of John the Baptist every Sunday in the *Agnus Dei*. If you have been Catholic since childhood, the words of this rite are probably ingrained in your memory, like a groove worn across a wooden floor by the scratching of an often-used chair. That's the beautiful thing about our liturgy: it gets inside of you, and it doesn't leave. I've never met a Catholic, however long-fallen-away, who did not recall the responses of the Mass.

When the priest says or chants the *Agnus Dei*, he is showing us the Host — the most ordinary-looking thing you ever did see. Nothing interesting about it whatsoever. Nothing that would make a person give it a second glance.

John the Baptist recognizes Jesus when he sees him, though there is nothing extraordinary-looking about him. There is nothing that would make a person give Jesus a second glance, if that person expected redemption to come in a loud, aggressive show of power.

And this is how Jesus comes to us today: veiled in the ordinary. He is in the people who are easiest to miss, the easiest to ignore, the easiest from whom it is to turn away.

Consider what the world could look like, if an instinct to love and reverence those people were as deeply ingrained in us as the beautiful words so easily on our lips: "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul will be healed."

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

How many times a day can a person receive communion?

Answer:

To find an answer to this question, we need to turn to the Church's Code of Canon Law. Here we read, "One who has received the blessed Eucharist may receive it again on the same day only within a Eucharistic celebration in which that person participates ..." (no. 917). This tells us that the standard answer would be that we can receive communion twice in a day.

Having said that, we also want to be sure that we pay attention to the entire instruction. The phrase "within a Eucharistic celebration in which that person participates" is important. It means a) that we always have to think of receiving communion as being within a celebration of the Mass and b) we have to be participants in that celebration — we can't simply show up "in time" for communion.

So, when would this rule apply?

For example, if you attend Mass on a Saturday morning and then take part in the Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday evening, you could licitly receive communion at both celebrations. Or, another example, if you receive communion at a wedding or funeral Mass, you could also receive communion at a daily Mass or Sunday Vigil celebrated on the same day. We always want to be sure that we observe the rules for fasting from food and drink before receiving the eucharist (see Code of Canon Law, no. 919).

We should also remember that the Code of Canon Law instructs that anyone who is in danger of death or seriously ill may also receive communion a second time (no. 91, §2).



Ministry Schedule

January 24 - 25



Saturday, January 24 - 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 25 - 7:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - Therese Bouvier, **alternate needed**

Lector - Nancy Bonomo

Servers - Pete Collins, Ron Marketti, Ken Bonomo

Sunday, January 25 - 9:00 a.m. (Sacred Heart, Kinsman)

Extraordinary Minister - Scott Wilkinson

Lector - Kathy Vint

Servers - Max & Sam Veselak

Sunday, January 25 - 11:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - Hannah Krull, **alternate needed**

Lector - **Volunteer needed**

Servers - **Volunteers needed**

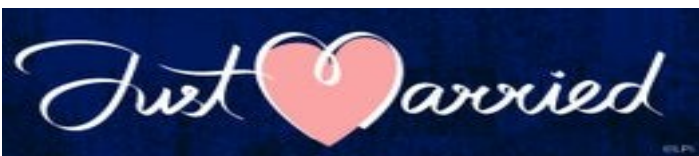
Thank you for sharing your time and talents with us!

2025 CMAA Report (as of Jan. 11, 2026)

Goal: \$32,500 Pledged: \$44,355 Paid: \$43,448 Donors: 170



James & Lauri Crawford
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 We're so happy you're here!



Chelsea Lynn Schultz
 and
Matthew George Halloran
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Congratulations!

In your charity, prayers and Mass offerings, please remember those who have died. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May they and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Elizabeth "Betty" Watson
 (Mother of Dennis, David, and Dan)



Assumption Weekly Offering + E-Giving

Annual Offering Budget (7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026)	\$326,141
YTD Offering Budget	\$175,616
YTD Actual Offering	\$214,086
Last Week's Mass Offering	\$5,901
Last Week's E-Giving Offering	\$1,303
Last Week's Total Offering	\$7,204
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

1/4/25 Sunday Collection	\$1,347
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Thursday Morning Bible Study

We are now studying the Nicene Crede with Bishop Barron's book, *What Christians Believe*. Free copies of this book will be provided at our meetings while supplies last. Our weekly Thursday meetings begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Madonna Room.

We are seeking a volunteer to lead this group beginning in the late spring or early summer. Please contact Pat Hudetz at 630-935-2103 for further details.



Murphy Joseph Kokaisl
 Parents: **Carly Murphy & Joseph Kokaisl**
 January 4, 2026
 Assumption Church

Kade Ethan Mitchell
 Parents: **Mark & Sara Mitchell**
 January 11, 2026
 Sacred Heart Church

May our Lord bless each of you!

Kids Corner

Prayer

Lord, I will be a good disciple by learning and sharing your words.

Mission for the Week

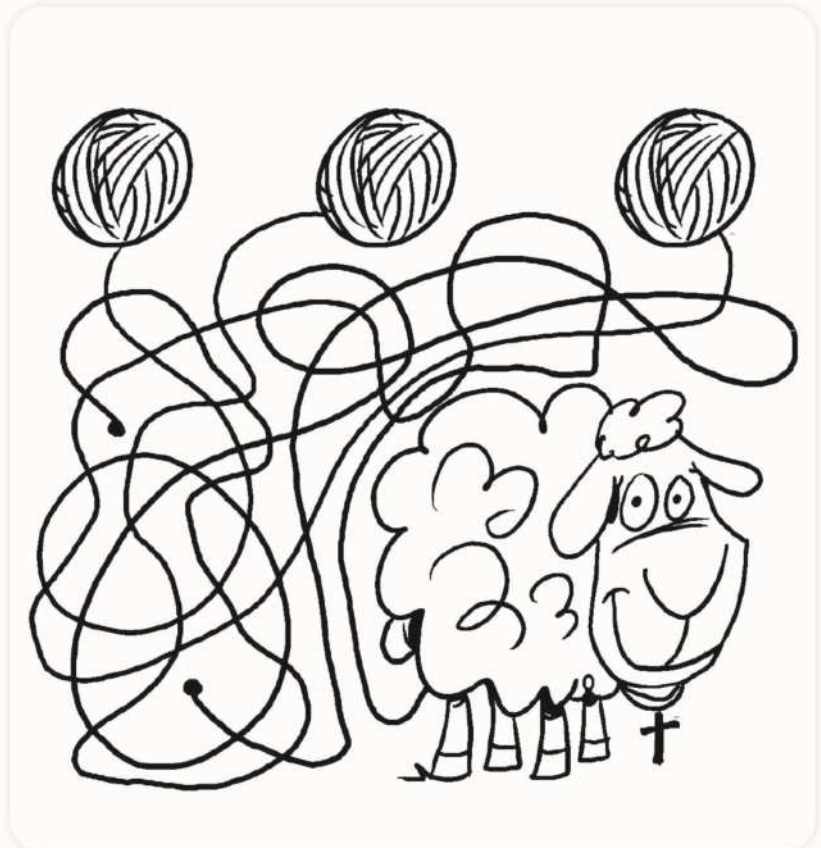
I will ask someone to read the Bible to me every day.

Sharing the Gospel

John the Baptist told everyone that Jesus was the Son of God. He told them the Holy Spirit came down on Jesus and remained on him as the Scriptures said. Jesus taught his disciples and others. He healed people to show his power as the Son of God. God wants you to be his disciple. He wants you to be a good example of a loving child of God.

Now color
the picture! →

Which ball of yarn leads to the Lamb of God?



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