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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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— MATTHEW 22:19 —

Parish Information

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Coal City

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

Sacred Heart, Kinsman

219 Emmett Street | Kinsman, IL 60437

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.

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Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the parish office.

Baptisms

Baptisms are usually scheduled on the second and fourth Sundays of each month after 11:30 a.m. Mass.

Parents are required to attend a baptismal preparation meeting.

Please contact the parish secretary to register.

Funerals

Funeral liturgies are usually celebrated at 10:00 a.m.

The funeral director will contact the parish office regarding arrangements.

Marriage

Weddings are scheduled at least six months in advance.

Completion of marriage preparation classes is required.

Please contact the parish office before making wedding arrangements.

Mass Times

Regular Weekend Mass Times

Assumption

Saturday – 4:00 p.m.*

**First Saturday Each Month/Extra 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 and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.*

Thursday & Friday – 8:30 a.m.

Sacred Heart, Kinsman

Wednesday – 8:30 a.m.

Rosary at Assumption

Tuesday – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday & Friday – 8:00 a.m.

Confession Times*

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 Saturday 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

**Different on Holy Days & Holidays*

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

Open Daily

5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Location: Across from Assumption Church

Mass Intentions, Prayers, & Weekly Events

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 17

4:00 p.m. Mass

People of the Parish

†Sherri Himelsbach-Lesch (*O'Keefe & Hook Families*)

†Barbara Farrero (*Bill & Nancy Endrst*)

†Betty Watson (*Bob & Suzanne Hamilton*)

†Gerry Heavens (*Family*)

Sunday, October 18

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Mass

†Rev. Robert Noesen (*Peter & Carm Collins*)

†Al Kwiatkowski (*Ron & Dianne Marketti*)

9:00 a.m. Mass (Sacred Heart)

†Pat Bartman (*Mary Lou & Ed Knauss*)

11:30 a.m. Mass (K of C Corporate Mass)

Living & Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus

Council 1574 (*Knights of Columbus*)

†Lucille De Gulie (*Joyce Ferrari*)

†Don Matteson (*Cathy & Alaina Glover*)

†Megan Riley (*Riley Family*)

†Wendell Easton (*Riley Family*)

Tuesday, October 20

6:30 p.m. Mass

†Tom Buban (*John & Teri Jo Boylan*)

Wednesday, October 21

8:30 a.m. Mass (Sacred Heart)

†Loisanne O'Connell (*Chuck & Kathy Worley*)

Thursday, October 22

8:30 a.m. Mass

†Shirley Boero (*Family*)

Friday, October 23

8:30 a.m. Mass

†Larry & Mary Ann Quartaroli (*Peter & Carm Collins*)

Saturday, October 24

4:00 p.m. Mass

†Jeff Zelinko (*Mike & Joanne Morrall*)

†Betty Watson (*Elaine Smith*)

†Jim Giordano (*Bob & Suzanne Hamilton*)

†Arthur Horn (*Michael & Michele Tupper*)

Sunday, October 25

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Mass

†Anthony Rice (*Peter & Carm Collins*)

†Lucille De Gulie (*Ron & Dianne Marketti*)

9:00 a.m. Mass (Sacred Heart)

†Pat Bartman (*Loisanne O'Connell*)

11:30 a.m. Mass

People of the Parish

†Maria Cortese Family (*Family*)

†Norm Hook (*Family*)

†Melinda & Jaxson Cullen (*Robert & Teresa Cortez*)

This Week's Events

Sunday, October 18

9:00 am - Collectibles Show - Berst Hall

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

Monday, October 19

4 pm - 6 pm - Supplemental Kitchen - Berst Hall

4:30 pm - St. Vincent Meals - Fr. White Hall - Braidwood

Coal City Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288

Tuesday, October 20

No Events

Wednesday, October 21

6:00 pm - *The Chosen* Viewing - Berst Hall

Thursday, October 22

9:30 am - Bible Study - Madonna Room

Coal City Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288

Friday, October 23

No Events

Saturday, October 24

9:30 am - Women's Rosary & Brunch - Murphy Home

After 4 pm Mass - Trunk or Treat - Church Parking Lot

5:00 pm - Family Halloween Bingo - Berst Hall

Sunday, October 25

9:45 am - Family Faith Formation - Berst Hall

6:30 pm - High School Youth Broup - Berst Hall

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

Please pray for the sick:

Sharee Beeler, Mike Beshoar Family, Tracy Bianchi, Stacey Brown, Ryan Collins, Wes Evans, Lilly Fleming, Ben Holman, Doug Letterly, Mark Lotzer, Shannon Male, Tom McFarland, Sr., John "Jack" Micetich, Santo & Betty Messina, Donna Meyer, Gail Mirsky, Chasity Olson, Frank Peters, Patty Provance, Larry Ried, Karla Scarpelli, Celia Schimandle, Jeff Stepanek, Vance Stewart, Helen Talty, 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.

Please pray for those serving our country:

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



The Knights of Columbus will be at Assumption Church this weekend and next selling raffle tickets for the Illinois State Council Vocation Support Raffle.

*Support a seminarian today!
They are our priests of tomorrow!*

Weekly Scripture



Virtues, Explained!

"It is not easy for man, wounded by sin, to maintain moral balance," we read in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (1811). "Christ's gift of salvation offers us the grace necessary to persevere in the pursuit of the virtues."

Perseverance is unique because without it, we cannot grow in any of the other virtues. If we cannot persevere, we cannot carry the cross. Faith, hope, love, mercy, justice, temperance — these virtues are the fruits of a Christian life, and perseverance is the soil in which they take root.

Like the soil in any garden, it has to be nourished. Perseverance is fed by trials, difficulties, and temptations. "We rejoice in our sufferings," writes St. Paul, "knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us" (Romans 5:4-5).

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before Him. (Is 45:1)

Psalm

Give the Lord glory and honor. (Ps 96)

Second Reading

We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love. (1 Thes 1:2-3)

Gospel

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." (Mt 22:21)

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Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

The Pharisees try to trick Jesus into starting a political revolution. They don't realize he came to start a revolution of the heart, not the state. God's image is stamped on our soul, but still the world tries to claim us. Revolt! You belong to God.

Worship & Observances

Blessing for World Mission Sunday

O God,
You never cease to call us to Yourself, bless
the mission fields where we sow, tend, and
reap. Give us your grace and strength as we
share Your love with families and friends,
strangers and sojourners. Give us the right
words, the right inspirations, the right
invitations, the right love. Your love, shared.
Amen.

Readings for the Week of October 18, 2026

Sunday

Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/
Mt 22:15-21

Monday

Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday

Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday

Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday

Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53

Friday

Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday

Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday

Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47 and 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/
Mt 22:34-40

If you
correspond to
the designs of
God, He will
make a saint
of you.

ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

Observances for the Week of October 18, 2026

Sunday

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Mission Sunday

Monday

Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests,
and Companions, Martyrs; St. Peter of Alcantara

Tuesday

St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

Thursday

St. John Paul II, Pope

Friday

St. John of Capistrano, Priest

Saturday

St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Next Sunday

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Meditation



Encourage
Deeper
Understanding
of Scripture

Matthew
22:15-21

Occasionally, I'll slip into a parish I've never visited before, pick up the bulletin, and find one of my Gospel reflections. My heart usually swells with a bit of affection for my creation. I imprint a bit of myself into my little "literary labors of love." Anyone who has created something — a piece of writing, a garden, a meal, a child — knows that feeling. We love the things into which we put ourselves. We are happy when they return to us.

With this in mind, listen to Jesus' classic line in this Sunday's Gospel: **"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God"** (Matthew 22:21). He presents this little riddle to deepen the theme from taxes to human beings. A Roman coin bears Caesar's image, so it belongs to Caesar. Therefore, he has a legitimate claim to it. Fair enough. But what belongs to God? What bears *His* image? Every human being. God has imprinted Himself on every person. Which means everyone —

including Caesar — belongs entirely to Him. Jesus, who is God's perfect image, has come to draw everyone back to God.

We can be tempted to imagine that our lives are made up of "things for God" and "things not for God." The good news is that no such division is possible because *everything* in life is a gift from God to us. Therefore, all is meant to be placed at the service of God's kingdom. He loves everything He has created. We have the privilege of giving it all back to Him.

— Father John R. Muir

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus answers a trick question posed by the Pharisees about the temple tax, affirming that we owe our ultimate allegiance to God.

Whose Image We Bear

In writing this column, I spent a lot of time mulling over a strange question: if I had a coin with Caesar's face on it, could I use it to pay for my morning coffee?

Ancient Roman artifacts are worth a lot of money, but I have no idea how to appraise the artifacts and convert that worth to cash. I doubt my local barista does, either.

Out of curiosity, I Googled it. Apparently, the value depends a lot on the emperor. If we're talking about a marquee name like Julius Caesar, a coin will go for thousands of dollars. But let's say it's a shekel from Emperor Geta, some third-century failure who got murdered by his brother. You can get his coin for less than \$200.

It matters, apparently, whose face you're stamped with. We are all only as good as the image we bear.

When Christ said, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God," he was talking about faithful citizenship and faithful

discipleship. He was talking about the omnipotence of God over any political movement or historical era.

But he was also talking about our worth. Where it comes from, what it means, how long it will last. He was talking about whose image we bear.

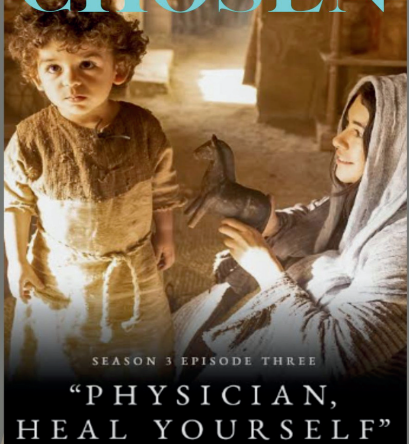
-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



Parish Events

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE PRESENTS

THE CHOSEN



SEASON 3 EPISODE THREE
"PHYSICIAN, HEAL YOURSELF"

6:00 - 7:30pm Wednesday, October 21st Berst Hall

FOLLOWED BY A SHORT DISCUSSION
WITH FR. JOSH AND DEACON BILL

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL OUR OFFICE SECRETARY AT
815.634.4171 EXT. 1



Women's Rosary and Brunch




SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH
9:30-11AM

Join us for the October women's brunch and rosary to connect with women in our parish, grow in friendship, and build community.




The Murphy House
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RSVP to Mary Murphy via text or call at
414-254-9610 by Wednesday, October 21st



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October, 2026

TIME:
IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING 4PM MASS
LOCATION:
CHURCH PARKING LOT



HALLOWEEN



Family Bingo

JOIN US FOR A SPOOKTACULAR NIGHT!

DATE: OCTOBER 24
TIME: 5-8 PM
COST: \$ 10 PERSON
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Ministry Schedule, Stewardship, & More

Ministry Schedule - October 24 & 25

Saturday, Oct. 24 - 4:00 p.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - **Two volunteers needed**

Lector - **Volunteer needed**

Servers- **Volunteers needed**

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

Sunday, Oct. 25 - 7:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - Therese Bouvier, **alt. needed**

Lector - **Volunteer needed**

Servers - Pete Collins, Ron Marketti

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

Extraordinary Minister - Kathy Vint

Lector - Lee Miller

Servers - Emma & June McDonald

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

Extraordinary Ministers - **Two volunteers 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!

The Christmas Community Cantata will be presented at the Methodist Church the weekend of December 19 & 20.

Interested in singing with this group?

Please see Rita Wise after Mass.

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YTD Actual Offering \$123,057

Last Week's Mass Offering \$6,332

Last Week's E-Giving Offering \$1,148

Last Week's Total Offering \$7,480

Weekly Goal \$6,339

Assumption Building Loan Balance

Loan Amount \$620,123

Current Loan Balance Through July, 2026 \$567,219

Sacred Heart, Kinsman Weekly Offering

10/4/26 Sunday Collection \$2,060



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2026 CMAA Report as of October 11, 2026

Goal: \$34,200 Pledged: \$40,567 Paid \$38,317 Donors: 174

We will once again be offering lighted memorial luminarias and personalized memorial candles for our All Souls' Day Mass at Assumption on Monday, November 2 @ 6 p.m. A \$5 donation is suggested per luminaria bag or memorial candle, and each should be designed to memorialize one person or one couple per memorial. These memorials may be purchased after weekend Masses at Assumption's narthex table, where they should be returned by Sunday, November 1, after personalization.

Questions? Contact Teri Jo Boylan at (815) 326-0254.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #1574 PRESENTS

Halloween EUCHRE NIGHT!

Sunday, November 1st

Berst Center • 180 S Kankakee St, Coal City, IL
Doors Open at 1pm • Games Start at 2pm

\$20 Entry to Play

Wear Fall Colors or Halloween Attire for a Chance to Win a Prize!

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

To Secure Your Spot!

Kids Corner

Sharing the Gospel

When you grow up and earn money, you will have to pay taxes. Taxes pay for many good things that keep us safe and healthy. When you grow up in your faith, you will want to give God some of the money you earn, because all you have is a gift from God.



**Now color
the picture!**

Prayer

God, teach me to use money wisely so my community and my church can grow.

Mission for the Week

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