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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

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

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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****ANOIDTING 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.

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Office of the Bishop



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CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

November 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our diocese will soon take up the national collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Your support for this collection November 15/16 brings change to communities across the country and empowers those living in poverty to transform their communities into reflections of the Kingdom of God. For more than 50 years, CCHD has helped low-income people address the root causes of poverty and injustice, not by giving “one-size-fits-all” handouts, but by funding local organizations that empower low-income people to make positive impacts in their own communities. This grassroots model allows people to use their experiences and knowledge of their communities to build coalitions of faith leaders, local businesses, and other neighbors who work together to find solutions that benefit everyone.

When you give to the CCHD collection, you make an impact nationally and at home, because 25% of your contribution stays within your own diocese. This way you help your own community build on this legacy of success while also helping communities across the country. Local grant recipients in our diocese include emergency assistance and food pantry supplies for St. Vincent De Paul chapters, vocational job training for adults with disabilities, and community outreach programming for at-risk youth and families. You can find more information on our local CCHD grants at <https://catechesis.diojoliet.org/cchd>.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help CCHD this year. If you would like more information about the national collection and the people it supports, visit www.usccb.org/cchd.

Thank you for joining us to work on the margins and break the cycle of poverty. With best wishes, I ask God to bless you always.

As I remain –

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Ronald A. Hicks

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop of Joliet

Donate to the CCHD campaign this weekend!

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops.

Since 2023, our own local grants from this collection have amounted to nearly \$100K being awarded to organizations within our diocese including food pantries and resource centers for families.

For more information, visit



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Mass Intentions

Weekly Confession Times

SATURDAY November 15

4:00 PM Mass (A)

†Theresa Kirn (Keith & Janet Mahlfeldt)

†Betty Onsen (John & Sharon Gilchrist)

†Joan Cromer (Family)

†Jack Aichele (Pat & Family)

SUNDAY November 16 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Mass (A)

†Shirley Boero (Linda & Family)

†Juan Fehr (Noma)

†Clem Williams (Ron & Dianne Marketti)

9:00 AM Mass (SH)

†Loisanne O'Connell (Peter & Roberta Brockman)

11:30 AM Mass (A)

People of the Parish

†Megan Riley (Riley Family)

†Larry Ferrari (Wife, Joyce)

†Raymond Bono (Family)

†Pauline Fornelli (Family)

†Bill & Vivian Finn (Family)

†Andrew Krull (Kelly & Hannah Krull)

TUESDAY November 18

6:30 PM Mass (A)

†Mike Tessler (Terry & Carol Halliday)

WEDNESDAY November 19

8:30 AM Mass (SH)

†Norma Sisk (Donna Gabehart)

THURSDAY November 20

8:30 AM Mass (A)

†Ray & Betty Onsen (John & Teri Jo Boylan)

FRIDAY November 21

8:30 AM Mass (A)

†Florence Cushing (Family)

SATURDAY November 22

4:00 PM Mass (A)

†Robet Dvorak (Vince & Marcie Funk)

†Jessie Kasher (John & Sharon Gilchrist)

†Shirley Boero (Don & Pat Bianchetta)

SUNDAY November 23 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

7:30 AM Mass (A)

People of the Parish

†Alvina Halliday (Terry & Carol Halliday)

†Carol Williams (Family)

†Russ Leman (Laurie & Bob Bianchetta)

9:00 AM Mass (SH)

†Jerry Miller (Joan Miller)

11:30 AM Mass (A)

†Larry Ferrari (Billy & Carol Pohl)

†Melinda & Jaxson Cullen (Teresa & Robert Cortez)

†Karla Day (Friend)

†Norm Hook (Family)

†Louis Schmidberger (Harold & Georgette)

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

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, November 16

3:45 pm - Knights of Columbus Euchre Night - Berst Hall

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

Monday, November 17

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

Coal Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288

Tuesday, November 18

No Events

Wednesday, November 19

6:30 pm - *The Chosen* Viewing - Berst Hall

7:00 pm - Christmas Choir Rehearsal - Assumption Church

Thursday, November 20

After 8:30 am Mass - Breakfast w/Fathers @ Whistle Stop Café

9:30 am - Bible Study - Madonna Room

Coal Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288

Friday, November 21

No Events

Saturday, November 22

2:45 pm - Children's Handbell Choir Rehearsal - Madonna Room

6:00 pm - Trivia Night - Berst Hall

Sunday, November 23

12:30 pm - Baptism - Assumption Church

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

Please pray for the sick:

Nancy Armstrong & Family, Sharee Beeler, Paula Beshoar, Stacey Brown, Tom Buban, Denise Chally, Ryan Collins, Charlotte Curtis, Pam Cruz, Jan Dunn, Mark & Kay Francisco, Doris Giordano, Dolores Hertenstein, Pat Hudetz, Jim Jacobek, Mary Jo Maland, Gloria Markl, Donna Meyer, Steven Miller, Dan Olson, Jean Peters, Larry Ried, Cecelia Schimandle, Fred & Wanda Singer, Jeff & Danita Stepanek, Helen Talty, Glenn VanDrie, Steve Varsolona, 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.



Choir rehearsal for the 9 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass at Assumption Church will begin this Wednesday, November. 19 at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY FOOTBALL EUCHRE NIGHT



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Doors open at 3:45 Game play starts at 4:30pm

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

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to secure your spot

Breakfast

WITH OUR FATHERS

Thursday, November 20th
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.



Whistle Stop Cafe
Restaurant & Pub

The City-Wide Choir and
Coal City United Methodist Church present



A Thrill of Hope

A Christmas Musical by Joel Raney
with the composer conducting

December 7, 2025

4:00 pm

Coal City UMC -
6805 E. McArdle Road



This event is made possible through a Vital Worship, Vital Preaching Grant
from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, Grand Rapids, Michigan,
with funds provided by Lilly Endowment Inc.

Assumption Church
Fellowship Committee presents

THE CHOSEN

Episode 4

6:00-7:30pm On Wednesday,
November 19th Berst Hall

Episode 4 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.

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815.634.4171 EXTENSION 1.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

But for you who fear my name, there will arise
the sun of justice with its healing rays. (Mal 3:20)

Psalm:

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice. (Ps 98)

Second Reading:

Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you,
so that you might imitate us. (2 Thes 3:9)

Gospel:

"You will be hated by all because of my name,
but not a hair on your head will be destroyed.
By your perseverance you will secure your lives." (Lk 21:17-19)

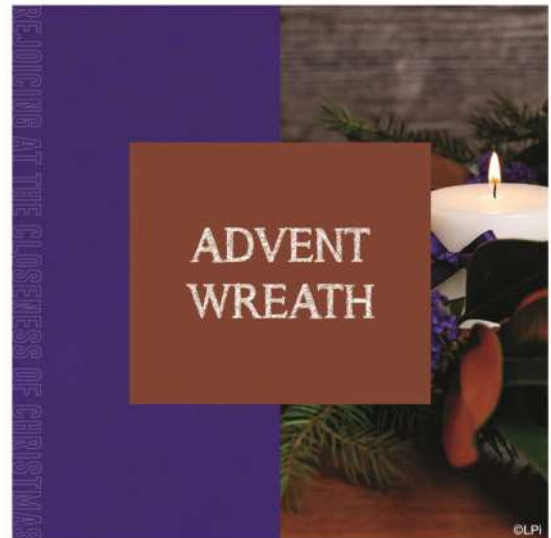
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus' words today are filled with fire
and brimstone, vivid with images of pain,
suffering, confusion — and, ultimately,
peace. Do we believe what he promises?
Do we have the endurance to stay with
him until the end?

Observances for the week of November 16, 2025

Sunday:	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Tuesday:	The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
Friday:	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday:	St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
Next Sunday:	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Devotions, Explained!

An Advent Wreath consists of a circle of evergreen and four candles, one for each week of Advent. Three of the candles are purple; one is rose, representing Gaudete Sunday, a time of rejoicing at the closeness of Christmas.

Prayer in Season of Trust

O Lord,
Be with me now, I feel so alone.
Bring Your blessings to me, like
the light of a candle in darkness.
Wrap me in Your mercy,
give me strength to face every
hardship.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of November 16, 2025

Sunday:

Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/
2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

Monday:

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps
119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday:

2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday:

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and
15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday:

1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/
Lk 19:41-44

Friday:

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd,
11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday:

1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/
Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday:

2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/
Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a kid growing up in New England, I'd occasionally go on a whale watch. Once we went out with calm waters and clear skies. But on the way back in, the sea got rough. I was just a kid, and I remember thinking we should turn left or right toward the shoreline I could see. But the pilot of the boat kept going straight — right into the waves — focused on a small, discouragingly distant lighthouse. Even when it flickered in and out of sight, he stayed the course. He knew where he was going.

That image comes to mind when I hear Jesus' words in today's Gospel regarding false messiahs: **"Do not follow them" (Luke 21:8)**. In times of chaos or uncertainty, there are always voices offering easier routes, promising false safety, claiming to speak for God. But Jesus isn't found in the loudest voice or the nearest shoreline. He is steady, like a lighthouse in the storm.

The tribulation of which Jesus speaks — it's real. It happened to the Temple, it happened to him, it happens in the Church, and it will come to each of us. But the command is not to panic. It's to endure. To keep steering toward him. Faith isn't about having all the answers or dodging every wave. It's about knowing where the lighthouse is — and trusting it enough to keep going, especially when false safety beckons us to stop.

— *Father John Muir*

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Love and hate. Hope and fear. Death and life. What lasts forever, and what is even now passing away before our eyes. To be human is to know that these feelings, these realities, can and often do occur at the same time. To be Christian is to know that it means something.

Two Things Can Be True At Once

As my husband and I drove our firstborn child home from the hospital, I sat alongside my daughter in the backseat. Terrified, exhausted, exhilarated, confused, hopeful — I was all of these things at the same time. I gazed at her, this magnificent little creature whose face was both familiar and strange to me, thinking: *She is exquisite. She is the future. She is life.*

And then I burst into uncontrollable sobs.

"What's wrong?" my husband cried, panicked, glancing in the rearview mirror.

"She's — going — to — die — someday," I blubbered, choking on my own tears.

"Ohhh, honey." I'll never forget the tone of his voice as he clearly debated turning this car around and taking me back to the hospital for an emergency psych evaluation. "I think you might be tired."

Ten years later, it's a memory we laugh about. I hadn't slept more than four hours in four days. Postpartum hormones had lain waste to my senses. Here, on the threshold of new life, all I could think of was death. It's funny. It's absurd.

But it also makes a lot of sense.

Love and hate. Hope and fear. Joy and sorrow. Death and life. What lasts forever, and what is even now passing away before our eyes. To be human is to know that these feelings, these realities, can and often do occur at the same time. To be Christian is to know that it means something — even if we cannot understand what. Not yet.

In every moment of his earthly life, Christ shows us that two things can be true at once. A virgin is a mother. An exile is a king. The temple will be destroyed, and it will last forever. The world is ending. The world is beginning. The cross is death. The cross is life.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do Catholics call priests Father?

Answer:

One of the common objections evangelical Christians have to Catholics is our practice of calling priests by the title Father. They will often cite a passage in Matthew's Gospel in which Jesus tells his followers: "Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven" (23:19). It seems pretty straightforward, but when we put this verse in context, we see that Jesus is speaking out against religious leaders who had forgotten what their proper role was and who were bad examples through their own hypocrisy and elitist attitudes.

In other Gospels, we find Jesus himself using the title father for different characters, such as in the Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man (Luke 16:19-31) and the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). If we put the verse from Matthew into the full scope of Jesus' teachings, he isn't saying that we can't use words like "father," "rabbi," or "master." Rather, he is telling us that we should be mindful of the full meaning of those titles and not to misuse them.

To call a priest "Father" is more than a sign of respect for the office of the priesthood. It goes all the way back to the way St. Paul understood his own work as a missionary and evangelizer. Paul wrote, "I am writing you in this way not to shame you but to admonish you as my beloved children ... It was I who begot you in Christ Jesus through my preaching of the Gospel. I beg you, then, be imitators of me. This is why I have sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful son in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 4:14-17).

Yes, we have God alone as our heavenly Father, but there are also those here with us who nurture and nourish our faith through their teaching and care. This is why the title of Father has been applied to the church's pastors in different ways since the earliest days of the Church, including monks and nuns using the title "abbot" and "abbess" (from abba) for their spiritual leaders and Christians around the world recognizing the "Holy Father" or "pope" (from papa) as the head of the family that is the Church. The title Father is a reminder that priests have a special responsibility to care for, protect, feed, listen to, and nourish those who have been entrusted to them, all after the example of our Father in heaven who never ceases to give us what we truly need.



Ministry Schedule November 22 & 23



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 call or email Laura at the parish office. Confirmed volunteers for our upcoming services are below:

Saturday, November 22 - 4:00 p.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - **Two volunteers needed**

Lector - **Volunteer needed**

Servers - **Volunteers needed**

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

Sunday, November 23 - 7:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - **Two volunteers needed**

Lector - Jaiden Leman

Servers - Pete Collins, Ron Marketti, Ken Bonomo

Sunday, November 23 - 9:00 a.m. (Sacred Heart, Kinsman)

Extraordinary Minister - Carrie Sulzberger

Lector - Brent Sulzberger

Servers - Austin & McKenna Brockman

Sunday, November 23 - 11:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - **Volunteer needed**, alt./Hannah Krull

Lector - **Volunteer needed**

Server - **Volunteer needed**

Thank you for sharing your time and talents with us!

Assumption Weekly Offering + E-Giving

Annual Offering Budget (7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026)	\$326,141
YTD Offering Budget	\$119,168
YTD Actual Offering	\$146,583
Last Week's Mass Offering	\$5,725
Last Week's E-Giving Offering	\$1,173
Last Week's Total Offering	\$6,898
Weekly Goal	\$6,272

Sacred Heart, Kinsman Weekly Offering

11/2/25 Sunday Collection	\$1,343
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Assumption Church Building Loan Balance through October, 2025

Loan Amount	\$620,123
Current Loan Balance	\$591,037

2025 CMAA Report (as of Nov. 9, 2025)

Goal: \$32,500 Pledged: \$43,327 Paid: \$40,328 Donors: 168



Elizabeth Lovell

Nadine Maierhofer

We're so happy you're here!



Riley Ellis Cavelle

Parents: Anthony & Rachel Cavelle

November 9, 2025

Children's Handbell Choir Practice



We are happy to report that our Children's Handbell Choir now has a new leader. The group will be honoring and glorifying our Lord with their music being played on handbells at Assumption's 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass.

Our Children's Handbell Choir will begin practicing on Saturdays from 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. in the Madonna Room, beginning this Saturday, November 15 and ending on Saturday, December 20. There will be no practice on Saturday, November 29.

For further information, please contact Alex Kuhel at (815) 655-2440.

Assumption Lectors: Please pick up your free 2026 Lector Workbooks from the counter in the sacristy.



Our Christmas card project is now underway and will end on Dec. 7. If you would like to bring in a signed card (or two or three), we would truly appreciate it. There are also some cards in the narthex for you to take and sign if you like. The only difference with this project is the cards/notes need to be generic for Christmas, not for the Veterans, because we give cards to everyone in the local nursing homes besides the Veteran's homes. I wouldn't be able to tell which is which. Needless to say, we'll need even more cards to take care of everyone this time. They really love them; so, thanks for the help!

Donna Gabehart



Halloween Family Bingo Night was spook-tacular! Thank you to the Marthas, the Decorating Committee, the Fellowship Committee, Father Josh and Don Phillips, and the many parishioners who helped to make it a great family event. We are also very grateful for the participation of the FCSLA and their matching contribution to support future family events. Our next Bingo Night will be in May!



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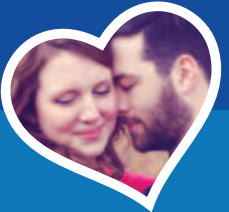


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