

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# **RICH IN** WHAT MATTERS TO GOD.

— LUKE 12:21 —

## **ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025**

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Coal City**

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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 &amp; 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.

## Mass Intentions

<b>SATURDAY August 2</b>	<b>First Saturday</b>
<b>8:30 AM Mass (A)</b>	
†Larry Ferrari ( <i>John &amp; Teri Jo Boylan</i> )	
<b>4:00 PM Mass (A)</b>	
†Dorothy Winnicki ( <i>Linda Zelinko</i> )	
†Melvin Smith ( <i>Elaine &amp; Family</i> )	
†Bill & Vivian Finn ( <i>Family</i> )	
†Theresa Kirn ( <i>Keith &amp; Janet Mahlfeldt</i> )	
<b>SUNDAY August 3</b>	<b>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>7:30 AM Mass (A)</b>	
†Kathy Kratochvil ( <i>D. Burch</i> )	
†Gerald Bouvier ( <i>Terry Bouvier</i> )	
†Ray Onsen ( <i>Betty &amp; Family</i> )	
†Gwendolyn Currin ( <i>Terry Bouvier</i> )	
<b>9:00 AM Mass (SH)</b>	
†Richard Cassidy ( <i>Frank &amp; Peggy Francisco</i> )	
<b>11:30 AM Mass (A)</b>	
†Dominica & John Faletti ( <i>Roberta &amp; Mary</i> )	
†Larry Ferrari ( <i>Lucille De Gulie</i> )	
<b>TUESDAY August 5</b>	<b>St. Peregrine Devotions</b>
<b>6:30 PM Mass (A)</b>	
†Joanne Portegys ( <i>John &amp; Teri Jo Boylan</i> )	
<b>WEDNESDAY August 6</b>	
<b>8:30 AM Mass (SH)</b>	
†Alice M. Walsh ( <i>John T. Walsh</i> )	
†Don Bartman ( <i>John and Barbara Walsh</i> )	
<b>THURSDAY August 7</b>	
<b>8:30 AM Mass (A)</b>	
†Robert & Mary Beverly LaRocca ( <i>Peter and Carm Collins</i> )	
<b>FRIDAY August 8</b>	
<b>8:30 AM Mass (A)</b>	
†Karen Sisk ( <i>Peter and Carm Collins</i> )	
<b>SATURDAY August 9</b>	
<b>4:00 PM Mass (A)</b>	
†Cathy Freming ( <i>Don &amp; Pat Bianchetta</i> )	
†Gary M. Bunton ( <i>Don &amp; Pat Bianchetta</i> )	
†Louie Campo, Jr. ( <i>Family</i> )	
<b>SUNDAY August 10</b>	<b>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>7:30 AM Mass (A)</b>	
<b>Special Intention for Lucille De Gulie</b> ( <i>Elaine Smith</i> )	
†Russell Leman ( <i>Don &amp; Pat Bianchetta</i> )	
†Nancy Jacobek ( <i>Lucille</i> )	
<b>9:00 AM Mass (SH)</b>	
†Richard Cassidy ( <i>Cleonne Wright</i> )	
<b>11:30 AM Mass (A)</b>	
†Sally D'Orazio ( <i>Ray &amp; Ruth Dillon</i> )	
†John Hammerla ( <i>Ray &amp; Ruth Dillon</i> )	
†Mildred B. Lestina ( <i>Lestina Family</i> )	

## 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, August 3

10:00 am - Fellowship Committee Meeting - Madonna Room

## Monday, August 4

4:30 pm - St. Vincent Meal - Immaculate Conception/Braidwood  
 Coal Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288

## Tuesday, August 5

9:00 am - Marthas Meeting - Madonna Room

## Wednesday, August 6

No Events

## Thursday, August 7

Coal Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288

## Friday, August 8


No Events

## Saturday, August 9

No Events

## Sunday, August 10

12:30 pm - Baptism @ Assumption Church



**Gregory & Rosemary Skole**

**Robert & Suzanne Kersmarki & Family**

*We're so happy you're here!*

## In your charity, please pray for the sick:

Sharee Beeler, Paula Beshoar, Tom Buban, Denise Chally,  
 Ryan Collins, Charlotte Curtis, Jan Dunn, Scott Favero, Kay Francisco,  
 Mark Francisco, Doris Giordano, Russ Harding, Jim Jacobek,  
 Mary Jo Maland, Gloria Markl, Sharon McCarthy, Donna Meyer,  
 Paul Nacey, Sr., Michael Oliphant, Dan Olson, Jean Peters, Larry Ried,  
 Geri Saltzman, Cecelia Schimandle, Rosemary Skole,  
 Fred & Wanda Singer, Helen Talty, Glenn VanDrie, Steve Varsolona,  
 Jake Veronda, Diane Walker, Janet (Molloy) Williams

*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 join us at Assumption Church for our monthly St. Peregrine devotions at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 5. St. Peregrine is the patron saint of those who suffer from cancer or any incurable disease or condition, and all are welcome.

**Our bible study group will be meeting regularly on Thursdays EXCEPT for the following dates: August 7 & 28.**



**Hello friends and fellow parishioners,**

**This is Deacon Bill, and I'm excited to share a special opportunity to support our Family Faith Formation (FFF) program at Assumption!**

**We're holding a Pampered Chef fundraiser—a trusted company that's been offering high-quality kitchen tools for over 45 years.**

**August is Double Donation Month, which means FFF will receive 20–30% of all sales! Every order helps us continue nurturing faith and community in our parish families.**

** Browse and shop here:**

**<https://table.pamperedchef.com/party/2262357ikc?inviteSource=direct&t=1753319315691>**

**Please consider sharing this link with family, friends, and fellow parishioners who may want to support our cause.**

**Or you can scan the QR Code**



**Thank you for your generosity and continued support of Assumption's Family Faith Program!**

**In Christ,  
Deacon Bill**

## Important Update for Parishioners: Action Required Regarding CMAA In-Pew Envelopes

The Development Office of the Diocese of Joliet is committed to maintaining transparency and open communication with our parishioners. We wish to provide an important update concerning the status of the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) In-Pew Envelopes.

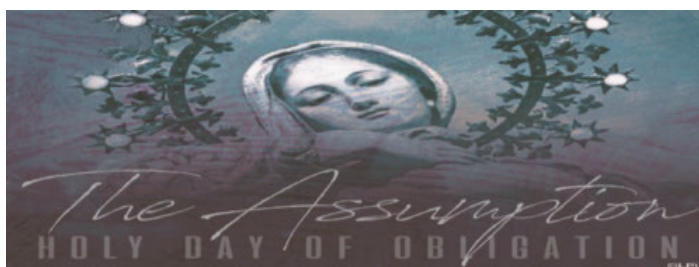
As many of you are aware, we encountered an unexpected challenge with UPS back in March, which resulted in the loss of 23 packages containing In-Pew Envelopes, many with checks made out to the CMAA. To date, UPS has been unable to locate these missing packages. In light of this situation, we strongly advise parishioners who made a gift via check using an In-Pew Envelope to verify their transaction with their bank.

If you find that your check has not been cashed, we recommend you take the necessary steps to stop payment on that check.

We deeply appreciate your commitment to the CMAA, and we hope you will prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2025 CMAA through one of our mailings, or by making a secure gift over the phone by calling (815) 838-8515, or online at [www.jolietdioceseappeal.org](http://www.jolietdioceseappeal.org). Please deduct any incurred bank fees from your gift to the CMAA.

The Development Office would like to reassure all our parishioners that there have been no reported incidents of fraud related to these delivery issues. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we worked tirelessly to remedy this issue as best we could, and we are humbled and grateful for your generous support of the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal which is so vital to our mission. Your contributions make a significant difference in the lives of so many, and we are thankful for your ongoing commitment to our shared mission of spreading Jesus' kindness and love to all.

For more information, please contact the Development Office at (815) 838-8515 or our Chief Development Officer, Jane Lagger, at [jlagger@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:jlagger@dioceseofjoliet.org).



## Mass Times

**Thursday, August 14**

**6:30 p.m. - Sacred Heart, Kinsman**

**Friday, August 15**

**8:30 a.m. - Assumption**

**6:30 p.m. - Assumption**



**Assumption's Marthas Ministry will be meeting on Tuesday, August 5 at 9 a.m. in the Madonna Room** to discuss the pie and ice cream social and other important items. This meeting is also open to others

interested in joining our ministry, including our new parishioners from Sacred Heart, Kinsman.

## Pie & Ice Cream Social

**Sunday, August 17**

**4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

**Berst Hall**

**The Marthas invite you to their annual pie and ice cream social. There is no charge; a free will offering is optional.**

***We hope to meet many of our new Sacred Heart, Kinsman parishioners and enjoy their fellowship as well!***

**The Marthas also welcome anyone wishing to contribute a pie (no cream pies or nut ingredients) for this event. Drop off times will be from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on that day.**

***Please stop by for a sweet treat!***



## Curious about the Mass?

Come to our teaching Mass, where Father Josh will break down and explain the Mass

as it happens. Please join us on Tuesday, August 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Assumption Church.



# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

For what profit comes to man from all the toil  
and anxiety of heart  
with which he has labored under the sun? (Eccl 2:22)

### Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 90)

### Second Reading:

If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,  
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

### Gospel:

Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves  
but are not rich in what matters to God." (Lk 12:21)

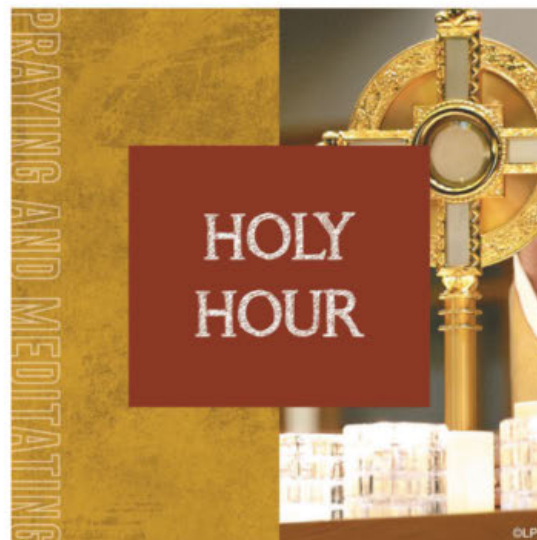
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus warns us that at any moment we can be called before God to face judgment. When we are, our life will be measured not in dollars or accomplishments, but in what matters to God. What do we have to show for our time spent on earth?

## Observances for the week of August 3, 2025

<b>Sunday:</b>	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Monday:</b>	St. John Vianney, Priest
<b>Tuesday:</b>	The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
<b>Wednesday:</b>	The Transfiguration of the Lord
<b>Thursday:</b>	St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
<b>Friday:</b>	St. Dominic, Priest
<b>Saturday:</b>	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Devotions, *Explained!*

A holy hour is the practice of spending one hour's time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, praying and meditating on the agony of Jesus Christ.

## Prayer for Open Hands

Lord, I do not know what any day holds,  
I cannot take for granted any of the gifts You have given.  
Help me to use them, then, as You would have me.  
Help me to live according to Your invitations.  
Amen.



## Worship & Meditation

### Readings for the week of August 3, 2025

#### Sunday:

Ecc1 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

#### Monday:

Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/  
Mt 14:13-21

#### Tuesday:

Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/  
Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

#### Wednesday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/  
2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

#### Thursday:

Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/  
Mt 16:13-23

#### Friday:

Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16  
and 21/Mt 16:24-28

#### Saturday:

Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47  
and 51/Mt 17:14-20

#### Next Sunday:

Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/  
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48  
or 12:35-40



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### Gospel Meditation

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Recent studies suggest that millennials will be the first generation in America to be worse off than their parents in terms of financial earnings and job status. Many lament this. I propose that this week's Gospel provides a hopeful way to see the trend as good news.

The Lord Jesus says, **"Take care to guard against greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist in possessions" (Luke 12:15).** Greed damages us with the deception that we are what we possess. But to Jesus, this is simply not true. What makes us happy is who we are, who we become.

Does not the expectation that every generation should do better than their parents subtly mask the poison of greed? A similar attitude is mirrored in the man who demands that Jesus justly arrange his share of the family inheritance. Despite the injustice, Jesus will not play that game. In fact, he seems to prefer that the man have less than his parents. What good would having more be to this man if he becomes enslaved and miserable by greed? What good would it be for us to have more if it means we become much less?

In allowing the man to have less, Jesus opens a space for him to become more: a man free to love. In that much more meaningful sense, perhaps he was better off than his parents. Maybe the millennials will be, too.

— *Father John Muir*

# Liturgical Life

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** If I die tonight, the deadlines will go unmet, and no one will even notice. But God, when He meets me in the world to come, will surely ask me why I couldn't take 45 minutes to accept a gift He tried again and again to give me.

### The Barn

It's 9:08 on a Saturday morning, and I am too darn busy for confession.

I've probably written before about how hard I find it to get to confession — I say 'probably' because I really can't remember. I whine about it so frequently that it's hard to tell if I've made it the subject of a written piece or if it is simply an oft-recited refrain from the Litany of Colleen's Perpetual Complaints.

During the week, it's tough to get to confession because I have little kids who are attached to me like Velcro, and I don't need them listening in on (and eventually repeating to everyone) my sins. On the weekend it's a little easier, but our parish doesn't offer it before or after Sunday Mass, just on Saturdays. Saturday is when I get most of my work done, so getting absolution usually comes at the expense of productivity.

And that, friends, right here, is my barn. Productivity. That's the proverbial storehouse of my earthly harvest. For the rich man in the parable, it's a literal barn, filled to bursting with sellable crops. For you it might be money or your job title or what your life looks like to other people on social media. For me, it's Getting Things Done. That's my barn, the repository that holds the whole of my worldly preoccupations.

And it's so full I want to tear it down and build a new one. A bigger one. One that can hold more worry, more time for work, more focus on output and crossing things off a to-do list. Vanity of vanities, indeed.

If I die tonight, the deadlines will go unmet, and no one will even notice. But God, when He meets me in the world to come, will surely ask me why I couldn't take 45 minutes to accept a gift He tried again and again to give me.

I have to burn the barn, friends. I don't want to, but I have to. I'm closing my laptop and going to church.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that?

### Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

Does watching Mass on TV fulfill my Sunday obligation?

#### Answer:

In the age of instant communication, email, voice mail and teleconferencing, many people wonder if these media of communication can be used for sacraments. Many priests, I am sure, have had people ask about going to confession on the phone. While it may seem like a convenient way to do things, there are many reasons why we don't.

Watching the Mass on television can be a good thing, especially for those who are shut-in. But it really doesn't fulfill our obligation. The obligation to attend Mass is more than just simply listening to the Mass or following the prayers and the readings. Gathering together as a community of faith is important. Sacraments are community events where we encounter God and one another. When we gather together, we are most visibly the Church, the Body of Christ. Besides, television is a one-way medium. It allows us to watch without really being able to give a response. In faith, our response is as important as anything that we hear. We need to take an active part in the religious expression of our community.





## Ministry Schedule

August 9 & 10



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, August 9 - 4:00 p.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - **Two volunteers needed**

Lector - **Volunteer needed**

Server - John Boylan

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

### Sunday, August 10 - 7:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - Cindi Grove, **volunteer needed**

Lector - **Volunteer needed**

Servers - Pete Collins, Ron Marketti

### Sunday, August 10 - 9:00 a.m. (Sacred Heart, Kinsman)

Extraordinary Minister - Scott Wilkinson

Lector - Lee Miller

Servers - Kenley Kruger & Emma McDonald

### Sunday, August 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - **Two volunteers needed**

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	\$25,088
YTD Actual Offering	<b>\$34,020</b>
Last Week's Mass Offering	\$7,941
Last Week's E-Giving Offering	\$1,558
Last Week's Total Offering	\$9,499
<b>Weekly Goal</b>	<b>\$6,272</b>

## Sacred Heart, Kinsman Weekly Offering

7/20/25 Sunday Collection	\$938
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## Assumption Church Building Loan Balance through June, 2025

Loan Amount	\$620,123
Current Loan Balance	\$595,512

## 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Update (as of July 27, 2025)

Goal: \$32,500

Amount Pledged: \$41,371

Amount Paid: \$34,720

Number of Donors: 163

Please return pledge envelopes to the diocese via USPS. To donate online, please visit the CMAA link on our website. Thank you for your generosity!



The Stewardship Committee is now selling Bears squares to raise money for a new roof for our school. Each square is \$100, and new numbers will be drawn each week for the squares. Payouts are \$50 for the first, second, and third quarters, and \$200 for the final. Please contact Drew Benson at (815) 791-6148 or email him at [andrew.benson0206@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.benson0206@gmail.com).

**St. Mary Immaculate Parish in Plainfield s seeking a part-time Custodian** to maintain the cleanliness and function of the parish campus, during the late afternoon and evening on the weekend. Typical hours are Saturday & Sunday, 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. Responsibilities include but are not limited to cleaning bathrooms, floors/ carpets and disposing of garbage and recycling. Setting up and taking down tables, chairs and other needed items for events, meetings. Cleaning up rooms following meetings/events. Assist with repairing/replacing items throughout campus, as needed. Qualifications are High School diploma or equivalent required. Previous Custodian experience is preferred. Must be able to lift up to 50 pounds. Must support the mission, philosophy, objectives and policies of St. Mary Immaculate Parish, the Catholic Church, and the Diocese of Joliet. To apply for this position, please send a cover letter and resume to Laura VanHam at [Ivanham@smip.org](mailto:Ivanham@smip.org). Please reference part-time Custodian in the subject line.

## ANNOUNCING THE 47TH ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

August 17, 2025

2:00 p.m.

Cathedral of St. Raymond  
604 N Raynor Ave., Joliet, IL  
Registration Required

Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years, 50 years, and more than 50 years, are welcome to attend. Bishop Ronald A. Hicks will celebrate the Mass and will lead all couples in a special renewal of wedding commitment.

Pre-registration is required by August 8, 2025. Scan the QR code or website link: <https://forms.office.com/r/qu9fbEpflr>



Office of Lifelong Lay Formation  
Questions? Contact Jim Elias  
(815) 221-6134  
[jelias@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:jelias@dioceseofjoliet.org)  
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## Kids Corner

### Prayer

Dear God, help me to remember what is really important to you.

### Mission for the Week

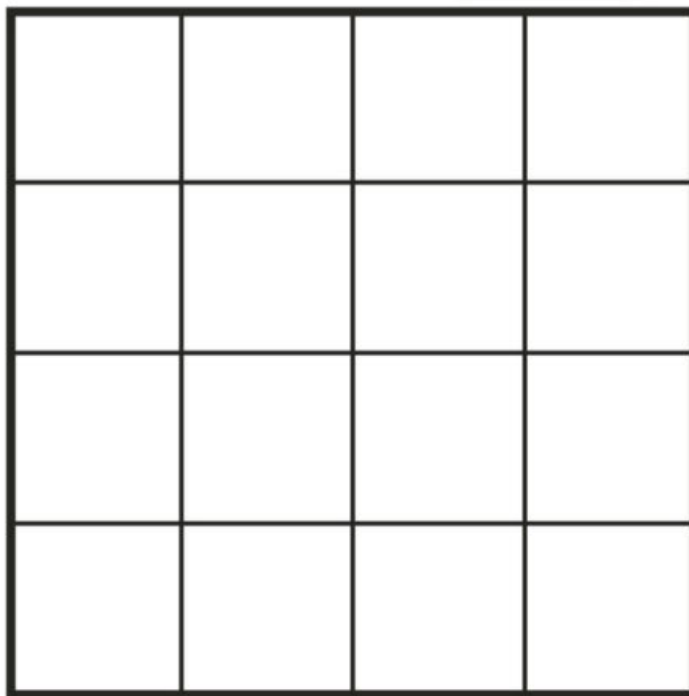
When you get home, pack three toys and three books to give to children without any.

### Sharing the Gospel

When you put Jesus first in your life, you will have everything you need. Having a lot of stuff won't really make you or God happy. God doesn't want you to keep your blessings to yourself. God wants you to share what he has given you. Be "rich" in only the things that God cares about. The closer you grow with God, the happier you will be.

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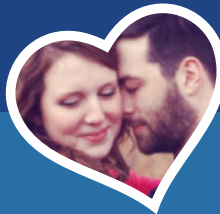
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