

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"YOU TOO
GO INTO MY
VINEYARD."

— MATTHEW 20:4 —

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Coal City

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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 - 4:00p.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 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.**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.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY September 19

4:00 PM Mass

†Arlette Testa (Riley Family)
 †Betty Watson (John & Sharon Gilchrist)
 †Betty Watson (Mike & Judy Friddle)
 †Barbara Farrero (John & Steve Farrero)

SUNDAY September 20 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Mass

People of the Parish
 †Catherine LaRocca (Peter & Carm Collins)

9:00 AM Mass (Sacred Heart)

†Jim Phelan (Clione Wright & Family)

11:30 AM Mass (A)

†Willa Roy (Friend)
 †Annette Schock (Friend)
 †Megan Riley (Riley Family)
 †Barb Farrero (Joyce Ferrari)
 †Lucille DeGulie (Joyce Ferrari)

TUESDAY September 22

6:30 PM Mass

Living Members of Peter Collins Family
 (Peter & Carm Collins)

WEDNESDAY September 23

8:30 AM Mass (Sacred Heart)

†Loisanne O'Connell (Doug & Kathleen Lowery)

THURSDAY September 24

8:30 AM Mass

†Aladino & Anne Colombini (Peter & Carm Collins)

FRIDAY September 25

8:30 AM Mass

Living Members of Donald Lawson Family
 (Peter & Carm Collins)
 †Ann Marketti (Ron & Dianne Marketti)

SATURDAY September 26 (Blue Mass)

4:00 PM Mass

People of the Parish
 †Jake Veronda (Pat & Mike Trofimchuck)
 †Joan Cromer

SUNDAY September 27 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Mass

Living Members of Joseph Collins, Sr. Family
 (Peter & Carm Collins)
 †Lucille DeGrush (Ron & Dianne Marketti)

9:00 AM Mass (Sacred Heart)

†Loisanne O'Connell (Don & Mary Pfeifer)

11:30 AM Mass

†Norm Hook (Family)
 †Sherrie Lesch (Friend)
 †Larry Ferrari (Pohl Family)

Weekly Confession Times

TUESDAY - 6:00 p.m. to 6:20 p.m.

WEDNESDAY (Sacred Heart) - Following the 8:30 a.m. Mass

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.)

SUNDAY (Sacred Heart) - Following the 9:00 a.m. Mass
 (Different on Holy Days & Holidays)

This Week's Events

Sunday, September 20

9:15 am - Family Faith Formation - Berst Hall
 6:30 pm - Evening Adult Bible Study - Madonna Room

Monday, September 21

No Events

Tuesday, September 22

No Events

Wednesday, September 23

6:15 pm - Family Faith Formation - Berst Hall

Thursday, September 24

9:30 am - Bible Study - Madonna Room

Friday, September 25

No Events

Saturday, September 26

9:30 am - Women's Rosary & Brunch - Murphy Home
 10:00 am - Pet Blessing - Assumption Church Parking Lot
 (Inclement Weather - Berst Hall)
 4:00 pm - Blue Mass followed by Blessing of Emergency Vehicles
 6:00 pm - Blue Mass Dinner - Berst Hall

Sunday, September 27

12:30 pm - Baptisms - Assumption Church
 6:30 pm - High School Youth Group Meeting - Berst Hall
 6:30 pm - Evening Adult Bible Study - Madonna Room

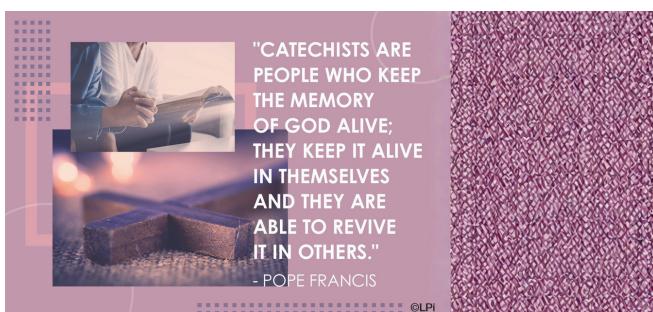
Please Pray for Those Serving Our Country:

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

Please pray for the sick:

Sharee Beeler, Daniel Beshoar, Paula Beshoar, Tracy Bianchi,
 Stacey Brown, Ryan Collins, Doris Giordano, Lilly Fleming,
 George Good, Pat Hanna, Doug Letterly, Mark Lotzer,
 Shannon Male, Tom McFarland, Sr., John "Jack" Micetich,
 Santo & Betty Messina, Donna Meyer, Gail Mirsky, Carol Morin,
 Chasity Olson, Frank Peters, Patty Provance, Larry Ried,
 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.



Weekly Scripture



Virtues, Explained!

Jesus told the rich young man that in order to be saved, he must sell all he owned and give the proceeds to the poor. This is the virtue of liberality — giving of one's resources freely and in abundance.

However, the virtue of liberality should be practiced by each person according to his state in life. The rich young man could afford to lose everything — and indeed, was too attached to his wealth. We are all called to give selflessly of what we have, but “we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us,” writes St. Paul (Romans 12:6).

Some of us have too much time and have grown idle. Some of us have too much talent and use it only to benefit ourselves. Some of us have too much wealth, and hoard it jealously. Whatever we have too much of will keep us from God. So let's practice liberality, and be generous.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call him while he is near. (Is 55:6)

Psalm

The Lord is near to all who call upon him. (Ps 145)

Second Reading

I am caught between the two.
I long to depart this life and be with Christ,
for that is far better. (Phil 1:23)

Gospel

“What if I wish to give this last one the same as you?
Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?
Are you envious because I am generous?”
(Mt 20:14–15)

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Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

The master rewards the latecomers with the same wage as those who labored all day, upsetting the construct of who deserves what — and why. May we never seek to be the judge of what others deserve. May we labor in our vineyard with joy and gratitude.

Worship & Observances

Prayer for an OCIA Class

Dear God,
 You never cease calling
 each of us to You.
 Be with our OCIA class as we
 journey to know You better.
 Inspire our conversations,
 guide our lessons,
 and direct our hearts as
 each of us seeks Your will.
 Amen.

Readings for the Week of September 20, 2026

Sunday

Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/
 Mt 20:1-16a

Monday

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/Lk 9:7-9

Friday

Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/
 Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday

Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/
 Mt 21:28-32



Observances for the Week of September 20, 2026

Sunday

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
 Catechetical Sunday

Monday

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist;
National Migration Week

Wednesday

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Saturday

Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Next Sunday

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
 Priesthood Sunday

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the landowner who pays all of the workers of his vineyard a just daily wage, reminding them that "the last will be first and the first will be last."

The Why

Sometimes, the Gospel takes everything you think you know about Jesus, throws it in a box, shakes it violently, dumps it on the floor, looks you in the eye and says: "Clean it up."

And there you are, picking up the pieces, wondering how, after 2,000 years, someone can still keep you guessing.

Today is one of those Gospels. We know Jesus as a champion of the poor. We envision him as a social justice warrior. And now he's advocating for time theft in the workplace? Make it make sense.

Well, at its heart, today's Gospel is a story about who gets what. A story about comparison, which we are told is the thief of joy — but without comparison, nothing would ever get done. In this world, wages are set, court cases are settled, international borders are drawn, all by comparing one entity to another and evaluating that comparison to make a judgment.

What this Gospel doesn't tell us is the "why." The workers who labored longest in the vineyard feel

cheated because those who showed up later earn the same wage. This would be egregious — unless we consider that the only criteria used in the comparison is the length of the work day's duration. Quality and efficiency of work is never even mentioned. For all we know, those all-day workers could have been standing around fanning themselves, and should feel lucky to get what they did.

"Why" is a question we ask a lot in this life. Why did my dad die? Why did I get cancer? Why did my husband lose his job? As we pick up the pieces of today's Gospel, we should ask ourselves this: when we know what we know about Who decides who gets what, do we have to know the "why?"

—Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



Liturgical Life



Why Do We Do That?

Catholic Life Explained

Question

November 9 is the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome. What is the significance of this feast?

Answer

Every diocese has a mother church, the bishop's cathedral, where the diocesan church gathers and celebrates. The cathedral is the seat of the bishop's authority over the diocese. That authority is intended to be one of service to God's people, shepherding and guiding them in a truly pastoral mode.

The pope is first and foremost the Bishop of Rome, as well as the head of the Roman Catholic Church. St. John Lateran is his cathedral, and its prominence derives from that reality. St. John Lateran Cathedral traces its origins to Emperor Constantine, who converted a portion of the Laterani family palace into a church, and gave it to Pope Sylvester (314–335) as the papal church and residence; St. John refers to the two saints in whose honor the church is dedicated, John the Baptist and John the Evangelist. It became known as the cathedral of the pope, and its facade's inscription refers to it as "the Mother and Head of all Churches, in the City and of the World." The universal celebration of this feast emphasizes unity among Roman Catholics as they unite with the chair of Peter.

Catholic Trivia

John F. Kennedy, the first Catholic American president and member of the Knights of Columbus, established which distinguished volunteer organization?

Answer: The Peace Corps

"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard...When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.'" – Mt 20:1, 8

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**Catechetical Sunday Message
from Bishop Dennis E. Spies**
September 20, 2026



Happy Catechetical Sunday, everyone!

We begin the preparation for our school year, and as we learn our catechesis, which is the passing on of our faith to our younger generation, we ourselves can grow in our understanding of our faith—and as we do, please teach it to your children.

And I want to offer gratitude for Directors of Religious Ed in every parish—gratitude and thanks to all the teachers of every age level that teach our catechism week after week after week. It's a beautiful thing to see the different age levels learning about their faith and learning about it at their own level.

We are all called to become saints, and one of the ways we learn how to become saints is to learn the ways of the Lord, to learn the teachings of the church. The best way to grow in the image and likeness of our Lord Jesus is to know all about him, all that he did and that he said and that he taught. The example he had of growing up in a family—realizing that we are all growing up in a family—and to make the connection of what we're learning in class to our life at home.

So, parents, please continue to ask your children what they're learning and answer their questions. If you don't know, ask them to ask their teachers, ask your pastor when you see them and allow your children to learn and reflect about the Lord Jesus and growing up in his life.

One other thing I want to make sure I share is we can learn a lot about Jesus, but the really important part of our Catechesis, of handing on our faith, is learning how to pray—realizing that God is available to his saints whenever we call upon him. Teach your children to pray. Teach them how to pray and show them the heart of prayer in union with our Lord Jesus as he prayed to His Father.

+Dennis E. Spies

Sincerely in Christ,
Bishop Dennis E. Spies

Apostolic Administrator for the Diocese of Joliet

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veterans!
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**The Annual Sacred Heart Veteran's Day
Card Project Starts on September 27!**

If anyone would like to bring in a signed card, please drop it in the basket marked accordingly at either Assumption Church or Sacred Heart Church. We'll be taking cards to the LaSalle and Manteno Veteran's homes along with veterans in the local nursing homes. We will also drop cards off at the local VFWs and American Legion Halls in our area. We have a parishioner who helps out at the Lincoln Cemetery in Elwood, and he'll take cards for the veterans who volunteer out there. We also take cards to the library and the high school for their celebrations, so we need lots of cards! My grandkids and I hand out cards over in LaSalle, so that's always a nice time. Our CCD class makes cards and our parishioners sign what we have or bring them in. We have local schools that help from Coal City, Morris, Gardner, your CCD classes, and the CCD classes in South Wilmington. We also have a few talented people who make some really beautiful cards. I read every handmade card from the kids and they're always so special. This is our 8th year. We started small and it's just grown every year. There's not a better feeling than seeing a veteran smile when a kid hands them a card, salutes them, and thanks them for their service. It means the world to them and it's the least we can do. I appreciate all the cards we got from you last year and, again, hopefully this year.

Thanks,

Donna Gabehart

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE PRESENTS

**THE
CHOSEN**



SEASON 3 EPISODE TWO

"TWO BY TWO"

6:00 - 7:30pm Wednesday, October 7th 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

**Blessing
OF THE
Animals**



Saturday, September 26

10 a.m.

**Assumption Church
Parking Lot**

*In case of inclement weather,
the event will move to
Berst Hall.*

**Family Halloween
Bingo Night**

Saturday, October 24

5 p.m.

Berst Hall



Ministry Schedule - September 26 & 27**Saturday, Sept. 26 - 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, Sept. 27 - 7:30 a.m.***Extraordinary Ministers - Therese Bouvier, alt. needed**Lector - Nancy Bonomo**Servers - Pete Collins, Ron Marketti***Sunday, Sept. 27 - 9:00 a.m. (Sacred Heart, Kinsman)***Extraordinary Minister - Scott Wilkinson**Lector - Brent Sulzberger**Servers - Abi & Gwen Siedentop***Sunday, September 27 - 11:30 a.m.***Extraordinary Ministers - Hannah Krull, alt. needed**Lector - Rebecca Johnson**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!

Assumption Weekly Offering + E-Giving

Annual Offering Budget (7/1/2026 - 6/30/2027)	\$329,644
YTD Offering Budget	\$69,729
YTD Actual Offering	\$92,563
Last Week's Mass Offering	\$6,729
Last Week's E-Giving Offering	\$1,203
Last Week's Total Offering	\$7,932
Weekly Goal	\$6,339

Assumption Church Building Loan Balance through July, 2026

Loan Amount	\$620,123
Current Loan Balance	\$567,219

Sacred Heart, Kinsman Weekly Offering

9/6/26 Sunday Collection	\$1,737
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**2026 CMAA Report (as of September 13, 2026)**

Goal: \$34,200 Pledged: \$40,103 Paid: \$37,193 Donors: 174

BLUE MASS

TO HONOR ALL FIRST RESPONDERS

SEPTEMBER 26TH ASSUMPTION CHURCH 4 PM MASS
195 S. KANKAKEE ST
COAL CITY, IL 60416

All parishioners welcomed to join!

Any department is welcome to bring emergency vehicles for Father's blessing immediately following Mass.

To help us reserve the appropriate seating and coordinate vehicle staging, please contact our office secretary at (815) 634-4171, ext. 1.

AFTER MASS DINNER

BERST HALL 6 PM

Dinner to be served after mass.



Women's Rosary and Brunch

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH
9:30-11AM

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

*The Murphy House
(RSVP for address)*

RSVP to Mary Murphy via text or call at 414-254-9610 by Wednesday, September 23rd

Kids Corner

Sharing the Gospel

Your Father says, "Will you work eight hours in my garden for one hundred dollars?" You answer, "Yes." You work hard for seven hours. Then your Father says to two other people, "Will you work one hour in my garden for one hundred dollars?" You shout angrily, "Father, you are not fair." He says, "You agreed to work eight hours for one hundred dollars. That is fair."



**Now color
the picture!**

Prayer

When I am first or when I am last, thanks for giving me what I need, Father.

Mission for the Week

I will do chores and give the money that I earn to the poor.

