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

www.icparishbraidwood.org

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD.

JOHN 1:36



SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish 195 South Kankakee Street ● Coal City, IL 60416 (815) 634-4171 Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.				
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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

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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.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY January 13

4:00 PM Mass (AP)

†Marilyn Teresa Campbell (Children)

SUNDAY January 14

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Mass (AP)

Living Members of Peter LaRocca Family

(Peter & Carm Collins)

9:30 AM Mass (IC)

Healing for Anita Harding (Bob & Mary Dragovan)

†Callie Smith Tatroe (Tatroe Family)

†Stephen Bolatto (Mike & Debbie Molloy)

†Alice Faletti (Cheryl Chasensky)

11:30 AM Mass (AP)

†Ann M. Watson (Roberta & Mary)

†Phillis E. Dalton [Lestina] (Lestina Family)

TUESDAY January 16

6:30 PM Mass (AP)

†John Spease (Family)

WEDNESDAY January 17

8:30 AM Mass (AP)

†Robert Watson (Roberta & Mary)

THURSDAY January 18

8:30 AM Mass (IC)

Intentions of the Presider

FRIDAY January 19

8:30 AM Mass (AP)

†Nancy Owens (Friend)

SATURDAY January 20

4:00 PM Mass (AP)

†Marilyn Teresa Campbell (Children)

SUNDAY January 21

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Mass (AP)

Living Members of Antenore Quartaroli Family

(Peter & Carm Collins)

9:30 AM Mass (IC)

Health of Jennifer (Mary Dragovan)

†Wanda Cummins (Deacon Greg Cummins)

11:30 AM Mass (AP)

†John Hamerla (Ray Dillon Family)

†Gonzala Esparza (Esparza Family)

†Alan Riley (Riley 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)



This Week's Events

AP: Assumption Parish **IC:** Immaculate Conception

Sunday January 14

No Events

Monday January 15 (MLK Day/Parish Office Closed)

8:30 am - Communion Service - IC

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Stewardship Meeting - IC

Coal City Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288

Tuesday January 16

8:30 am - Communion Service - IC

10:00 am - 11:00 am - CCW Meeting - IC

Braidwood Community Food Pantry Open - 815-325-0779

Wednesday January 17

Assumption Food Pantry Open - 815-518-2000

Thursday January 18

After 8:30 am IC Mass - Breakfast w/Father Josh @ Whistle Stop 9:30 am - 11:00 am - Bible Study - Madonna Room Coal City Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288

Friday January 19

No Events

Saturday January 20

No Events

Sunday January 21

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



Please pray for...

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, Jean Peters, Ellen Rogers, Gerri Saltzman, Ed Scasny, Cecelia Schimandle, Marie Swanson, Jake Veronda, Gary Wallerich

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Sm 3:10)

Psalm:

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)

Second Reading:

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?

But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. (1 Cor 6:15, 17)

Gospel:

So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. (Jn 1:39)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Come and see," Jesus said to the disciples who were curious to know about him. Today, he whispers this invitation into the deepest place of our heart. Have courage — go, and see what Christ has to show you.

Observances for the week of January 14, 2023

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Martin Luther King Day
Wednesday: St. Anthony, Abbot

Thursday: January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for

Christian Unity

Saturday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian,

Martyr

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

St. Clare of Assisi, a devoted follower and friend of St. Francis, centered her life around poverty, prayer, and the Eucharist. As the founder of the Poor Clares, she promoted a ministry of simplicity, adoration, and service to the poor.

Prayer of Discernment

Dear Lord,

Here I am! Help me to know the path You would have me walk, to speak the words You would have me speak, to love and serve those You put in my path. Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of January 14, 2024

Sunday:

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Monday:

1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday:

1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/ Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday:

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday:

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday:

1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/ Mk 3:13-19

Saturday:

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/ Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday:

Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/ 1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20



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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

As a priest, I'm amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: "he wore a blue shirt," "we ordered brussels sprouts," "her hair was up in a bun," and "he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family's open front door when it was ten degrees below zero," (that one's courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it's all real.

It's similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, "...they stayed with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon." Why does that tiny detail matter? Because that's the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives. Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature. It's about a human relationship.

What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and his Church? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9 p. m. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn't empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God's love for us in our humanity is real.

- Father John Muir

Liturgical Life

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Those Who Seek the Truth

In my work as a freelance writer, I have a regular column in the archdiocesan paper writing profiles of ordinary people in the local church. Laity, religious, and clergy alike — I hound them all to give me an interview, and when I do, the answer is almost always this: "You don't want to talk to me. There's nothing special about me."

I always try to convince them that there is something remarkable about everyone who is searching for the truth. It is easy to think we are not made for holiness because we are ordinary people with ordinary habits, ordinary abilities, and ordinary sins. It is easy (and very convenient) to designate holiness as something belonging to Better People. People like the saints. People like the Disciples.

The Bible gives us next to no personal information about the disciples. There is no archdiocesan newspaper profile on Andrew and Simon that can give us insight into who they were before they became St. Andrew, Inaugural Disciple and Announcer of the Messiah, and St. Peter, First Pope and the Rock-Upon-Which-Christ-Built-His-Church.

Yet I find myself insatiably curious about it. What was their childhood like? What games did they play with each other as the sun set, before their mother called them into bed? What did they think of as they fell asleep at night? What secret jokes did they share to make each other laugh? What were they afraid of? What did they hope for? Who did they want to be?

Before they were towering figures of salvation history, Simon and Andrew were just two men searching for the truth. When they looked at Christ, there was something that made it click. Perhaps they themselves could not identify what it was, but their hearts whispered it nonetheless: *There it is. We finally found it.*

Isn't that the best we can all hope for?

"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?" — John 1:38

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do we make changes in the Mass? Some seem so small and unimportant. Are they really necessary?

Answer:

The celebration of the Eucharist is at the heart of our identity as Catholics. Our purpose as a Church community revolves around the Eucharist. Everything we are and everything we do is measured not only by how well we celebrate, but also by how well we live the sacrament. If that is so, then we as a community will always strive to celebrate the Mass as best we can. The reasons for some changes might seem more obvious than others, but there is a reason behind each one.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal is the introduction to the Missal that contains all the prayers for the celebration of the Mass. The Order of Mass we use now was issued in 1975 and, as often happens over the course of years, some questions have come up about the proper way of doing some things and whether or not other practices are acceptable. These changes clarify some things and make the celebration of the Mass more meaningful for everyone.

The opportunity is presented to us to better learn and understand each part of the Mass, which in turn should help us deepen our appreciation for its beauty and meaning. We will be a better Church if we have a clearer understanding and knowledge of Who and what we celebrate.

Liturgical Life

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus.

- Jn 1:35-37

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

In the Lord's call to Samuel, Eli teaches Samuel the importance of "listening" to God's voice. Can you name something you have heard from the Lord?

Second Reading

Paul saw our physical bodies as a temple of the Holy Spirit, destined to be raised after death just as Jesus was raised from the dead. What are some ways to treat your body with reverence and respect?

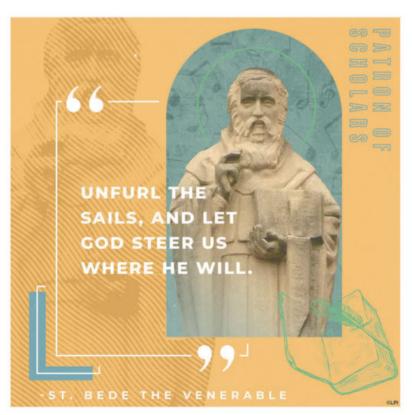
Gospel Reading

In John's account of the call of the first disciples, we hear the first words Jesus speaks in the Gospel of John: "What are you looking for?" How can you convince family or friends that Jesus is what we all should be looking for?



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Please plan to join us at Immaculate Conception on Saturday, April 27th for Trivia Night!



Cards & Collectibles Show

Sunday, April 21st
Berst Hall

Thank you to all who supported our holiday bake sale by donating and purchasing our sweet treats as well as baking and/or providing sweets for all to enjoy. This bake sale raised \$1,273 in funds for Assumption Church!





Thank you to everyone who helped take down our Christmas decorations after the 11:30 Mass this past weekend. As always, your help is truly appreciated!!

God bless you all,

Assumption Church's Decorating Committee

2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Update (as of January 7, 2024)

Assumption Parish
Goal: \$30,700
Amount Pledged: \$43,462
Amount Paid: \$43,082
Number of Donors: 190

Immaculate Conception Parish

Goal: \$10,200 Amount Pledged: \$15,983 Amount Paid: \$15,298 Number of Donors: 59

We thank you for your generosity!



Join Fr. Josh at the Whistle Stop Cafe in Diamond for a delicious breakfast while enjoying a morning of fellowship! Everyone is welcome!

No reservations needed! Just meet us in the back dining area around 9:30 AM. Pay for your own meal.





As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are humbly asking all parishioners to pledge their support for this important effort, as together we can make a profound difference.

This year's CMAA theme is For the Glory of God. Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ's Church are available to everyone. Together, we can help provide safe shelter for the homeless, feed the physical and social needs of those who are hungry, inspire those discerning a life of vocation, and aid in the education of our next generation of Catholics. Our parishes could not accomplish all of this on their own, but together through the appeal we can do so much more.

Seventy percent of any amount we raise over our goal (\$31,100/Assumption, \$11,200/IC) will be returned to us and used fruitfully within our own parishes. Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal. If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office. Thank you!



Ministry Schedule



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 next weekend's Masses are below:

Saturday, January 20 - 4:00 p.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - Tim O'Keefe, volunteer needed

Greeter - Teri Jo Boylan

Lector - Volunteer needed

Servers - Volunteers needed

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

Fran Schmitt

Sunday, January 21 - 7:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - Volunteers needed

Greeter - Teri Jo Boylan

Lector - Volunteer needed

Servers- Ron Marketti, Pete Collins

Sunday, January 21 - 11:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - Volunteers needed

Lector - Volunteer needed

Server - Volunteer needed

Immaculate Conception Church - Jan. 21

Sunday, January 21 - 9:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - Cheryl Boyd, Bob & Mary Dragovan Greeters - Kevin Kennedy, Jim Peters, Eric Tessler, Dan Wilson Lector - Jonathan Grossi

Servers - Harper & Margot Roberts, Damien Sennett

Thank you for sharing your time and talents with us!



Our weekly Bible studies have now resumed on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Madonna Room. We are reviewing and continuing our study of the Book of Revela-

tion. All are welcome, and of course, feel free to bring a friend. There are no fees and no homework—just great study and discussions. We hope you'll join us!

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. Day

Please note that our parish office will be closed on Monday, January 15th in observance of this national holiday.

Assumption Weekly Offering + E-Giving		
Annual Offering Budget (7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024)	\$341,590	
YTD Offering Budget	\$183,932	
YTD Actual Offering	\$175,126	
Last Week's Mass Offering Last Week's E-Giving Offering	\$4,661 \$1,856	
Last Week's Total Offering	\$6,517	
Weekly Goal	\$6,569	

Assumption Church 12/31/23 Offering	
12/31/23 Mass Offering 12/31/23 E-Giving Offering	\$4,079 \$1,103
12/31/23 Total Offering	\$5,182

Assumption Church 12/24/23 Offering	
12/24/23 Mass Offering 12/24/23 E-Giving Offering	\$8,005 \$833
12/24/23 Total Offering	\$8,838

Assumption Church Building Loan Balance Through November, 2023	
Original Note Amount	\$796,607
Current Loan Balance	\$467,506

Immaculate Conception Weekly Offering	
Annual Offering Budget (7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024)	\$115,440
YTD Offering Budget	\$62,160
YTD Actual Offering	\$71,070
Last Week's Total Offering	\$2,014
Weekly Goal	\$2,220

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2024 Schedule

January 5th
February 2nd
March 1st
April 5th
May 3rd
June 7th
July 5th
August 2nd
September 6th
October 4th
Nobember 1st
December 6th

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YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



Prayer for Respect of Life

Heavenly Father, the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us in his incarnation. Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death. Give us courage to speak with truth and love and with conviction in defense of life. Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your gift of life. To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful for your precious gift of life or to respect it in others. We ask this in Jesus' Name.

Amen.

Kids Corner

Prayer

Jesus, help me tell my family and friends about you.

Mission for the Week

Ask your family if you could include Kings' Cake in your holiday celebrations next year.

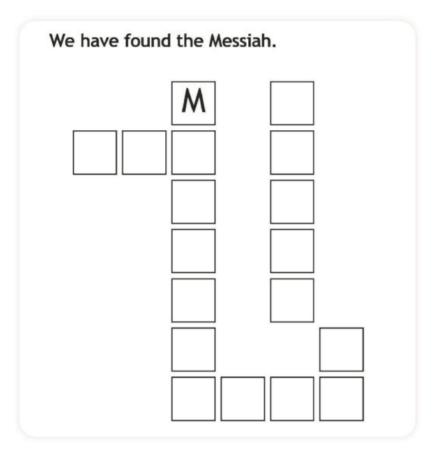
Sharing the Gospel

Mexican families share a special treat called a Kings' Cake on January 6th. Hidden inside the cake is one tiny little doll shaped like the baby Jesus. If you find Jesus in your piece of cake, you tell everyone. In today's Gospel, Andrew met Jesus for the first time. Andrew was so excited to find the Savior, he ran to tell his brother he had found Jesus.

Now color the picture!



Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares.





Knowing Christ





January 19-21, 2024

Ignatian, Silent Weekend Retreat for Men

If I desire to follow Jesus Christ in my life I have to come to know him. In this retreat we will follow in the footsteps of St. Ignatius of Loyola in seeking to be a companion of Jesus.



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February 2-4, 2024

Ignatian, Silent Weekend Retreat for Women

The measure of our love for God depends upon how deeply aware we are of God's love for us. Our retreat will focus on the relationship between our hearts and God's.



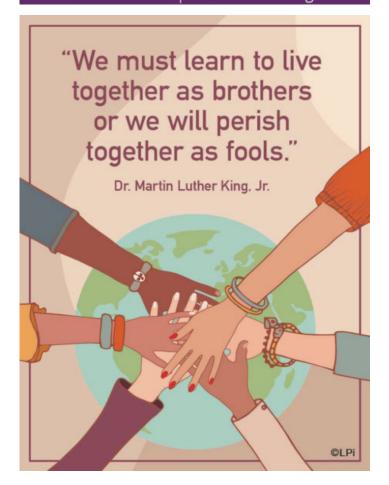
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