

Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Roman Catholic Parish

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Coal City, IL 60416

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Immaculate
Conception
Parish

110 South School Street
Braidwood, IL 60408

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BE MADE **CLEAN.**

— MARK 1:41 —

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

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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



Preparing for Lent

*A*s Lent approaches, now is the time to prepare ourselves for the coming season. Here are seven tips for making Lent an awesome one in 2024. Some of them are my own suggestions, and some of them form the basis of the Church's teaching around this Lenten season.

THE TLDR:

Who Must Fast? Catholics who are 18-59 years of age.

Who Must Abstain From Meat? Catholics above the age of 14. You never "age out" of meat abstinence.

1) Remember the Fast/Abstinence Days: Ash Wednesday (February 14th) and Good Friday (March 29th) are mandatory meatless Fasting Days. Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast without meat these days. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Please note that this is the law: in my case, this is more food than I eat in any given day, so my fasting looks different. Your situation may vary.

2) Make sacrifices small and large: Some people choose alcohol. Some chocolate. Others still choose to give up meat entirely, which used to be normative for the entirety of Lent. No matter what you give up, make sure you'll miss it and it makes you slightly uncomfortable. Lent is a time to take something good and say goodbye to it for a time, in acknowledgment of the fact that you don't really need it. Commend it to the Lord, and be done with it for a while.

3) Make Use of Sundays: Sundays are traditionally viewed as a respite from fasting and other bodily mortification. If you give up something significant — like meat, for example — you *can* in good conscience take a day of rest from your self-denial on Sundays. Use good judgment here, but just know that it is an option.

4) Remember Meatless Fridays: Every Catholic above the age of 14 is required to abstain from meat on Fridays. Refraining from meat on Friday is a good habit to get into year round, but it is our absolute religious obligation on Fridays during Lent, with no possibility of substitutionary penance.

5) Add prayer: If you already pray the rosary every day, add another devotion. If you don't, now's the time to start. Prayer is a pillar of Lent.

6) Give alms: Make a special donation to charity this Lent. Almsgiving is also a pillar of Lent.

7) Rejoice in the novelty of it all! Lent is a time of challenge. And who doesn't like a good challenge?

May the Lenten season bring you closer to the Church – and thus to Christ – through prayer and self-denial.

In Christ,

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY February 10

4:00 PM Mass (AP)

†Mary & Louis Ruffatti (*Don & Pat*)
 †Pauline & Louis Bianchetto (*Don & Pat*)
 †Dalene Bianchetto (*Mom, Dad, & Jim*)

SUNDAY February 11

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Mass (AP)

Special Intention for Lucille DeGulie (*Noma Fehr*)
 †Juan Fehr (*Kenna & Ray*)
 †Bernard Giordano (*Doris*)

9:30 AM Mass (IC)

†Anna Lopez, Martin Dragovan III, and Bob Farar
(Bob Dragovan)
 †Barney Faletti (*Cheryl Chasensky*)
 †Peggy & Irene Tessler (*Pam Tessler & Family*)
 †Robert Earley (*Sue & Angie Kelleher*)
 †Steve Bolatto (*Ken & Leone Heberer*)

11:30 AM Mass (AP)

†Paul & Mildred Hook (*Family*)
 †Karla Day (*Family*)
 †Sheila Brown (*Friend*)

TUESDAY February 13

6:30 PM Mass (AP)

†Marilyn Teresa Campbell (*Children*)

WEDNESDAY February 14

Ash Wednesday

8:30 AM Mass (AP)

All Parishioners of Assumption Church

12:00 PM Mass (IC)

All Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Church

6:30 PM Mass (AP)

†Karla Day (*Friend*)
 †Mark Wharrie (*Mom*)
 †John Manietta (*Mary*)

THURSDAY February 15

8:30 AM Mass (IC)

†Brian Senko (*Joan Senko*)

FRIDAY February 16

8:30 AM Mass (AP)

†Helen Dryer (*Glover Family*)

SATURDAY February 17

4:00 PM Mass (AP)

†Lou & Paul Ruffatti (*Don & Pat*)

SUNDAY February 18

First Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM Mass (AP)

†Richard Marizza, Sr. (*Rick & Laura Marizza*)

9:30 AM Mass (IC)

†Deceased Members of the John Cinotto Family
(Jerry Cinotto)

11:30 AM Mass (AP)

†Sue & A. J. Manietta (*Susan & Family*)
 †Megan Riley (*Riley Family*)

Although Mass intentions are commonly requested for the souls of the departed, we also accept Mass intentions for the living. If you are requesting a Mass intention for the living, and it is related to a birthday or anniversary, please let us know so this can be noted alongside the intention. The stipend for each intention is \$10.

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)



EXPANDED CONFESSION TIME

~All Tuesdays During Lent~

February 20 through March 26

5:00 p.m. to 6:20 p.m.

Assumption Church

This Week's Events

AP: Assumption Parish

IC: Immaculate Conception

Sunday February 11

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

10:30 am - 11:30 am - Souper Bowl of Caring - IC

Monday February 12

8:30 am - Communion Service - IC

4:45 pm - St. Vincent Meals - Immaculate Conception Braidwood
 Coal City Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288

Tuesday February 13

6:15 pm - 7:45 pm - Family Faith Formation - Berst Hall

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

Wednesday February 14

Ash Wednesday

Assumption Food Pantry Open - 815-518-2000

Thursday February 15

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

6:00 pm - 6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross Chaplet - IC

Coal City Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288

Friday February 16

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross - AP

Saturday February 17

No Events

Sunday February 18

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Youth Ministry Night - IC



Wednesday, February 14th

8:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Assumption Church

12:00 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Church

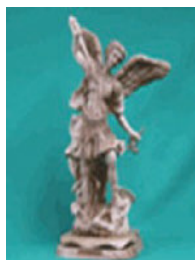
~Please join us~

We will begin the study of "Angels in the Bible" on Thursday, Feb. 15th

at our usual weekly time of 9:30 a.m. in the Madonna Room at Berst Hall. There is no fee to join us, and everyone is welcome to attend these sessions, even if joining late.

We always look forward to meeting new members!

Questions? Call Pat Hudetz at (630) 935-2103.



On behalf of St. Catherine Catholic Parish of Bethlehem and the Christian families in Bethlehem, Bethlehem Nativity Products will be visiting Assumption parish on Saturday and Sunday, February 24th and 25th.

For centuries, the Christians and Catholics in Bethlehem have earned a living by carving olive wood religious art to sell to visiting pilgrims. Nowadays, there are no tourists or pilgrimage groups visiting the Holy Land because of the war, making it difficult for Catholic artisans to support their families by the dignified work of Christ's birth.

Hand-carved Nativity scenes, ornaments, statues, crosses, and more beautiful olive wood hand-carved religious items will be available for purchase. Please consider purchasing a piece of art from the Holy Land to support fellow Catholics who choose to stay and protect the Holy sites where Jesus himself lived. Your purchase will make a difference in the lives of many Catholic families.

Cash, personal checks, credit cards, and monthly installment payments will be accepted. Thank you for your generosity. Visit: www.bethlehemnativity.com.



Pledge Your Gift To The CMAA

This is commitment weekend for the 2024 Catholic Ministries Catholic Appeal (CMAA). The appeal is a beautiful way we can put our faith into action by supporting the mission and important ministries of the Diocese of Joliet.

This year's CMAA theme is For the Glory of God. Caring for our brothers and sisters in need is a magnificent way to celebrate His glory. Through our annual appeal, our parish joins with other parishes in the diocese to enrich the lives of those most vulnerable among us, grow our children in deep faith, and strengthen vocations. We could not foster these and the many other ministries the CMAA supports on our own. This is a diocese-wide effort.

Seventy percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us, a wonderful re-gifting of sorts, that affords us the opportunity to invest in the needs of our own parish.

Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support our annual appeal and help our parishes reach their goals of \$31,100 for Assumption and \$11,200 for Immaculate Conception. To make a gift, complete and return one of the pledge envelopes in church today.

Thank you in advance for your support!



Jeremy & Alicia Johnson & Family

Larry Schweihs

~Assumption Church~

We're so happy you're here!

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

Sharee Beeler, Tom Buban, Ryan Collins, Mary Lou Cobb, Charlotte Curtis, Bradley Davis, Charita Dillon, Michael Dillon, Richard Fenoglio, Anita Harding, Stanley Jerz, Karin Kendzora, Jim Micetich, Marilyn Offerman, 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.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."
(Lv 13:8)

Psalm:

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation. (Ps 32)

Second Reading:

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. (1Cor 10:31)

Gospel:

Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean.
(Mk 1:41-42)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

It was pity that moved the heart of Jesus to heal the leper. He worked this miracle because the leper, in his faith, boldly asked him to. Have that same courage in approaching God with your needs. Have that same faith in His power to heal.

Observances for the week of February 11, 2024

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Valentine's Day

Saturday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent



Saint of the week

Blessed Imelda Lambertini was only 11 when she passed away. Despite this, her profound devotion to the Lord and the miraculous events surrounding her life have inspired generations to embrace the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist with childlike faith.

Prayer for Healing

Dear Jesus,

If you wish it, you can heal these wounds from my past. If you wish it, you can make me well again. I believe that you do will it. Heal me, in your name. Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of February 11, 2024

Sunday:

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/
1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Monday:

Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday:

Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/
Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday:

Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4,
5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday:

Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
Lk 9:22-25

Friday:

Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday:

Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday:

Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/
1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Recently I had a skin rash, and it was awful. (Please don't tell anyone.) I am embarrassed to admit that I didn't handle it well. Complaining, whining, begging for sympathy, and crying were my responses to the merciless itching and burning. In the aftermath, a silver lining emerged. I feel a new heartfelt sympathy for all those vexed with chronic skin problems. If you've ever had a seemingly unending skin problem, you know how that sympathy flows up from deep inside.

This gut-level compassion is something like what the Gospel describes in Jesus when the sore-covered leper says, "**If you will it, you can make me clean.**" At this, just before the healing, Jesus was "**moved with compassion.**" The Greek word used here is strong and earthy, closer to "his bowels and guts trembled with the deepest emotions of sadness, pity, and love." In Jesus, God heals our infirmities not from a divine distance but by learning what it *feels like* to be us. He acquires first-hand experience of what it costs us to be afflicted and still be faithful to God. He sympathizes with the burning, itching, and blistering of human existence in the deepest, first-hand way. To discover that is to touch Jesus' heart.

What in your life, right now, is breaking out like diseased skin? What is getting worse the more you try to soothe it? Perhaps only you feel it. Or maybe it's exposed to all. A bad habit, broken relationship, loneliness, fear of failure, self-hatred? Name it, and then find a way to bring it confidently to Jesus who will *feel what we are feeling*, and thereby heal us.

— Father John Muir

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Sin and Loneliness

When I was in high school, we read "The Metamorphosis" by Franz Kafka. It's a depressing little novella about a man who (spoiler alert!) turns into a cockroach and dies of neglect, his family gradually ceasing to recognize the creature he has become.

"Never underestimate how badly human beings need touch," our teacher told us. "Without each other, we curl up and die."

Our need for communion with each other is written into our biology — breathing and heart rate of newborns regulates when they lie against the skin of their mothers, and we instinctively reach out to embrace someone who has been wounded. But it is also written into our souls. Consider the early days of the pandemic, and the emotional starvation we all experienced, prevented from gathering in groups to worship, to celebrate and to mourn. And when we did encounter other people, we kept a mutual distance. "I feel like a leper," we grumbled to our families when we returned home, because we finally understood it: the real tragedy of leprosy is not pain and disfigurement. The real tragedy of leprosy is loneliness.

"If you wish, you can make me clean," begged the leper as he knelt before Christ (Mark 1:40). He wasn't begging for deliverance from pain and disfigurement. He was begging for deliverance from isolation.

"If you wish, you can make me clean," we beg God in confession, not because we are physically withering and dying but because we are so desperate to once again be held in His embrace.

"Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, 'I do will it. Be made clean.'"
— Mark 1:41

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What is the difference between a "Saint" and a "Blessed"?

Answer:

The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the "canon") of saints. This is the meaning of the word "canonization."

Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person's life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of "heroic virtue." Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as "Blessed." This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the "Blessed" is canonized and honored with the title "Saint," meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor.

Liturgical Life

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." - Mk 1:40-41

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

We hear how ancient Israel was concerned about purity laws and the spread of disease, such as leprosy. How do you support people in your life who are suffering from disease or isolation?

Second Reading

Paul encouraged the Corinthians to be selfless and kind to each other as a practical way of living out their faith. Is there a friend or co-worker who could benefit from your generosity toward them?

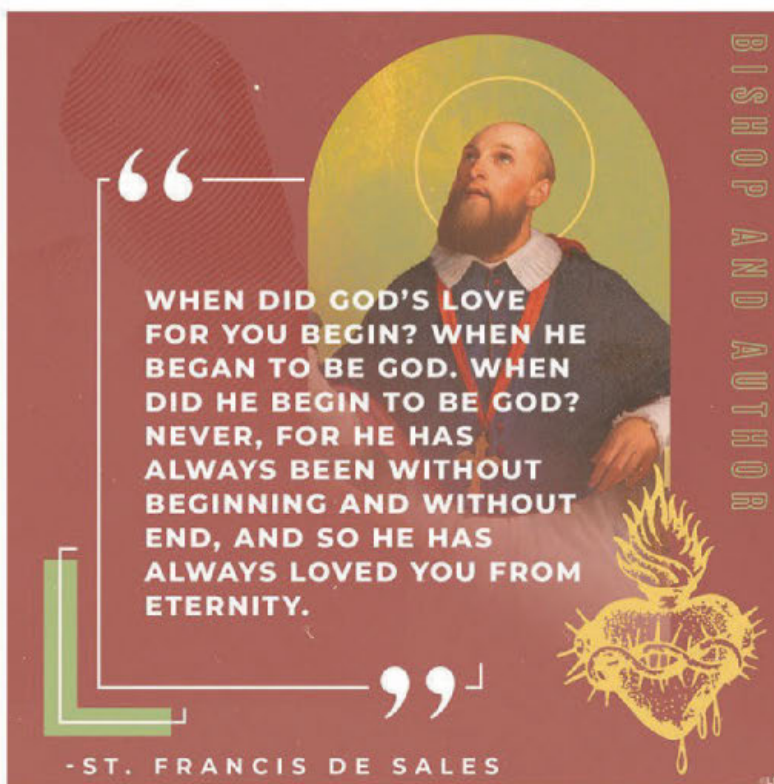
Gospel Reading

The healed leper disobeyed Jesus' command to remain silent and as a result, Jesus had to stay outside towns and in "deserted places." How do you deal with people in your life who disappoint or frustrate you?



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The Way of the Cross (Stations)

Every Thursday
at 6 PM

February 15 to
March 21, 2024

Immaculate
Conception Parish



Lite meal served after in Fr. White Hall

Dear Brothers and sisters, a happy and holy Lenten Season!

The message which Christians bring to the world is this! Jesus, Love incarnate, died on the cross for our sins. But God the Father raised him and made him the Lord of life and death. In Jesus, love has triumphed over hatred. Mercy over sinfulness. Goodness over evil. Truth over falsehood. Life over death.

-From the Urbi et Orbi Message of Pope Francis
Easter 2014

This is why we come to do the Stations of the Cross.
To walk the path Jesus walked to his death
and resurrection on the cross.

Please come join us on Jesus' path this Lenten Season!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

ASSUMPTION CHURCH

Please join us on all Fridays in Lent | 6:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 16 | FEBRUARY 23

MARCH 1 | MARCH 8

MARCH 15 | MARCH 22

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Faith Into Action Podcast Episode 4

In Episode 4, Michelle Dellinger interviews Katie Golwacz, a parishioner at Church of the Holy Ghost in Wood Dale. Katie's story about her struggle to receive childhood sacraments in Yugoslavia following WWII is fascinating. She can give us all a new perspective about our faith—and the religious freedom we likely take for granted.



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Podcast (audio)



From podcasts and youth events to service and prayer cards, scan the QR code or visit the website for the full list of events and activities surrounding the 75th anniversary.

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Ministry Schedule



Assumption Church - Feb. 14 - 18

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:

Ash Wednesday, February 14 - 8:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Minister - **Volunteer needed**

Lector - **Volunteer needed**

Ash Wednesday, February 14 - 6:30 p.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - Tim O'Keefe

Lector - Charlotte Wharrie

Servers - Rick Marizza, John Boylan, **volunteer needed**

Friday, February 16 - 6:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

Server - **Volunteer needed**

Saturday, February 17 - 4:00 p.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - Teri Jo Boylan, **volunteer needed**

Lector - **Volunteer needed**

Servers - **Volunteers needed**

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

Sunday, February 18 - 7:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - **Volunteers needed**

Lector - **Volunteer needed**

Servers - Ron Marketti, Pete Collins, Rick Marizza

Sunday, February 18 - 11:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - Tim O'Keefe, **volunteer needed**

Lector - Hannah Krull

Server - **Volunteer needed**

Immaculate Conception Church - February 14 & 18

Ash Wednesday, February 14 - 12:00 p.m.

Extraordinary Minister - Rita Werner

Lector - Cheryl Chasensky

Sunday, February 18 - 9:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - Jonathan Grossi,

Bob & Mary Dragovan

Greeters - Jim Peters, Dan Wilson, Dave & Sara Wollgast

Lector - Michelle Roberts

Servers - Emmett Scheer, Clare & Ben Wollgast

Thank you for sharing your time and talents with us!

Assumption Weekly Offering + E-Giving

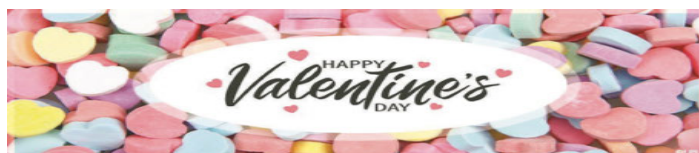
Annual Offering Budget (7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024)	\$341,590
YTD Offering Budget	\$210,208
YTD Actual Offering	\$210,810
Last Week's Mass Offering	\$6,260
Last Week's E-Giving Offering	\$1,753
Last Week's Total Offering	\$8,013
Weekly Goal	\$6,569

Assumption Church Building Loan Balance Through November, 2023

Original Note Amount	\$796,607
Monthly Loan Payment	\$3,574
Current Loan Balance	\$467,506

Immaculate Conception Weekly Offering

Annual Offering Budget (7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024)	\$115,440
YTD Offering Budget	\$71,040
YTD Actual Offering	\$81,922
Last Week's Total Offering	\$2,198
Weekly Goal	\$2,220



As Catholics, please remember that this year February 14th is also Ash Wednesday, and the regulations for fasting and abstinence still remain.

IC CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Each year, Immaculate Conception's Council of Catholic Women has a Christmas Raffle, which is their major fundraiser. This fundraiser allows the Council to assist in projects needed in the church and its ministries. We would like to congratulate the following winners:

\$250 First Prize - Claire Wollgast

\$200 Second Prize - Eric Tessler

\$100 Third Prize - Rosemary Cannon

\$75 Fourth Prize - Ben Wollgast

Thank you to everyone for making this raffle a success!
Maybe you can be a winner in our next raffle!

Immaculate Conception's Council of Catholic Women



Assumption's Marthas Ministry will be meeting on Tues., March 5 at 9:00 a.m. in the Madonna Room at Berst Hall.

This meeting is for all current members and anyone new who wishes to join this ministry.

We hope to see you there!

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



Upcoming Dates

- 2/10-2/11 Souper Bowl of Caring Collection after all Masses
- 2/18 - YM Night 6:00 - 7:30 pm Braidwood
- 3/3 - YM Night 6:00 - 7:30 pm Coal City



Do some Super Bowling!



Spend today (or any day!) having some football fun at the bowling alley! Put on team jerseys or other items from your favorite football teams and head for a local bowling alley. Split into teams of 1-3 players each.

“Super Bowling” is simple:

- Take the 10 frames of a regular bowling game and divide them into “two halves” (5 frames each half).
- When the “offense” bowls, they score as follows:
 - A strike = a touchdown (7 points)
 - A spare = a field goal (3 points)



(In case of a tie, give the team with the most actual bowling points “3 points for a winning field goal.”)

- Celebrate “half time” with a snack break and some cheers.

For questions: Sara Wollgast (815) 341-5946

Kids Corner

Prayer

God, you have the power to heal. Help me to trust you, even when I'm sick.

Mission for the Week

Visit the sick. Make a card. Take a treat to share. Give them something to read. Pray for them before you leave. You will brighten their day.

Sharing the Gospel

It is not fun to be sick. You miss your friends at school. You can't go outside to play. On top of being bored and lonely, you don't feel well at all. The man with leprosy in today's Gospel was sick a long, long time. He was really bored, lonely, and feeling awful. There was no medicine for leprosy. Jesus was the only one who could help him.

Now color
the picture!



Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

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JESUS
POWER

WELL
WARNED
SHOW

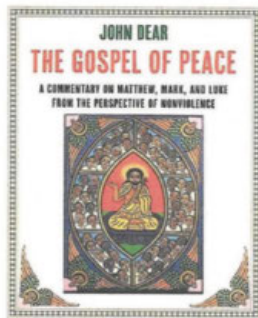
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An Evening with JOHN DEAR

on his new book:
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Peacemaker, author, and Nobel Peace Prize Nominee, Father John Dear, will be with us to talk about and sign copies of his new book, his life's work: *The Gospel of Peace: A Commentary on Matthew, Mark, and Luke from the Perspective of Nonviolence*. It is the first ever commentary on the Synoptic Gospels from the perspective of active nonviolence in the tradition of Gandhi and Dr. King. In this original work, Fr. John walks us through every line of the three synoptic Gospels pointing out Jesus' practice and teachings on nonviolence, peace, and universal love and invites us to follow him. Join us!

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QUESTIONS? Please contact Tanya Singh at cchd@dioceseofjoliet.org. Applications will be accepted from January 15 through March 1, 2024. Thank you!

For more info and to apply, visit
catechesis.diojoliet.org/cchd



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This Week on EWTN

LECTIO DIVINA:

The Word with the Holy Family

Author Karl Schultz explains the centuries-old practice of Lectio Divina and its significance and benefits for us today.

Mon. - Fri., Feb. 12 - 16 @ 4:30 p.m.

FEASTS AND SEASONS:

LENT AND EASTERTIDE

Five Weeks Until Easter

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 Wed., Feb. 14 @ 11:30 a.m.

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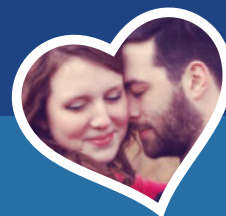
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