

Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Roman Catholic Parish

195 South Kankakee Street
Coal City, IL 60416

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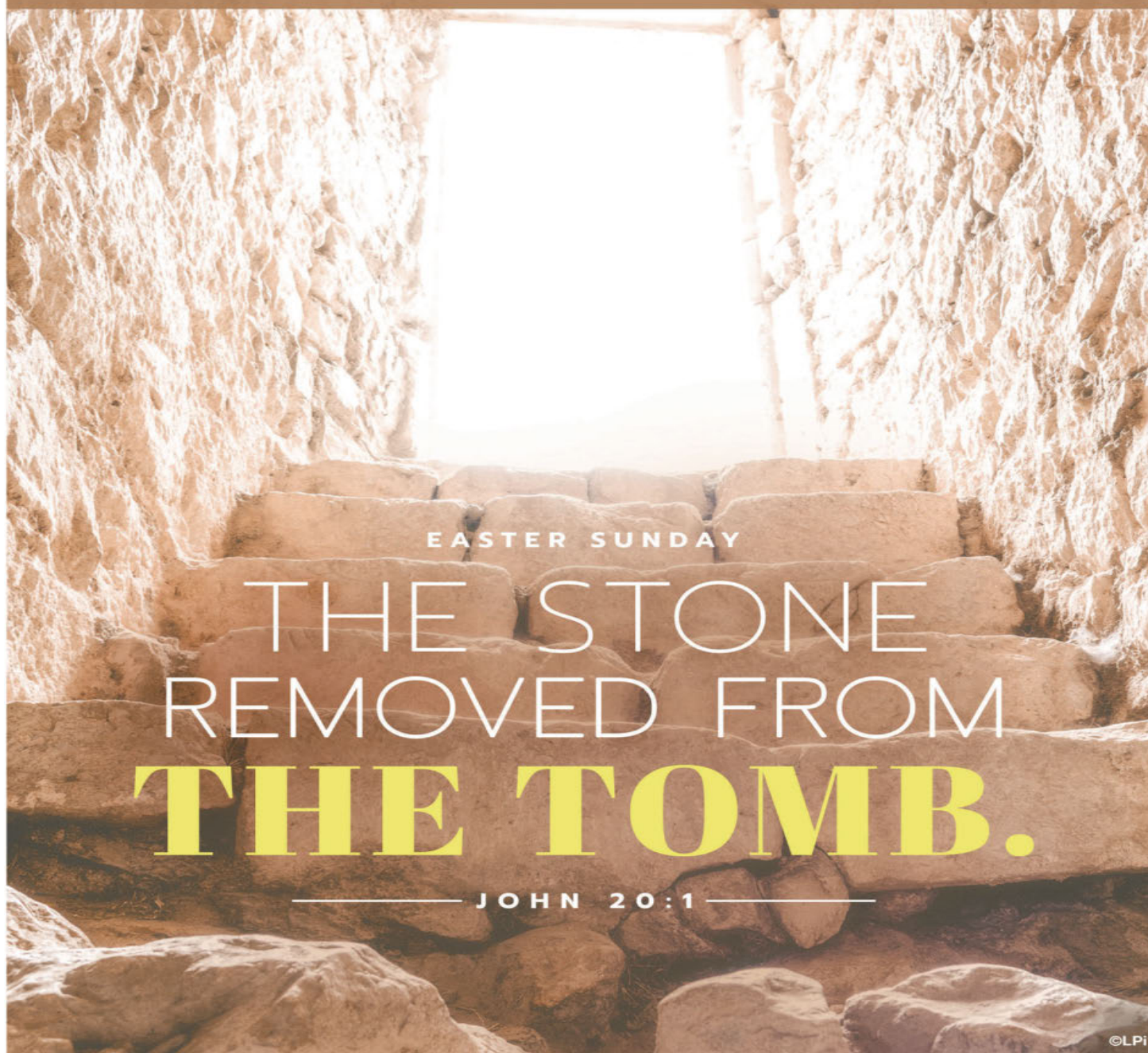


Immaculate
Conception
Parish

110 South School Street
Braidwood, IL 60408

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SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024



EASTER SUNDAY

THE STONE
REMOVED FROM
THE TOMB.

— JOHN 20:1 —

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Eucharistic Adoration Chapel**Assumption** - The Adoration Chapel is open daily from 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.**Immaculate Conception** - The Adoration Chapel in Fr. White Hall is open daily from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please call Anita Harding at (815) 739-9767 for the entry code before or after hours or to make an Adoration commitment.**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** - Second and fourth Sundays of the month after 11:30 a.m. Mass**Immaculate Conception** - First and third Sundays of the month**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.**RECONCILIATION (Different on Holy Days & Holidays)****Assumption** - Tuesday - 6:00 p.m. to 6:20 p.m., Wednesday & Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 8:20 a.m., Saturday - 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.**Immaculate Conception** - Thursday following the 8:30 a.m. Mass & Sunday following the 9:30 a.m. Mass**ST. PEREGRINE DEVOTIONS** In honor of St. Peregrine, the patron saint of those who suffer with cancer or any illness, a special devotion is held on the first Tuesday of each month following the 6:30 p.m. Mass at Assumption Church, with Adoration and Benediction.

THE PASTOR'S PAGE



To a Beautiful Easter

Anyone with minimal life experience understands that there are highs and lows, ups and downs, strikes and gutters. Ancient Greeks understood that in order to make any progress in the intellectual life, one must necessarily experience hard times: “man must suffer in order to be wise,” as their maxim goes.

But suffering for its own sake is madness, and can lead to a wide assortment of false philosophies. As Christians, we look at the suffering of the Cross in Lent and the beginnings of Holy Week, and see its purpose in the reality of the Resurrection. Suffering is redeemed by the Cross, and the proof is evident on Easter Morning. If we gain anything this Easter through our Lenten discipline, I hope it's this very simple, powerful fact: *human suffering has meaning*.

The Death and Resurrection of Christ lead us away from the despair that can work its way into the heart, and that's why we fill this season with the word *alleluia* — to praise God for the goodness he has worked from something so tragic as our killing Him on the Cross. *Alleluia*, because now we have a proper way to contextualize our own pain in this world, redeemed as it is through Christ's Passion.

So let's make the most of it by using that word often: *alleluia*. The life we lead is not meaningless, as the despair prowling in the dark is vanquished by the bright light of hope. May we hold on to this hope always, as we look forward to that day when the dead will rise from their tombs.

In the meantime, remember what I always say: Easter Day is repeated for eight days total, forming what is known as an “octave” in the liturgical calendar. Live it up, and keep the celebration going!

In Christ,

MASST INTENTIONS

SATURDAY March 30 Holy Saturday
12:00 PM [Blessing of Easter Baskets (Kankakee St. Entrance)]
7:15 PM Easter Vigil Mass (AP)
 All Assumption & Immaculate Conception Parishioners

SUNDAY March 31 Easter Sunday
7:30 AM Mass (AP)
 †Suzanne Lissy (Family)
9:30 AM Mass (IC)
 Parishioners of Immaculate Conception
11:30 AM Mass (AP)
 †John Zentmyer (Georgia & Family)
 †John L. "Jackie" Lestina (Lestina Family)
 †Michelle Pittman (Mark Matteson Family)

TUESDAY April 2 St. Peregrine Devotions
6:30 PM Mass (AP)
 Intention of the Celebrant

WEDNESDAY April 3
8:30 AM Mass (AP)
 Living Intention for Good Health of Bob Marshall
 (Family)

THURSDAY April 4
9:30 AM Mass (IC)
 Special Intention (Kathy Price)
 †Dennis Haak (Bill & Jeanne Grabowski)

FRIDAY April 5
8:30 AM Mass (AP)
 Intention of the Celebrant

SATURDAY April 6 First Saturday
8:30 AM Mass (AP)
 Intention of the Celebrant
4:00 PM Mass (AP)
 †Lucille Quayle (Ray Brenzewski)

SUNDAY April 7 Second Sunday of Easter
7:30 AM Mass (AP)
 †Jim Cushing (Family)
9:30 AM Mass (IC)
 Special Intention (Kathy Price)
 †Tom Chasensky (Cheryl Chasensky)
11:30 AM Mass (AP)
 †Olivia Ann O'Keefe (Hook & O'Keefe Families)
 †Melinda & Jaxson Cullen (Robert & Teresa Cortez)

*In Your Charity, Please Pray for the Sick of
 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and
 Immaculate Conception Parishes:*

Sharee Beeler, Linnea Buban, Tom Buban, Ryan Collins,
 Mary Lou Cobb, Charlotte Curtis, Bradley Davis,
 Charita Dillon, Michael Dillon, Richard Fenoglio,
 Anita Harding, Karin Kendzora, Braydon Mark, Donna Meyer,
 Jim Micetich, Marilyn Offerman, Frank Peters, Jean Peters,
 Ellen Rogers, Ed Scasny, Cecelia Schimandle, Marie Swanson,
 Jake Veronda, Gary Wallerich

*Names will remain on the prayer list for six months. If you would
 like your name to remain on the list, please contact us.*

Sacrament of Penance Confession Schedule

TUESDAY (AP) - 6:00 p.m. to 6:20 p.m.

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY (AP) - 8:00 a.m. to 8:20 a.m.

THURSDAY (IC) - Following the 8:30 a.m. Mass

SATURDAY (AP) - 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

SUNDAY (IC) - Following the 9:30 a.m. Mass
 (Different on Holy Days & Holidays)



This Week's Events

AP: Assumption Parish

IC: Immaculate Conception

Sunday March 31

Happy Easter!

Monday April 1 (Parish Office Closed)

8:30 am - Communion Service - IC

4:45 pm - St. Vincent Meals - Assumption Church/Berst Hall

Coal City Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288

Tuesday April 2

8:30 am - Communion Service - IC

Braidwood Community Care Food Pantry Open - 815-325-0779

Wednesday April 3

Assumption Food Pantry Open - 815-518-2000

Thursday April 4

9:30 am - 11:00 am - Bible Study - Madonna Room @ Berst Hall

Coal City Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288

Friday April 5

6:00 pm - First Friday Men's Devotional - IC

Saturday April 6

10:00 am - First Confession, Communion Practice, Retreat - AP

Sunday April 7

9:45 am - 11:15 am - Family Faith Formation - Berst Hall

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Youth Ministry Night - IC

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

SPRING CLASSES

SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH TUESDAY, APRIL 9TH

SUNDAY, MAY 5TH TUESDAY, MAY 7TH

SPECIAL DATES FOR SECOND GRADE FAMILIES ONLY

SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH - 10:00 A.M.

**FIRST CONFESSION, COMMUNION PRACTICE,
 AND RETREAT**

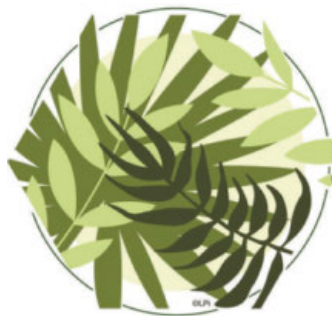
SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH - 10:00 A.M.

FIRST SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH - 10:00 A.M.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please join us at Assumption Church for our **St. Peregrine Devotions on Tuesday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m.** St. Peregrine is the patron saint of people suffering from cancer and other serious life-threatening illnesses, and all are welcome at these first Tuesday, monthly devotions.



If you'd like to bring in your old palms for disposal, you may place them in the gold vases by Assumption's entrances. These palms will be burned and used for our subsequent Ash Wednesday Masses.

Immaculate Conception TRIVIA NIGHT

\$10.00/PERSON OR \$60.00/TABLE
INCLUDES TRIVIA, PRIZES, AND PIZZA. FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS AND DRINKS. TEAMS ARE ENCOURAGED TO DRESS/DECORATE TABLE WITH A THEME.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM/TRIVIA BEGINS AT 6:30 PM
FR. WHITE HALL, 110 S. SCHOOL ST., BRAIDWOOD

DON'T MISS OUT!

FOR MORE INFO & REGISTRATION:
WWW.ICPARISHBRAIDWOOD.COM/TRIVIA-NIGHT
QUESTIONS? CONTACT SARA AT (815) 341-5946.
This is a 21 and over event.

2024 SERIES

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Young Adult Ministry

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 17

Bring all your friends and join us for appetizers, drinks, faith and fellowship!

Michael Gormley
"The Lay Evangelist"

COLLECTIBLES SHOW

SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST, 2023 9AM-3PM
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BINGO

night

Please mark your calendars for a fun-filled evening of family bingo in Berst Hall on Sat., May 18th! Additional details will be published soon...

Jeremiah Day

FOR BOYS IN GRADES 7-10

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024
MUDELEIN SEMINARY



The story of the prophet Jeremiah tells us that it is never too early to think about God's plan for us.

For boys (Grades 7-10) to enjoy a day to grow closer to God and visit a seminary. The activities include a tour of Mundelein Seminary, talks about how God calls us, recreation time and open gym, and Mass.



Highlight this QR code on your phone to sign up today!



Questions, or to have forms emailed to you, please send an email to vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org.

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible,
not to all the people, but to us,
the witnesses chosen by God in advance,
who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.
(Acts 10:40-41)

Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.
(Ps 118)

Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

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

Or:

Clear out the old yeast,
so that you may become a fresh batch of dough,
inasmuch as you are unleavened. (1 Cor 5:7)

Gospel:

For they did not yet understand the Scripture
that he had to rise from the dead. (Jn 20:9)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Even as the disciples saw the empty tomb and the discarded burial cloths, they did not understand what had happened. But they kept faith, trusting that the Lord was at work. Let us keep that same faith when we do not find God where we expect Him to be.

Observances for the week of March 31, 2024

Sunday: Easter Sunday
Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter;
April Fools' Day
Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter
Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)



Saint of the week

Venerable Francis-Xavier Nguyễn Văn Thuận, was a cardinal from Huế, Vietnam. Imprisoned for his faith for 13 years, nine of which were in solitary confinement, he never stopped preaching, even from scraps of prison paper. Once released, he continued to serve the Church until his death.

Prayer of Blessing

Dear Lord,
Pour your blessings upon us today, we who trust in your name and call upon you. Send us your Spirit, enlighten our hearts, fill our lives with your abundance. Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of March 31, 2024

Sunday:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

Monday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday:

Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday:

Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday:

Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday:

Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday:

Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday:

Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Outside Chicago, there is a small cemetery in the woods behind Mundelein Seminary, where I was a student. One night I was exploring it. I looked up and was shocked to see an imposing seventeen-foot angel towering over me and preparing to blow a trumpet. Adrenaline rushed through me. I gasped and uttered, "Oh my God!" Quickly I realized it was in fact a massive bronze statue. I tried to calm myself down. But it still freaked me out.

As we begin to celebrate Easter today, this image might seem a bit unnerving. But please recall that for the first disciples on the morning of the resurrection, it was precisely that. It wasn't joyful at first, it was terrifying. It wasn't peaceful, it was unsettling. In that Jerusalem cemetery, something otherworldly had happened. Angels announced that he was no longer dead, but alive. They had blown their trumpets, so to speak, and Jesus had risen. Soon the disciples' shock in that dark cemetery would turn into joy.

We all have our own places of the dead, too, don't we? Deceased loved ones. Our tired patterns of blame. Relationships stuck in resentment. Indifference to the poor. Lost dreams. Despair about our future. Fear of sickness and death. These are our "cemeteries" where we don't expect much to happen. Today we enter — if we dare — those places with the disciples. See the mighty angel standing there, trumpet ready to blare!

— Father John Muir

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

What Would Mary Do?

This Easter morning, I am thinking of Mary Magdalene.

I want to know her state of mind as she approached the tomb in the darkness. Was she afraid? Was she thinking clearly? Was she tired? Had grief and trauma robbed her of her sleep the last two nights? What did she intend to do? Anoint Christ's body, yes — but what else? Kiss his hands, trace the markings where the lash had fallen upon his skin? Say goodbye? Weep? Despair?

What were the words she planned to whisper into the cold, empty darkness that morning, as she wept over God's body?

I don't know anything about her state of mind that Easter morning, except that I know she wanted to be with Christ. Perhaps that was all she knew, too. Perhaps she had no other thought, no other desire, than nearness to him. She didn't need to understand everything, and she didn't expect answers — she didn't dare hope for that.

But everything and everyone had fallen apart around her, and in Jesus' presence she knew her heart would be able to rest.

If you have ever been in the midst of a crisis in your life and found yourself pacing the floors of your house when no one else is awake, muttering the words to a prayer you know by heart, you know what Mary Magdalene felt. In those moments, we do not always feel God's presence. Sometimes, when we look for Him, we only see an empty tomb.

When these dark moments come, I pray you will remember the faithfulness of this great saint. Be like Mary Magdalene. Look for Jesus, always. You may not always find him, but he will always find you.

"She ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, 'They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him.'" — John 20:2

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What is spiritual communion, and do you need to be in a state of grace to receive it?

Answer:

The practice of making a "spiritual communion" dates back several centuries and St. Thomas Aquinas described it as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him."

Traditionally, a prayer of spiritual communion has been used by those who are unable to receive sacramental communion because of health, inability to attend Mass, or who cannot receive communion because of grave sin. This practice has been encouraged by many saints and spiritual writers and most recently Pope Francis encouraged the practice when the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic prevented so many Catholics from taking part in the Mass or receiving sacramental communion.

Although the graces offered in spiritual communion are not the same as those offered in the sacramental communion of the Mass, this practice is still a powerful opportunity to express our desire for union with the Lord and to be united with Christ and the Church, even in an imperfect way.

Liturgical Life

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

- Jn 20:8-9

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

In his speech, Peter places much emphasis on his personal witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. To whom this week could you witness your faith in the resurrection of Jesus?

Second Reading

Paul taught the believers in Colossae to anticipate the return of the resurrected Jesus. How does your family celebrate Easter Sunday?

Gospel Question

Mary Magdala, Peter, and the Beloved Disciple were the first to experience the joy and mystery of the empty tomb. Do you recall when you first started believing in the resurrection of Jesus?



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Join Our Parish



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish presently serves hundreds of families within Coal City and the surrounding area. Immaculate Conception Parish presently serves over one hundred families in Braidwood and the surrounding area. Many Catholics attend either of these parishes for Mass and consider it their "spiritual home." However, they are not formally registered in either parish. Why not take the opportunity to become "one of the family?"

For those who are new to either Roman Catholic parish, we hope that you find the grace and love of Jesus Christ in the teachings and ways of the Catholic faith. As you become more acquainted with either parish, you may find an area in which to share. The success of our parish and bringing the faith to others depends on the work, sacrifice, prayers, and cooperation of all of us.

To register, simply fill out the form below and return it to the parish office through the mail, at the parish office, or through the Sunday offering. You may also register online by going to the parish website of your choice.

Welcome! We're happy you're here!

Name(s):

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:



David Matichak

~Assumption Church~

We're so happy you're here!



St. Vincent Meals

Assumption Church will begin serving the Saint Vincent meals this Monday, April 1st and will continue serving them through May.

Pick-up times are from 4 to 4:30 p.m., and the dine-in time is from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m.

Please note that carry-out meals will be for the homebound only. For the homebound who would like a meal delivered, please let your driver know so he/she can pass your information on to us, or you may contact Laura Marizza to get on a delivery list.

We are always in need of desserts, and these donations may be dropped off at the alley kitchen door on Mondays from noon to 4 p.m. Thank you!

St. Vincent Monday Night Meals Crew



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Please know that this is a free-will donation, and the rebate denomination given to the church will not post in your annual envelope total for tax purposes. However, you are helping to reduce the maintenance costs for your church, and we greatly appreciate any rebates you pass along to us to help with these expenses. Any questions may be directed to Alex Kuhel at the parish office.

This is just another great way to help our church, and we thank you for any rebates you choose to pass along to us!



Ministry Schedule



Assumption Church - Apr. 6 & 7

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, April 6 - 4:00 p.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - **Volunteers needed**

Greeter - Teri Jo Boylan

Lector - **Volunteer needed**

Server - John Boylan

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

Sunday, April 7 - 7:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - **Volunteers needed**

Greeter - Teri Jo Boylan

Lector - **Volunteer needed**

Servers - Ron Marketti, Pete Collins

Sunday, April 7 - 11:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - Julie Keigher, Tim O'Keefe

Lector - John Buell

Servers - **Volunteers needed**

Immaculate Conception - Sunday, Apr. 7 - 9:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - Cheryl Boyd, Jim Mark, Lee Roberts

Greeters - Reese Evans, Angie Kelleher, Mike Molloy, Dan Wilson

Lector - Jonathan Grossi

Servers - Trong Nguyen, Connor Roberts, Devonte Sennett

Thank you for sharing your time and talents with us!



On behalf of Father Josh and the parish staff, we wish you and your family many Easter blessings. Please note that our office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 1st.

Assumption Weekly Offering + E-Giving

Annual Offering Budget (7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024)	\$341,590
YTD Offering Budget	\$249,622
YTD Actual Offering	\$249,135
Last Week's Mass Offering	TBD
Last Week's E-Giving Offering	TBD
Last Week's Total Offering	TBD
Weekly Goal	\$6,569

Assumption Church Building Loan Balance Through January, 2024

Original Note Amount	\$796,607
Current Loan Balance	\$463,580

Immaculate Conception Weekly Offering

Annual Offering Budget (7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024)	\$115,440
YTD Offering Budget	\$84,360
YTD Actual Offering	\$97,544
Last Week's Total Offering	TBD
Weekly Goal	\$2,220



Ralph L. Annis, Dorothy Annis, Rev. Ted Berst, Dominic & Julia Bertoglio, Louis Boero, Charles Boero, Mary Burch, Madeline & Louis Burla, Gerald Butz, Carnegie Family, Ted & Kathleen Crawford, Chet Davito, John & Patricia Durkin, Joseph & Alice Faletti, Deceased Members of Zacharias & Petra Galbraith Family, Garncarz/Atteberry Family, Casey Heermann, Lillian & Al Jacovec, George & Gertie Jisa, Albert Olaf Johnson, Bill & Elaine Kaehlert, Cathy Kratochvil, Mark, Amy, Callie & Kate Lehnus, Reed & Alice Lehnus, Matt Lehnus, Darwin & Mary Lehnus, Janette K. Lestina, John J. Lestina, John L. (Jackie) Lestina, Mildred B. Lestina, Mildred L. Lestina, Lynne Letterly, Owen & Anna Lynch, Peter & Rose Maland, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Martin, Wally Martin, Bob McConnell, Jane McConnell, Magdalene Novak, John Novak, Francis Panneck, Harriette Panneck, John & Margaret Plese, Megan Riley, James & Agnes Ryan, Ange Scerine, Pat Scubic, Ronald Shain, Deceased Members of Sitar & Johnson Families, Elsie Skubic, Leo & Audrey Steffes, Tarman Family, Theresa Simons Unger, Deceased Members of Frank & Frances Vilt Family, Lucille Wolfe, Albert Wolfe, Sr.



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



Upcoming Dates

- ✦ 4/7 - YM Night
6:00 - 7:30 pm Braidwood
- ✦ 4/21 - YM Night
6:00 - 7:30 pm Coal City
- ✦ 5/5 - YM Night
6:00 - 7:30 pm Braidwood

Wishing you a blessed Easter season!

Blessing of Easter Eggs

(Extend hands over eggs and pray)

We praise you, O God,
for these signs of life, our Easter eggs.
We thank you for the bright,
bursting forth of Christ our Lord.
Amen. Alleluia!



Blessing of Easter Pastries

(Extend hands over Easter sweets)

We praise you, O God,
for sweetness and delight.
We thank you for the journey of Lent.
We rejoice in the resurrection of
Christ and this Eastertime.
Amen. Alleluia!



For questions: Sara Wollgast (815) 341-5946

Kids Corner

Prayer

God, I thank you for bringing Jesus back to life.

Mission for the Week

Bake Resurrection Cookies with your family tonight. You can find the recipe online at <https://www.aroundmyfamilytable.com/resurrection-cookies/>

Sharing the Gospel

It was very early in the morning on Sunday. The tomb stone was rolled away. Jesus was gone. All that was left inside were the strips of linen cloth. When John and Peter saw it, they were amazed. They did not understand all the promises the prophets wrote about Jesus yet. However, they knew he was alive. He had risen from the dead!

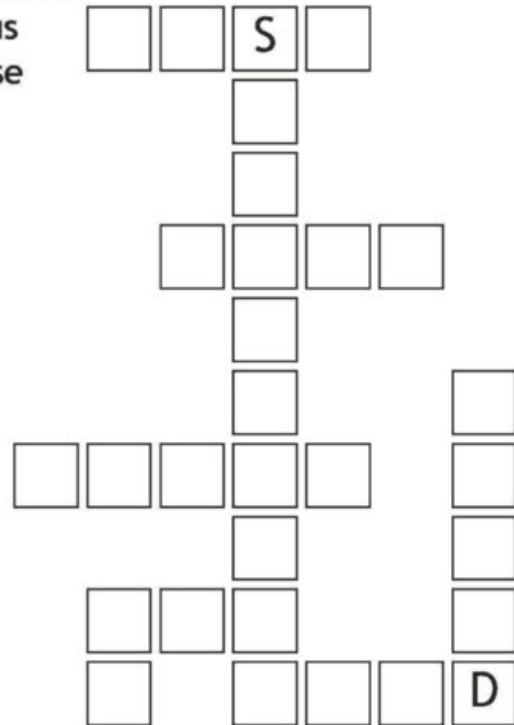
Now color
the picture!



Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

The Scriptures

said Jesus
would rise
to life.





April 20, 2024
Registration at 9:30 am
New Community Christian Church

Hello Friend,

We invite you to walk with us at the annual spring fundraising event to benefit the Grundy County Pregnancy Resource Center.

Last year we facilitated over 451 client visits! We trust that we will experience growth this year and are excited to have you join us! The best part is that we served every client free of charge thanks to supporters like you.

We trust that growth will continue through this year, but we need your help to meet the needs of women and families in our community. Will you walk with us?

Tina Brockett

Tina Brockett & the Grundy PRC Team

Here is how to join the Walk:

1. Register at www.gwprcevents.org or by scanning the QR code below or calling our center to pre-register for the Walk
2. Set a dollar goal to raise
3. Use the printable pledge sheet or FundEasy online platform (or both) to begin collecting pledges as a sponsored walker
4. Share your progress on our event Facebook page
5. Join us for the WALK on April 20th at New Community Christian Church from 10:00 am-12:00 pm *Refreshments, activities, and memories provided

Incentives:

\$250 IN PLEDGES:

1 Walk T-shirt

\$500 IN PLEDGES:

1 Walk T-shirt +

1 Walk Sweatshirt



Register for the Walk using this QR code!



2024 Humanitarian Scholarship

Introduction:

In memory of all former members who exemplified the pillars of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism in Council 1574, we have established a scholarship program for high school seniors seeking financial assistance for continuing their education. Scholarships are awarded primarily on the basis of merit. However, financial need and other circumstances may be considered. The scholarship award will be \$500 and this scholarship is **renewable annually** throughout the recipient's educational tenure up to 4 years contingent on continued service to others and ability to maintain adequate standing in their schooling (maximum awarded through 4 years of studies will be \$2,000 per recipient).

Eligibility:

Scholarship applications will be accepted from individuals who meet the following requirements:

1. Must be planning on attending college, trade, or vocational school in Fall of 2024
2. Must be a member of one of the following parishes: Braidwood-Immaculate Conception, Coal City-Assumption BVM, South Wilmington-St. Lawrence, Kinsman-Sacred Heart, or Reddick-St. Mary

Application:

Applicants must submit the following material:

1. A completed and signed application. Applications will be made available on our Knights of Columbus 1574 FaceBook Page, <https://braidwoodkoc.volasite.com> and by emailing KofCBraidwood@gmail.com or text/call 815-651-1963
2. Two signed letters of recommendation concerning the applicant's character. These must be from persons other than family members.
3. A typed and signed essay, of not more than 500 words on: **"Describe, in your own words, what it means to 'serve others' and explain why this is important to you, your parish, or the community in general."**

The sealed Application must be received at the address below no later than:

4:00 PM / TUESDAY – APRIL 16, 2024

Applications received after this date and time will not be considered.

MAIL TO: Knights of Columbus

195 E. Main St.

Braidwood, IL 60408

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The Scholarship Committee will review all applications. Decision will be made by: **APRIL 30, 2024**. Selections of the Scholarship Committee will be final. Please provide an email address.

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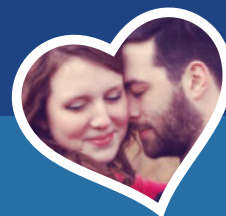
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