

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026

A full-page photograph of a fisherman in silhouette, pulling a large, conical fishing net from the sea. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow and reflecting on the water. The net is filled with small fish, and the fisherman's arms are raised as he hauls it in. The background shows a cloudy sky and the structure of a fishing boat.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LIKE A NET
THROWN INTO
THE SEA.

MATTHEW 13:47

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Coal City

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www.stmaryassumptionparish.org

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

219 Emmett Street • Kinsman, IL 60437

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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 July 25	
4:00 PM Mass (A)	People of the Parish †Vincent "Butch" Biro (Pohl Family)
SUNDAY July 26 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
7:30 AM Mass (A)	†Juan Fehr (Noma) †Noma Fehr (Russ & Anita Harding) †Sue & A. J. Manietta (Family)
9:00 AM Mass (SH)	†Kelly Rick (Jeff Cromwell & Grayson) †Pat Bartman (Michelle & Steve Baudino)
11:30 AM Mass (A)	†All Deceased Marthas (The Marthas) †Norm Hook (Family) †John & Mary Bono (Family) †Michael Togliatti, Jr. (Family) †Melinda & Jaxson Cullen (Robert & Teresa Cortez)
TUESDAY July 28	
6:30 PM Mass (A)	†Mildred LaRocca (Peter & Carm Collins) †Noma Fehr (Peter & Carm Collins)
WEDNESDAY July 29	
8:30 AM Mass (SH)	†Loisanne O'Connell (Tim & Belinda Carey)
THURSDAY July 30	
8:30 AM Mass (A)	†Ray & Joanne Fitzpatrick (Ron & Dianne Marketti)
FRIDAY July 31	
8:30 AM Mass (A)	†Shirley Boero (Family)
SATURDAY August 1 First Saturday	
8:30 AM Mass (A)	†Ray & Betty Onsen (Joseph Macaluso) †Gerald Bouvier (Terry) †Gwendolyn Currin (Terry)
4:00 PM Mass (A)	†Elaine Joyce (Dick & Cathy) †Margaret & Louis Campo (Family)
SUNDAY August 2 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
7:30 AM Mass (A)	†Shirley Boero (Sue & Doug Wills) †Mary LaRocca (Peter & Carm Collins) †Al Kwiatkowski (Peter & Carm Collins)
9:00 AM Mass (SH)	†Evan Vint (John and Jodi Walsh & Family)
11:30 AM Mass (A)	People of the Parish †John L. "Jackie" Lestina (Lestina Family) †Linda L. Jacque (Lestina) (Lestina Family) †Melinda & Jaxson Cullen (Robert & Teresa Cortez)



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.

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, July 26

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

Monday, July 27

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

Coal City Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288

Tuesday, July 28

No Events

Wednesday, July 29

No Events

Thursday, July 30

Coal City Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288

Friday, July 31

No Events

Saturday, August 1

No Events

Sunday, August 2

10:00 am - Baptism - Sacred Heart Church

10:00 am - Fellowship Committee Meeting - Madonna Room

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

Please Pray for Those Serving Our Country:

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



Sharee Beeler, Daniel Beshoar, Paula Beshoar, Tracy Bianchi, Cindi Meyer Brandeis, Stacey Brown, Tom Buban, Ryan Collins, Doris Giordano, Lilly Fleming, George Good, Pat Hanna, Doug Letterly, Mark Lotzer, Gloria Markl, Donna Meyer, Chasity Olson, Frank Peters, Larry Ried, Celia Schimandle, Helen Talty, Cary Teska, James Togliatti, Glenn VanDrie, 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.

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for additional details
and
complete your child's
registration online
today!

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We offer two convenient
options to fit your
family's schedule:

Option 1 (Sundays)

or

Option 2 (Wednesdays)

2026/2027 FAMILY FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church

Date	Option 1 Sundays 9:45 am – 11:15 am	Option 2 Wednesdays 6:15 pm – 7:45 pm	Topic
SEPTEMBER	9/20/26	9/23/26	Revelation
OCTOBER	10/25/26	10/28/26	Holy Trinity
NOVEMBER	11/15/26	11/18/26	Jesus Christ
DECEMBER	12/13/26	12/16/25	Advent
JANUARY <i>Session 1</i>	1/10/27	1/13/27	The Church
JANUARY <i>Session 2</i>	1/24/27	1/27/27	<i>Reconciliation</i>
FEBRUARY <i>Session 1</i>	2/7/27	<i>Tuesday</i> 2/09/27	Morality
FEBRUARY <i>Session 2</i>	2/21/27	2/24/27	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>
MARCH	3/14/27	3/17/27	Living the Faith
APRIL	4/18/27	4/21/27	Kingdom of God

Other Important Dates

October 29, 2026 @ 7:00 pm – Confirmation (High School Freshmen)

March 20, 2027 @ 10:00 am – First Reconciliation (2nd Grade)

May 1, 2027 @ 4:00 pm – First Holy Communion (2nd Grade) & May Crowning



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What Is God Asking of You?

What are you willing to give for the sake of the kingdom of God? Often, we begin a discussion like this with a story or a few leading thoughts. However, if we are to be serious about who we claim to be as Christians, there should be no beating around the bush. The question is not only important for each of us and our relationship with our God, but it should be important for the relationship each of us has with the entire Body of Christ. Like any good team or family, I need you to have my back, and I need to have yours. If one of us is going to lay it on the line and be all in for our faith, then we *all* need to be as well.

If only all the Christians of the world felt the same way. In some parts of the world, Christians are still being martyred for their faith. Others must worship underground and avoid the government-led police. Then there are those who seem to take faith for granted, and because little is asked by their friends or parish, they give nothing. It is quite a contrast of situations.

On this day, it may seem like little is being asked of you and I by God. Is that because we aren't being asked or because we aren't listening? If you are counting on me and I am on you, we should figure this out sooner than later. Of course, I suspect we actually do know the answer, don't we?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart
to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong.
For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?" (1 Kgs 3:9)

Psalm:

Lord, I love your commands. (Ps 119)

Second Reading:

We know that all things work for good for those who love God,
who are called according to his purpose. (Rom 8:28)

Gospel:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field,
which a person finds and hides again,
and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."
(Mt 13:44)

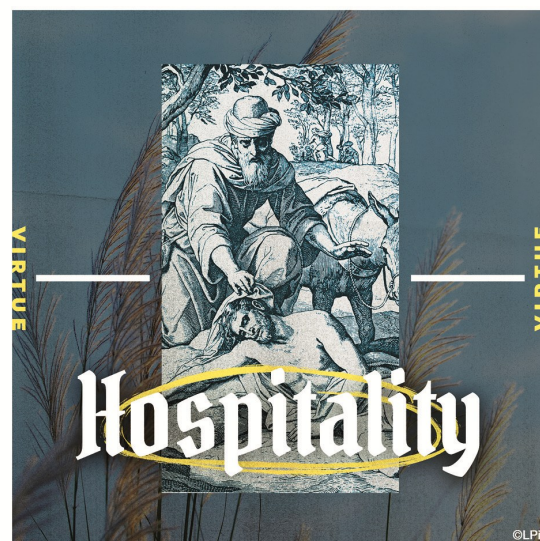
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Christ compares the kingdom of Heaven to buried treasure — the find of a lifetime, one you would risk everything to keep. Are we doing all we can to hold onto this treasure that we have been lucky enough to discover? What is Heaven worth to us?

Observances for the week of July 26, 2026

- Sunday:** 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Thursday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Friday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Saturday: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

The virtue of hospitality is characterized by kindness and welcome, particularly to those who are strangers. It is the practice of true Christian love — love purely for the sake of the one "who loved us first" (1 John 4:19).

Blessing for Our Parish

Dear God,
Pour Your blessing upon our parish, in need of Your renewal and inspiration.
Prune the places that need pruning, and pour fresh grace and courage into our midst.
Help us to find You and, with great joy, follow You wholeheartedly.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of July 26, 2026

Sunday:

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday:

Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday:

Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday:

Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18/
Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday:

Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/
Mt 13:47-53

Friday:

Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday:

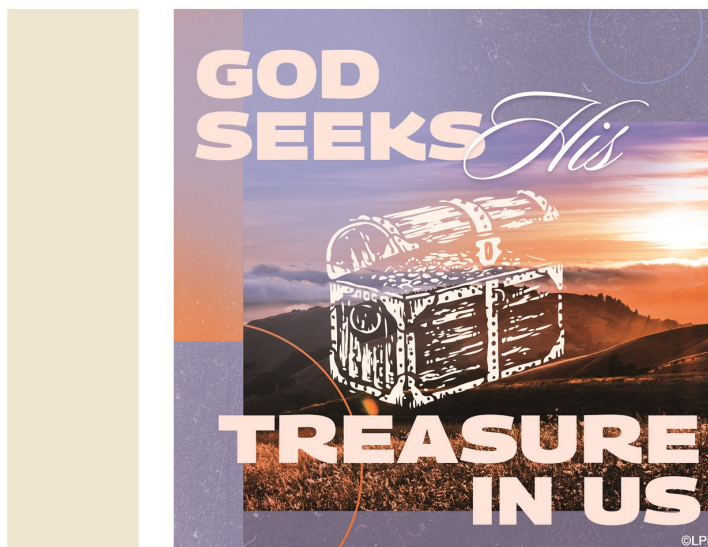
Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/
Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday:

Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/
Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Around the time that the gold rushes ended in the nineteenth-century West, a curious phenomenon arose in New England known as money diggers. These were men who roamed the countryside with shovels, divining rods, and superstitious hope, convinced that treasure lay buried beneath their feet. Surely there must be gold under our feet. But there was not. The craze of these wild goose chases caused many to lose farms, families, and sanity.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus inaugurates a new era of spiritual money digging. He announces, **"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field."** He invites us to become treasure seekers who search in the right place. What is of greatest value is not money beneath our feet, but the infinite treasure hidden deep in the humanity of Jesus himself, God's own blessed life. The glory of heaven lies veiled in his ordinary life, his teaching, his suffering, his Church.

This teaching about the Kingdom changes things. Now we see the Church's doctrinal and moral teachings are not arbitrary rules. They are a treasure map. Follow them, and we will uncover divine happiness. Ignore them, and we will wander aimlessly, spade in hand, digging in empty fields, discouraged.

Where have we wasted energy seeking treasure in the wrong places? How have we given up on seeking the treasure of truly finding God's love for us? If so, let us repent of both. Then let us dust off our shovels and get back to digging deep into the field of Christ Jesus and his Church. After all, He never ceases seeking his treasure in us.

— Father John Muir

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Choosing Heaven

My children often ask me questions about Heaven. What does Heaven look like? Is there nighttime in Heaven? Do you get hungry in Heaven? Are there oceans in Heaven? Will we feel bored in Heaven?

My answer is almost always the same: "I can't tell you for sure." I guess I didn't realize how little we actually know about Heaven until I had kids who were obsessed with hearing the details.

But accepting human ignorance is liberating in a way, because it allows me to see clearly — and cling wholeheartedly to — the three things I do know for sure: Heaven is where God is, and Hell is where He isn't, and it's completely my decision where I want to be.

The choice, you see, is everything.

We need to pay attention to how Jesus describes the kingdom of Heaven in his parables. It is, he tells us, a treasure — but a treasure buried in a field owned by someone else. It is a beautiful pearl — and a very expensive pearl. It is a bountiful yield — one which must be carefully, even painstakingly sifted through.

It's so easy to imagine the delight of the man who finds the treasure, who encounters the pearl, who hauls the bursting net aboard, just as it is easy to call ourselves followers of Christ, to hang a Rosary from our windshield and go to Mass.

It's less easy, and a great deal more uncomfortable, to contemplate what comes next: the sacrifice, the commitment, the perseverance through uncertainty.

Heaven is an incredible stroke of luck — one that requires a good deal of follow-through. We can never earn it, but we must choose it. Again and again and again, we must choose it.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why are Catholics required to give money to the Church?

Answer:

Offering money and other goods to God and the Church is, before all else, a statement of gratitude. We see this when we look at how our spiritual ancestors showed their gratitude to God for the gifts they had received (e.g. Genesis 14:18-20 and Genesis 28:16-22). One of the ways they offered thanks to God was through a practice called "tithing," in which 10 percent of a person's goods (crops, livestock, money, etc.) were given back to God.

Today, the practice of tithing — giving 10 percent — is still common in many Protestant communities, but it is not required for Catholics. Instead, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us that, "The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to [their] own abilities" (no. 2043). This means that, although we are not bound to practice "tithing" in the traditional sense, we do share a responsibility to share our money or other resources with our parish communities. Like our spiritual ancestors, we give as a sign of our gratitude for the many gifts that God has given to us. Beyond this, we also share our resources with other Catholic organizations to help them finance their ministries, to continue and grow their outreach to the poor and the needy, and to provide just wages for their employees.

How much we give depends on our individual circumstances, but since we share a responsibility for the programs, outreach, and health of our parish communities and Catholic organizations, this question gives us a wonderful opportunity to ask some important questions about the quality of our giving and what our priorities are. Remember, we are only stewards of our time, talents, and treasures and as the First Letter of Peter reminds us, "As each one of you has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied graces" (4:10).



Ministry Schedule August 1 & 2



Saturday, August 1 - 4:00 p.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - Matt Skwarczek. **alternate needed**

Lector - **Volunteer needed**

Servers- **Volunteers needed**

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

Sunday, August 2 - 7:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - Carm Collins, **alternate needed**

Lector - **Volunteer needed**

Servers - Pete Collins, Ron Marketti

Sunday, August 2 - 9:00 a.m. (Sacred Heart, Kinsman)

Extraordinary Minister - Brent Sulzberger

Lector - Pam Siedentop

Servers - McKenna Brockman & Adalynn Dollinger

Sunday, August 2 - 11:30 a.m.

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

Lector - **Volunteer needed**

Servers- **Volunteers needed**

If you are interested in assisting us at our weekend Masses, please sign up through the volunteer link on our website, which contains the most up-to-date schedule, or contact Laura at the parish office. Thank you for sharing your time and talents with us!



Lacey Louise Bertani

Parents: Bryan & Brittany Bertani

Carter John Trafton

Parents: Brett & Emily Trafton

July 19, 2026

Assumption Church

May our Lord bless you and keep you in His care!



**Sunday, August 16
Pie & Ice Cream Social**

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Parish, a vibrant Catholic community located in Aurora, Illinois, is seeking a dedicated and qualified Business Manager. This leadership role is vital to ensuring the responsible stewardship of parish resources and supporting the mission of the Church. A Bachelor's degree in Accounting, Finance, Business Administration, or related field (Accounting or Finance preferred). A minimum of 5 years of experience in financial management, accounting, or business operations. Proficiency with accounting software and Microsoft Office Suite; experience with payroll (Paylocity), and accounting systems is a plus. A practicing Catholic with a commitment to the teachings and values of the Catholic Church is strongly preferred. Must uphold the mission, philosophy, objectives, and policies of the Catholic Church and the Diocese of Joliet. To view a full job description, visit: The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois. To apply for this position, interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and at least two (2) professional references to Father Michael Kearney at frmicahel@olmercy.com. Please reference Business Manager in the subject line of the email.

Assumption Weekly Offering + E-Giving

Annual Offering Budget (7/1/2026 - 6/30/2027)	\$329,644
YTD Offering Budget	\$19,017
YTD Actual Offering	\$25,594
Last Week's Mass Offering	\$7,014
Last Week's E-Giving Offering	\$1,923
Last Week's Total Offering	\$8,937
Weekly Goal	\$6,339

Assumption Church Building Loan Balance through June, 2026

Loan Amount	\$620,123
Current Loan Balance	\$568,863

Sacred Heart, Kinsman Weekly Offering

7/5/26 Sunday Collection	\$1,934
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2026 CMAA Report (as of July 19, 2026)

Goal: \$34,200 Pledged: \$39,350 Paid: \$34,835 Donors: 174



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**Assumption Church
July 18, 2025**

St. Patrick Parish in Yorkville is seeking a Full-Time Communications-Tech Coordinator. The Communications-Tech Coordinator at St. Patrick is the primary person responsible for the quality, accuracy, and effectiveness of internal and external communications for the parish and is the backbone of the Communications Team. Additional duties include Weekend Tech Coordinator who supports our worship and parish events, ensuring high-quality audio, video, and presentation support for weekend liturgies and other parish functions. The ideal candidate is detail oriented, calm under pressure, and committed to using technology and leading parish volunteers to enhance the worship experience. The goal of this position is to bring to life through communications our parish vision of transforming lives in Christ by making church matter, building disciples, and seeking and saving the lost. Qualifications include degree in Communications, Marketing, or related field. Excellent problem-solving and written communication skills. Ability to communicate in a professional, positive, and supportive manner at all levels and among teams. Comfortable with volunteers of varying ages and experience levels. Reliable, punctual, and committed to serving the parish community: This position requires weekend duties (Saturday afternoon/evening and Sunday morning and afternoon). Attention to detail and design. Demonstrated social media and email marketing experience. Experience with Canva and the Microsoft Office 365 suite of products. Previous experience in church technical ministry or live event production strongly preferred. To view a complete job description, visit: The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois. Interested candidates should send their cover letter and resume to HR@stpatrickyorkville.org. Please reference Communications-Tech Coordinator position in the subject line of email

Kids Corner

Prayer

God, help me to love your kingdom more than the things I have.

Mission for the Week

Put God's kingdom first. Read a Bible story every morning.

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

KINGDOM
HEAVEN
TREASURE

HIDDEN
FIELD
FOUND

PEARLS
SOLD
BOUGHT

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Sharing the Gospel

Your toys can break. Your books can tear. Your clothes can shrink and stain. Things don't last forever. The kingdom of heaven does last forever. It is like a treasure. Heaven is worth more than anything you own. In both stories, the person who found the treasure sold everything else just to be a part of God's kingdom.

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