

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

HIS FACE SHONE LIKE
THE SUN.

— MATTHEW 17:2 —



ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Coal City

195 South Kankakee Street • Coal City, IL 60416 (815) 634-4171

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

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| SATURDAY February 28 | |
| 4:00 PM Mass (A) | † Betty Watson (<i>Gloria Natyshok</i>) † Marv & Helen Kessler (<i>Family</i>) † Louis & Pauline Bianchetta (<i>Don & Pat Bianchetta</i>) |
| SUNDAY March 1 Second Sunday of Lent | |
| 7:30 AM Mass (A) | Special Intention for Living Members of Raymond Jones & Family (<i>Peter & Carm Collins</i>) |
| 9:00 AM Mass (SH) | † Jack Dunn (<i>Dave & Pam Brockman</i>) |
| 11:30 AM Mass (A) | People of the Parish † Shirley Boero (<i>Family</i>) |
| TUESDAY March 3 St. Peregrine Devotions | |
| 6:30 PM Mass (A) | † Charlie Boero (<i>Shirley Boero</i>) † Sarah Bretto (<i>Hamilton Family</i>) |
| WEDNESDAY March 4 | |
| 8:30 AM Mass (SH) | † Deceased Members of Sacred Heart (<i>Frank Hepner</i>) |
| THURSDAY March 5 | |
| 8:30 AM Mass (A) | Special Intention for Birthday of Jack Orr (<i>Lucille</i>) † Joseph & Martha Collins (<i>Peter & Carm Collins</i>) |
| FRIDAY March 6 | |
| 8:30 AM Mass (A) | † James & Patricia Lukancic (<i>Peter & Carm Collins</i>) |
| SATURDAY March 7 First Saturday | |
| 8:30 AM Mass (A) | † Vincent "Butch" Biros (<i>Matt Baskerville</i>) |
| 4:00 PM Mass (A) | † Deceased Members of Sitar & Johnson Families (<i>Frank & Lee</i>) † Louis & Mary Ruffatti (<i>Don & Pat Bianchetta</i>) |
| SUNDAY March 8 Third Sunday of Lent | |
| 7:30 AM Mass (A) | People of the Parish Special Intention for Adriana Lawson (<i>Peter & Carm Collins</i>) |
| 9:00 AM Mass (SH) | † Pat Bartman (<i>Mary & Jim Baudino</i>) |
| 11:30 AM Mass (A) | † Melinda & Jaxson Cullen (<i>Teresa & Robert Cortez</i>) † Mary Bono (<i>Family</i>) † Pauline Fornelli (<i>Family</i>) |



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, Barry Berta, Paula Beshoar, Cindi Meyer Brandeis, Stacey Brown, Tom Buban, Ryan Collins, Jan Dunn, Kay & Mark Francisco, Doris Giordano, 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

Please note: Names will remain on the prayer list for six months.

Weekly Confession Times

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| 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

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| A: Assumption | SH: Sacred Heart |
| Sunday, March 1 | |
| 9:45 am - Family Faith Formation - Berst Hall 6:30 pm - Evening Adult Bible Study - Madonna Room | |
| Monday, March 2 | |
| Coal Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288 | |
| Tuesday, March 3 | |
| No Events | |
| Wednesday, March 4 | |
| 6:15 pm - Family Faith Formation - Berst Hall | |
| Thursday, March 5 | |
| 9:30 am - Bible Study - Madonna Room Coal Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288 | |
| Friday, March 6 | |
| 6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross - Assumption Church | |
| Saturday, March 7 | |
| 2:45 pm - Children's Bell Choir Rehearsal - Madonna Room | |
| Sunday, March 8 | |
| 10:00 am - Fellowship Committee Meeting - Madonna Room 12:30 pm - Baptisms - Assumption Church 6:30 pm - Evening Adult Bible Study - Madonna Room | |

Publications for Lent Available in Assumption's Narthex

- **The Little Black Book** - Suggested \$1 free will offering per copy
- **The Word Among Us** - Complimentary

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

In the transfiguration of Jesus, Peter, James, and John are fearful when they hear God's voice speak from the cloud. As the season of Lent continues, what are some fears you are facing?



Breakfast

WITH OUR FATHERS

Thursday, March 19th
after 8:30 AM Mass



Join Fr. Josh and Fr. Sebastian at the Whistle Stop Cafe in Diamond for a delicious breakfast while enjoying a morning of fellowship! Everyone is welcome!



No reservations needed! Just meet us in the back dining area around 9:30 AM. Pay for your own meal.

Calling All Children

No need to know how to sing. Just have to know how to ring a bell.

Rehearsal every Saturday starting on Feb. 21 - 28th from 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. in the Madonna Room.
Performance at 11:30 am Mass on Easter Sunday, April 5th.

please contact Alex Kuhel at (815) 655-2440.

LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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Join us all Fridays during Lent at 6:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 20 | FEBRUARY 27
MARCH 6 | MARCH 13
MARCH 20 | MARCH 27

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Assumption Church Fellowship Committee Presents

2nd Annual EGG HUNT

SUN. MARCH 22ND
THE HUNT BEGINS AT 2PM

195 S Kankakee St,
Coal City, IL 60416

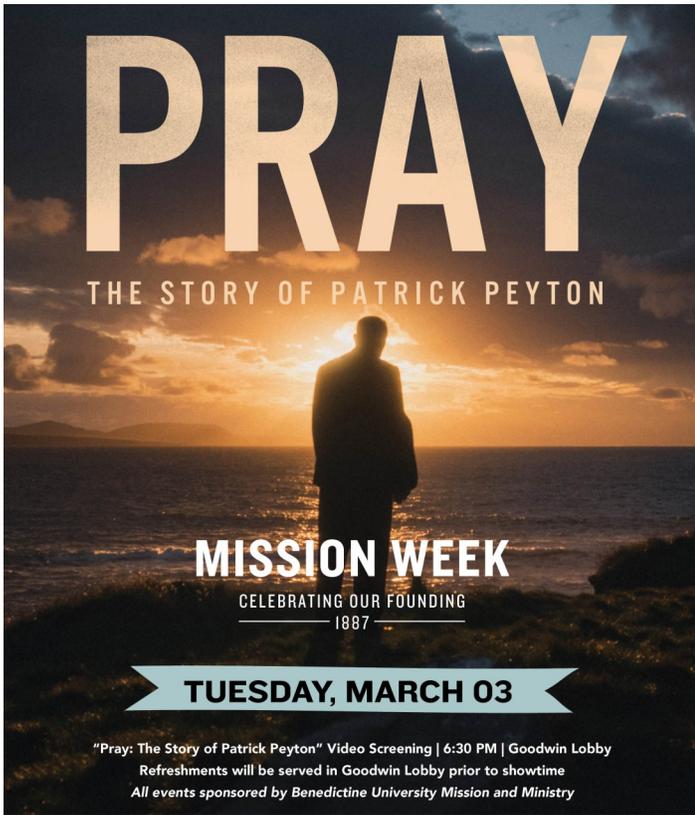
The fun continues after the hunt! Join us in Berst Hall for snacks, hot dogs, games and face painting. Don't miss the petting zoo, weather permitting!

****In the event of inclement weather, the hunt will be held in the hall****

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL OUR OFFICE SECRETARY AT 815.634.4171 EXT 1

PRAY

THE STORY OF PATRICK PEYTON



MISSION WEEK

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TUESDAY, MARCH 03

"Pray: The Story of Patrick Peyton" Video Screening | 6:30 PM | Goodwin Lobby
Refreshments will be served in Goodwin Lobby prior to showtime
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SPIRITUAL DIRECTION



Deacon Tony Clisheim, Ed.D.

What is spiritual direction?
How do I find a spiritual director?
Do I hear a call to be a trained spiritual director?

COME AND SEE

WHO: Persons of Faith interested in . . .

- Learning about spiritual direction
- Finding a spiritual director.
- Becoming a spiritual director.

WHEN: Wed., March 4, 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church (Fireplace Room)
306 W. Fourth Street, Hinsdale

HOW: Enter glass doors next to main church entrance.
Limited space. Register by March 1 here:
[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/R/9UNQN3AF3W](https://forms.office.com/R/9UNQN3AF3W)



PRESENTED BY: Deacon Tony Clisheim, Ed.D. Catechetical Lead, Diocese of Joliet
WITH: Spiritual direction panel.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 815-221-6142 OR EMAIL
ACLISHEM@DIOCESEOFJOLIET.ORG

MISSION WEEK

CELEBRATING OUR FOUNDING
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THURSDAY, MARCH 05, 2026

BENEDICTINE HERITAGE LECTURE

"Benedictine Spirituality for the Frazzled"

Reception | 6:30 PM
Lecture | 7:00 PM

Daniel L. Goodwin Hall of Business, Sorensen Hall of Leaders, Room 411



Dr. Jane Tomaine, OBlSB
Author of *St. Benedict's Toolbox: The Nuts and Bolts of Everyday Benedictine Living* and *The Rule of St. Benedictine: Christian Monastic Wisdom for Daily Living*

Dr. Jane Tomaine is an Episcopal priest, author, retreat leader, and an oblate of St. Benedict's Monastery in St. Joseph, Minnesota. She studied organ performance at Cornell College and Ohio State University and ministry at the Theological School of Drew University. She was rector at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Livingston, New Jersey, for 12 years before leaving parish ministry to write and lead workshops and retreats on Benedictine living for churches, organizations, monasteries, and retreat centers.

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EVERYONE IS WELCOME




JOIN US FOR OUR 2ND ANNUAL BIKE BLESSING

10:00AM, 25 APR 2026
Assumption Church Parking Lot
215 S Kankakee St,
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Anything with wheels

- Bicycles
- Motorcycles
- Scooters
- Electric Bicycle & Scooters
- Wagons
- Strollers
- Unicycle
- Wheelchairs

Event information

Blessing begins at 11am. Bicycles line up at the North entrance of the church parking lot in the grass by the handicap area. Bicycle parade after blessing to Berst Hall for hotdogs and a pop-cycle.

All motorcycles enter the church parking lot from the South entrance on Oak Street. There will be a general blessing and a blessing with Holy water for those who prefer.

In the event of inclement weather, the blessing will be held on May 9 at 10:00am

Civil War Presentation at 2pm by Ron Marketti with artifacts on display in Berst Hall.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I will make of you a great nation,
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
so that you will be a blessing. (Gn 12:2)

Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)

Second Reading:

Bear your share of hardship for the gospel
with the strength that comes from God.
He saved us and called us to a holy life. (2 Tm 1:8-9)

Gospel:

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother,
and led them up a high mountain by themselves.
And he was transfigured before them;
his face shone like the sun. (Mt 17:1-2)

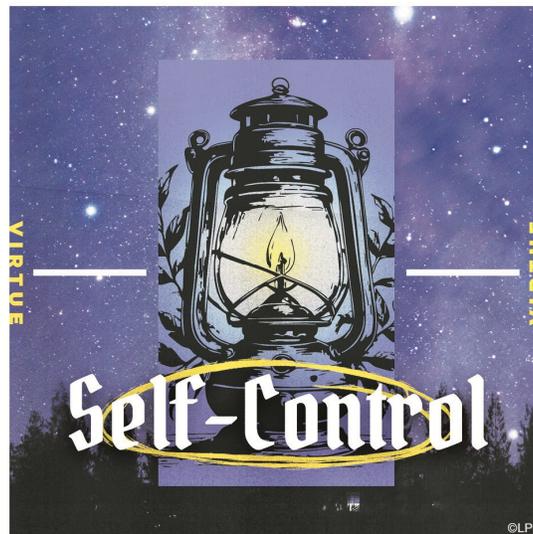
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

“Go forth,” God told Abram. We hear that message again in the Transformation: go forth. We cannot always remain where we are comfortable. We cannot always remain where things are simple. We must go forth.

Observances for the week of March 1, 2026

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Lent
Tuesday: St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
Wednesday: St. Casimir
Saturday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent;
Daylight Saving Time begins



Virtues, Explained!

Self-control flows from the cardinal virtue of temperance, and it's really all about boundaries. Through self-control, a gift of the Holy Spirit, we avoid surrendering too much of ourselves to our passions.

Blessing of Hope

In Your goodness Lord, bless us.
Help us to know Your abundance
and Your gifts.
Help us to hear Your voice and
know Your assurance.
Help us remember what You have
done,
and look forward to what You will
do.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of March 1, 2026

Sunday:

Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/
2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Monday:

Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/
Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday:

Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and
23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday:

Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday:

Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday:

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17,
18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday:

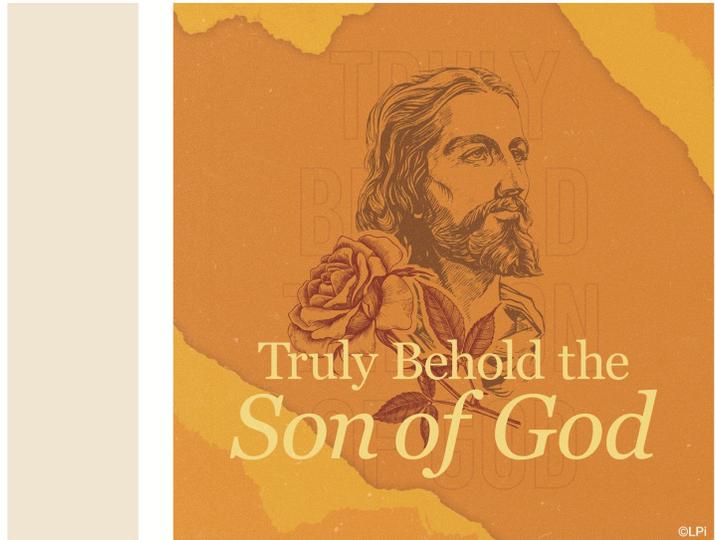
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10,
11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday:

Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2,
5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a,
40-42



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I sit down to answer emails or write a Gospel reflection or return a phone call, I sometimes wonder: Does any of this humdrum work matter? Maybe you ask the same thing about your daily labor. Today's Gospel, the Transfiguration, offers a surprising answer.

Jesus leads Peter, James, and John up a mountain. There, **“his face shone like the sun face and his clothes become white as light” (Matthew 17:2)**. That detail regarding his clothes is worth considering.

We know Jesus' body is inseparably united to the divine nature. But his clothing? That's something made by human hands. It's an artifact. And yet it shines with the same uncreated light. What does this detail mean? The early Church noted that Adam and Eve's first act after the Fall was to make clothing. This clothing symbolizes all human labor that supports our dignity. In Jesus' glorified garments, we see not just the redemption of our body, but of human effort to protect and uplift human dignity.

Parents, your family is your work. Baristas, plumbers, nurses, accountants — your labor, your emails, your phone calls, your spreadsheets — can all become radiant when offered to God in love. The question isn't just do I believe in Jesus' glory, but do I believe he can share it with the work of my hands?

Lenten Challenge: Identify the “artifact” you are making to uplift the dignity of others: your job, your home, your relationships. Consciously bring it to the Lord this Sunday at Mass. Offer it to share in His glory. It will begin to shine.

— *Father John Muir*

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: It's not our job to bring the world to the Truth. It's our job to bring the Truth into the world. What a tragedy it would be, if Truth only lived on the mountaintop.

Three Tents

You guys, I was *such* a good Catholic at the National Eucharistic Congress.

Mass every day? Check. Rosary every day? Check (and check — we said a lot of rosaries). Deep thoughts and deep conversations about God with total strangers? Check. Hours in adoration reflecting on the state of my soul? Check.

When I went to Indianapolis in the summer of 2024 to cover the NEC for our archdiocesan newspaper, I knew it would be a fun and spiritually rich experience. But I didn't expect that it would make me think differently about my whole life (and afterlife). And when people ask me why — “What happened in Indianapolis that changed you?” — I can only tell them this: I spent time with God.

Of course, I do all these things in my regular life at home, too. I try to be a good Catholic here. But good grief, it's a lot harder. In Indianapolis, I didn't have a calendar full of appointments and to-do lists that filled me with dread. I didn't have the world crowding around me, grasping at my attention and my will.

Indianapolis was the mountain, and if I could have, I would have built three tents.

So I understand Peter's feelings at the Transfiguration. He's thrilled — he sees it all clearly now. Here is the fullness of Truth, revealed in all its glory, and he's ready to start bringing groups of tourists up to see it. He's ready to bring people to Christ. But in the blood-soaked, fear-filled days to come, Peter will realize that it's not his job to bring the world to the Truth. His job is to bring the Truth into the world.

What a tragedy it would be, if Truth only lived on the mountaintop.

So build three tents, strong and durable shelters for the Truth to dwell. But build them in your heart. And then, the Transfiguration won't be just an event, something that happened at a certain time and a certain place. It'll be a reality that lives within us all. And we will bear it with us wherever we go.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What is the Christian attitude towards violent conflicts?

Answer:

In the Beatitudes, Jesus teaches us “Blessed are the peacemakers” and to “love your enemies.” All human beings are made in God's image and likeness. We are one human family — brothers and sisters despite what divides us. Christians have the obligation to prioritize peaceful means to resolve conflicts. War wreaks a toll on a nation. Civilians bear a disproportionate burden of this cost during the war itself and as the nation rebuilds. However, those in authority have the obligation to protect the innocent.

During the gradual fall of the Roman Empire, theologians began to theorize that war could be just if it was a defensive measure of last resort. The “Just War Theory” was later expanded by St. Thomas Aquinas, who also included moral obligations during the war itself, including the protection of civilians. Those in public authority have the obligation to carefully examine their motives, agendas, and rationale for violent force. Should a cause be just, those who fight and defend under such circumstances must be valued and honored. They deserve our support both during and after the war.



Ministry Schedule

March 6 - 8



Friday, March 6 - Stations of the Cross - 6:30 p.m.

Server - John Boylan

Saturday, March 7 - 4:00 p.m.

Extraordinary Minister - Matt Skwarczek, **alernate needed**

Lector - **Volunteer needed**

Servers - **Volunteers needed**

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

Sunday, March 8 - 7:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - **Two volunteers needed**

Lector - Jaiden Leman

Servers - Pete Collins, Ron Marketti

Sunday, March 8 - 9:00 a.m. (Sacred Heart, Kinsman)

Extraordinary Minister - Kathy Vint

Lector - Pam Siedentop

Servers - Austin & McKenna Brockman

Sunday, March 8 - 11:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - **Two volunteers needed**

Lector - **Volunteer needed**

Servers - **Volunteers needed**

Thank you for sharing your time and talents with us!

Assumption Weekly Offering + E-Giving

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| Annual Offering Budget (7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026) | \$326,141 |
| YTD Offering Budget | \$206,976 |
| YTD Actual Offering | \$253,738 |
| Last Week's Mass Offering | TBD |
| Last Week's E-Giving Offering | TBD |
| Last Week's Total Offering | TBD |
| Weekly Goal | \$6,272 |

Assumption Church Building Loan Balance through January, 2026

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| Loan Amount | \$620,123 |
| Current Loan Balance | \$585,215 |

Sacred Heart, Kinsman Weekly Offering

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| 2/15/26 Sunday Collection | TBD |
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CHOIR PRACTICE

Our weekly Wednesday evening choir practices for Easter Masses at Assumption Church are scheduled for 7 p.m. in the church on March 18, March 25, and April 1. Please be sure to mark your calendars.

Let's Meet Our CMAA Goal

If you have already pledged to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we sincerely thank you! Let's join together to meet our parish goal of \$34,200. Every gift makes a difference.

If you still plan on making your gift, please prayerfully consider how you can elevate your faith beyond all expectations in support of those in need. Pledge envelopes are still available in church, or you can use the envelope you received in the mail from the diocese. We also welcome online gifts at jolietdioceseappeal.org

Remember, we receive 70% of any amount raised over our goal to reinvest in our own parish. This is an incredible opportunity and blessing!

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What language is it generally believed the text of the New Testament was originally written in?
Answer: Koine Greek (also known as Hellenistic Greek).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #1574 PRESENTS

St. Patrick's

EUCHRE NIGHT!

Sunday, March 15

Berst Center • 180 S Kankakee St, Coal City, IL
 Doors Open at Noon • Games Start at 1:30PM

\$20 Entry to Play

Wear Green or Basketball Attire for a Chance to Win a Prize!
 BYO Alcohol & Bring Cash for Sidepots / Loners!

RSVP: TJ Sforza: 815-608-2110 or KofCBraidwood@gmail.com

— To Secure Your Spot! —

Kids Corner

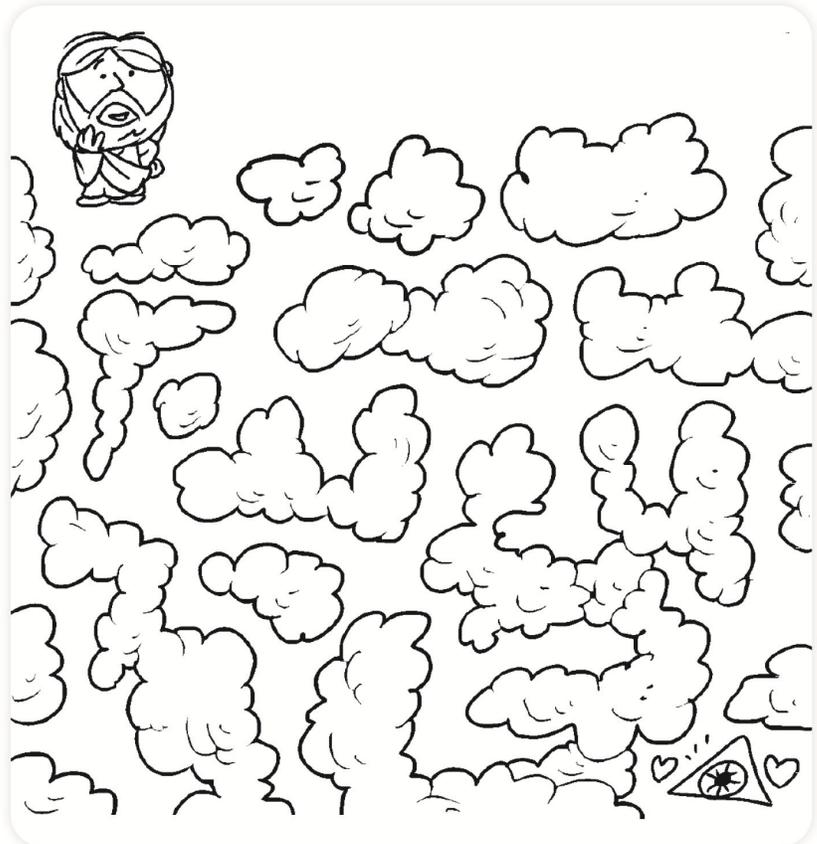
Prayer

Lord, help me when I am afraid.

Mission for the Week

When I am afraid, I will remember that God is always with me.

Help Jesus find his father!



Sharing the Gospel

Peter, James, and John had walked up the mountain with Jesus. When they got to the top, Jesus looked different. Rays of bright light came from his face. His robes became white. Then a voice from a cloud said, "This is my Son whom I love. In him I am well pleased. Listen to him." The three apostles were scared and fell on the ground and covered their heads with their arms. Then Jesus touched them and said, "Don't be afraid."

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