

Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Roman Catholic Parish

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Immaculate
Conception
Parish

110 South School Street
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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

COME AFTER ME.

— MARK 1:17 —



— SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 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.

Bishop Hicks' Column

January 2024

BENEFITS OF A PAPER CALENDAR IN THE DIGITAL AGE



IN AN ERA DOMINATED BY SMARTPHONES AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY, the traditional paper calendar may seem like an antiquated relic from a bygone era. In 2011, I officially switched from my five-year calendar/planner, which sat with heavy prominence on my desk, to a digital calendar that automatically syncs with my phone. Admittedly, the digital calendar is much more convenient and efficient, and once I made the move, I had no regrets. Yet, I still miss some of the nuances of using a paper calendar.

One thing I miss about writing an event down is the ability to impress my friends or family by telling them that I'm going to write down our appointment "in ink" — a nod to the importance and value of our upcoming gathering. I also miss the act of flipping through the pages of a physical calendar, as it evokes so many memories and emotions. Esthetically, a paper calendar — especially those that hang on the wall — also provides a wide array of styles to display, like artwork, in our homes and offices.

I am delighted that the Diocese of Joliet has partnered with Catholic Extension to publish a 2024 Anniversary Calendar for our 75th Jubilee. Catholic Extension, since 1905, has been effectively building up and strengthening Catholic faith communities in the United States, especially those in economically disadvantaged or geographically isolated areas.

As we mark our 75th anniversary, this calendar beautifully expresses a narrative woven together as a tapestry of a vibrant Catholic Community. It superbly highlights key milestones with historical photographs and anecdotes that chronicle our extraordinary history and evolution. Each month unfolds with an invitation to revisit moments of significance: from the establishment of the diocese to the growth of parishes to the contributions of the clergy, religious, and laity.

This calendar also bridges different generations. It connects those who have witnessed the diocese's transformative journey with the younger Catholics who may be fascinated to learn about their roots. At the same time, it encapsulates the collective memory of our diocese, fostering a sense of community and shared heritage. Graphically, the calendar allows us to see that the diocese is much larger than only our own parish experience.

Moreover, the calendar serves as a practical guide offering information on liturgical seasons, feast days, and holy days, along with reminding us about special liturgies, ordinations, and events. It also gives us the opportunity to remember former bishops and sets aside a specific date to pray for each of our parishes. By seamlessly integrating the sacred and the secular, our calendar becomes a daily and monthly companion, enhancing our connection to our faith, heritage, and the sense of belonging to God and each other.

Our calendar further highlights the contributions of individuals, movements, and organizations that have shaped and continue to shape our diocese. Through profiles, stories, and brief history lessons, it celebrates all those heroes, both popular and unsung, whose dedication, faith, and service embody the spirit of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Joliet.

The calendar's inclusion of key events, Masses, service opportunities, and milestones for the upcoming year not only keeps us informed but also invites active participation. It hopefully will inspire and motivate us to come together and contribute our time, talents, and gifts to ensure that our diocese remains strong and alive for generations to come.

These calendars are so beautiful and informative, serving as a keepsake for years to come. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the businesses, companies, and service providers who sponsored the 2024 Anniversary Calendar at their local parishes.

If you were not able to procure a calendar for yourself, please scan the QR code or go to this link to view it electronically: bit.ly/3tE94m0



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Like so many of you, I will continue to use my digital calendar that syncs with my computer and smartphone. However, I also will proudly consult daily our paper calendar as a companion to navigating the folds of time in the digital age. By honoring the past, embracing the present, and hoping for the future, may we continue to pray for each other.

Happy New Year! And with every passing day and each monthly move to the next calendar page, may God bless you and yours.

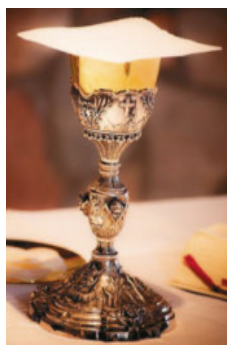
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Mass Intentions

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 Quarteroli 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)
TUESDAY January 23	
6:30 PM Mass (AP)	†Margaret & Michael Donohue (Roberta & Mary)
WEDNESDAY January 24	
8:30 AM Mass (AP)	†Marilyn Teresa Campbell (Children)
THURSDAY January 25	
8:30 AM Mass (IC)	Intentions of the Presider
FRIDAY January 26	
8:30 AM Mass (AP)	†Marilyn Teresa Campbell (Children)
SATURDAY January 27	
4:00 PM Mass (AP)	†Marilyn Teresa Campbell (Children)
SUNDAY January 28 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
7:30 AM Mass (AP)	†Marilyn Teresa Campbell (Children)
9:30 AM Mass (IC)	†Phil Begole (Mike & Debbie Molloy) †Sharon Breen (Pam Tessler & Family) †Tom Dragovan (Bob Dragovan)
11:30 AM Mass (AP)	†Raymond Bono (Family) †Norman Hook (Family) †Lucille Wolfe (Evy, Anne, & Caroline) †Mildred B. Lestina (Lestina 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 21

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

Monday January 22

8:30 am - Communion Service - IC
 Coal City Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288

Tuesday January 23

8:30 am - Communion Service - IC
 Braidwood Community Food Pantry Open - 815-325-0779

Wednesday January 24

Assumption Food Pantry Open - 815-518-2000

Thursday January 25

9:30 am - 11:00 am - Bible Study - Madonna Room
 Coal City Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288

Friday January 26

No Events

Saturday January 27

No Events

Sunday January 28

No Events



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, Marilyn Offerman, Jean Peters,
 Ellen Rogers, Gerri Saltzman, 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.



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

2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Update (as of January 14, 2024)

Assumption Parish

Goal: \$30,700

Amount Pledged: \$43,462

Amount Paid: \$43,112

Number of Donors: 190

Immaculate Conception Parish

Goal: \$10,200

Amount Pledged: \$15,983

Amount Paid: \$15,348

Number of Donors: 59

We thank you for your generosity!



**Cards & Collectibles
Show
Sunday, April 21st
Berst Hall**

This Week on EWTN

UNPLANNED: THE 40 DAYS FOR LIFE STORY

We take a look at the real-life characters depicted in the film, *Unplanned*. The original documentary includes interviews with members of 40 Days for Life, a pro-life movement which played a key role in the conversion of former Planned Parenthood employee, Abby Johnson.

Friday, January 26 @ 4:30 p.m.



The 2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Has Begun!

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 received 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!

BE FORMED



FEBRUARY 14 THROUGH MAY 13 2024

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Fellowship
- Prayer
- Scripture
- Small Groups
- Weekly content videos to help you gain a deeper understanding of Catholicism

*Join a small group and
reignite your zeal for
living the virtuous life!*

**USCCB Eucharistic Revival
material to be included in
weekly emails!**

**SEASON 8
EUCHARISTIC
REVIVAL**



**REGISTRATION
OPENS
JANUARY 2ND !**

On or after January 2nd, register by using the QR code above
or go to <https://tinyurl.com/26xcx38a>

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way,
he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them;
he did not carry it out. (Jon 3:10)

Psalm:

Teach me your ways, O Lord. (Ps 25)

Second Reading:

For the world in its present form is passing away. (1 Cor 7:31)

Gospel:

Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:
"This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mk 1:14-15)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The disciples were fishing when Christ found them, hard at work to support their families, casting their nets into the sea. Sometimes when God calls us, we are in the middle of something else. Don't be afraid to change your plans to follow Him.

Observances for the week of January 21, 2024

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
- Tuesday:** St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
- Wednesday:** St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Thursday:** The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
- Friday:** Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
- Saturday:** St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate Catholic Schools Week



Saint of the week

St. Juliana of Cornillon, also known as St. Juliana of Liège, is remembered for her steadfast devotion to the Eucharist and her instrumental role in establishing the Feast of Corpus Christi.

Prayer of Discipleship

Dear Jesus,

When you call to me, help me to listen. Give me the courage to respond bravely and boldly to your invitation for my life. Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of January 21, 2024

Sunday:

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

Monday:

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/
Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday:

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/
Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday:

2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/
Mk 4:1-20

Thursday:

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc,
2/Mk 16:15-18

Friday:

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3,
7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday:

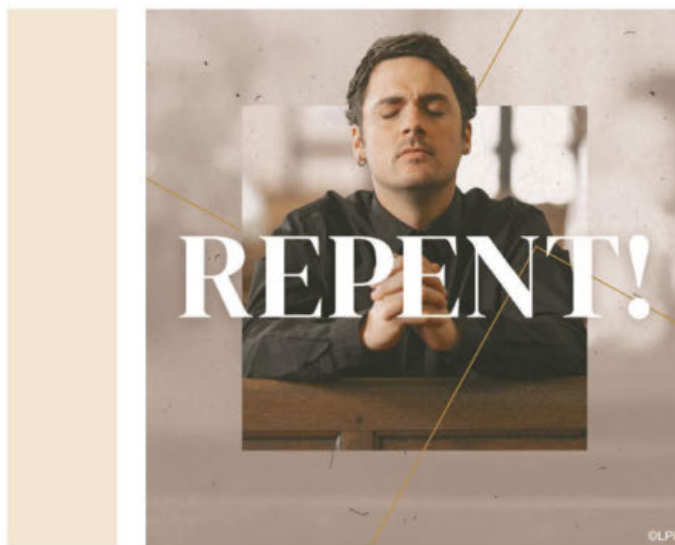
2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/
Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday:

Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/
1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It's understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only say it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It's amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I'm faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.

How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: **"Repent!"** We tend to think it means "stop doing bad things" but it doesn't. It literally means "go beyond the mind you have." Think in a new way. It's painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, "I'm done lying," and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that's why at Mass we together proclaim, "I have sinned in my *thoughts*, and in my *words*..." Repentance and truth-telling work together.

Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn't being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies.

— Father John Muir

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

A Good Time for Fulfillment

There are some things that always come at the worst time. I've never gotten a telemarketing call and thought, "This is a really convenient moment for me to listen to a sales pitch." I've never seen the compulsory software update notice flash on my computer screen when I *didn't* have a deadline I was struggling to meet. My kids never come down with the flu unless it's the weekend and the line at Urgent Care is stretching out the door.

And I never, ever feel the calm, persistent shoulder-tap of the Holy Spirit without thinking, "Now? Now is not a good time. Can you try again when I'm..."

But then I stop and think: when I am what? When I am stronger? When I am happier? When I am smarter? When I am a different person?

When God calls us, He calls the person He sees in front of Him. "Come on," He says, and He doesn't mean "When you're finished" or "When it's convenient" or "Think about it." He means now. This moment.

This is what Paul is saying when he writes that "the world in its present form is passing away." He is saying that your plans mean nothing, the kingdom of God is at hand. Abandon your nets, let your catch escape into the sea. You're not who you thought you were, and you don't need what you thought you needed.

Your sins do not define you. Your fears are not fate. Your inclinations do not govern you. Your life can be changed. We live in the time of fulfillment, and fulfillment is coming for you — ready or not.

"Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: 'This is the time of fulfillment.'" — Mark 1:14

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Can a person (the mother, father, or provider) ever be forgiven for an abortion?

Answer:

For people of faith, any conversation of human sinfulness should always lead us to reflect on God's loving mercy. Because God's mercy is greater than any sin, the Church is clear that even those involved in the sin of abortion can be reconciled with God and the Church. To help make this grace more available through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Pope Francis extended the permission to absolve someone of the sin of abortion to all priests in 2016.

Even with the grace and blessings of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the tragedy of abortion and the aftermath of abortion takes a toll on everyone involved. Ministries of outreach and support, such as Project Rachel, offer pastoral counseling, support groups, retreats, and other forms of care. As Christians, we are also called to help promote this healing and reconciliation in all its forms.

To learn more, visit www.hopeafterabortion.com.

Liturgical Life

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

- Mk 1:16-17

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

The people of Nineveh (the capital city of the Assyrian Empire and historic enemy of Israel) repented of their sins when they heard Jonah's warning of God's impending destruction of their city. What motivates you to repent?

Second Reading

Paul encouraged the believers in Corinth to live with a sense of urgency and in a radically different way than before coming to faith in Jesus. In what way are you living counter-culturally as a person of faith?

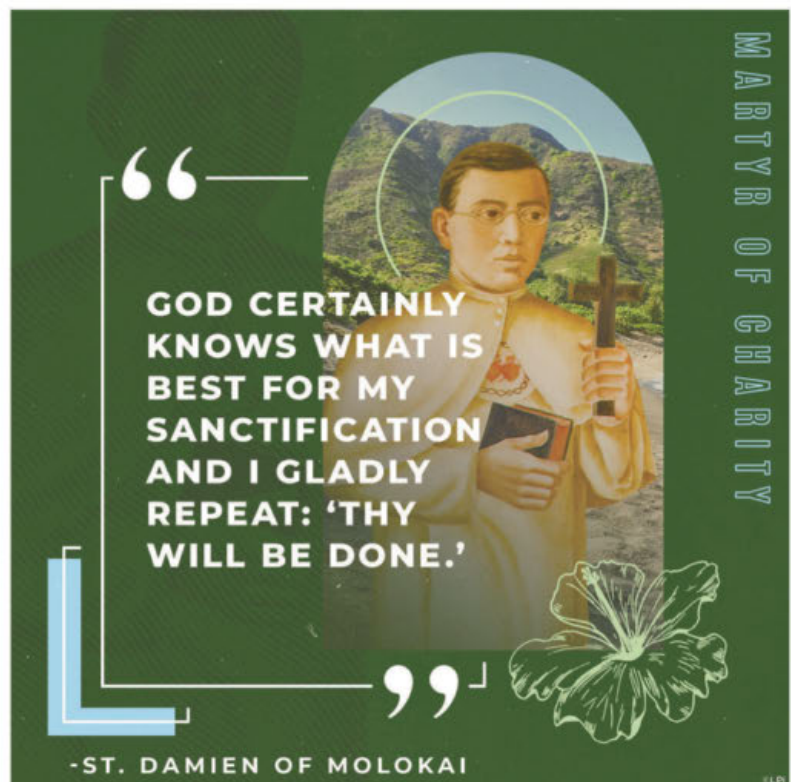
Gospel Reading

This Sunday we hear the first words of Jesus in Mark's account of the call of the first disciples: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." Jesus taught that the time had come for God to come and reclaim His world. What excites you about this message?



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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PRESENTS...

FEBRUARY 3, 2024

MARDI GRAS

*Mystery
Party*

REGISTRATION FORM:

Visit

<https://icparishbraidwood.org/mystery-night>
or use the QR code



6:00 PM - FR. WHITE HALL, BRAIDWOOD

\$30.00 PER PERSON

RSVP BY MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024



Ministry Schedule



Assumption Church - Jan. 27 - 28

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 27 - 4:00 p.m.

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

Greeter - Teri Jo Boylan

Lector - Charlotte Wharrie

Servers - **Volunteers needed**

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

Sunday, January 28 - 7:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - Therese Bouvier, **volunteer needed**

Greeter - Teri Jo Boylan

Lector - **Volunteer needed**

Servers - Ron Marketti, Pete Collins, Rick Marizza

Sunday, January 28 - 11:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - Hannah Krull, **volunteer needed**

Lector - John Buell

Server - **Volunteer needed**

Immaculate Conception Church - Jan. 28

Sunday, January 28 - 9:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - Cheryl Chasensky, Tami Favero, Lee Roberts

Greeters - Fred Hejna, Angie Kelleher, Dave & Sara Wollgast

Lector - Michelle Roberts

Servers - Margot Roberts, Ben & Clare Roberts

Assumption Weekly Offering + E-Giving

Annual Offering Budget (7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024)	\$341,590
YTD Offering Budget	\$190,501
YTD Actual Offering	\$189,632
Last Week's Mass Offering	\$2,784
Last Week's E-Giving Offering	\$998
Last Week's Total Offering	\$3,782
Weekly Goal	\$6,569

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	\$64,380
YTD Actual Offering	\$74,769
Last Week's Total Offering	\$3,699
Weekly Goal	\$2,220



Ash Wednesday Mass Times - Feb. 14th

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

12:00 p.m. - Immaculate Conception

God's GPS Never Fails

I use GPS wherever I go and it serves me well most of the time. However, sometimes it leads me to a place that does not exist. Then there are those times when I am about to turn and the man inside my phone shouts out, "GPS signal lost" or "Rerouting!" The problem is when the area is unfamiliar to me, I have no choice but to listen. I could try to get where I am going by simple intuition or pulling over to look at a paper map, but I don't trust my sense of direction and haven't bought a paper map in close to a decade.

Many people move through life without any direction. They find themselves constantly rerouting and wondering when they will ever get to a satisfying final destination. What they need is a compass and a companion for the journey, yet they have no idea how to get either.

Prayer can serve as a compass and it connects us to a companion for the journey. Stewardship living is impossible without prayer. If we count on our own will and believe we can become fruitful without daily contact with the divine we can find ourselves looking for directions more than moving toward a destination. God through prayer will help us see all we have as gift. God through prayer will lead us away from materialism and selfishness toward freedom and generosity. Even when we fall to sin, the path back is clearer. God's GPS signal is never really lost.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Assumption of the BVM Church	FINAL		
Bears Season Square Fundraiser	Week 18		
SQUARES	SCORE	AMOUNT	WINNER
1ST QUARTER	GB 0, CHI 3	\$50	Sitar Family
2ND QUARTER	GB 7, CHI 6	\$50	Jack Riley
3RD QUARTER	GB 14, CHI 6	\$50	Kevin Kennedy
FINAL	GB 17, CHI 9	\$200	Lori Pierard

Thank you to those who supported this season's Bears board. Your generosity is appreciated!

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



Upcoming Dates

- ★ 1/21 - YM Night 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Braidwood
- ★ 2/4 - YM Night 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Coal City
- ★ 2/10-2/11 Souper Bowl of
Caring Collection - all Masses

Hope you can join us!

E.P.I.C. (Everything Possible in Christ) Youth Ministry reaches out to all teenagers in grades 5-12, Catholic and non-Catholic. Groups will be split up with one consisting of 5th-8th graders and the other consisting of 9th-12th graders. We represent Immaculate Conception, Braidwood and Assumption, Coal City parishes. We meet to learn more about our Faith while helping each other grow in holiness. We also have many other events happening for both groups including; fun nights, service events, Super Bowl Party, Steubenville Youth Conference, just to name a few. A teen that comes to youth group regularly can expect to become not only more knowledgeable about our Faith, but can also expect to become better prepared for their next step in their life.

For questions: Sara Wollgast (815) 341-5946

Kids Corner

Prayer

Jesus, I thank you for
inviting me to spend time

Mission for the Week

Jesus wants you to come to
his home in heaven. Make a
party invitation from Jesus
to you. Use this invitation as
a bookmark in your Bible.

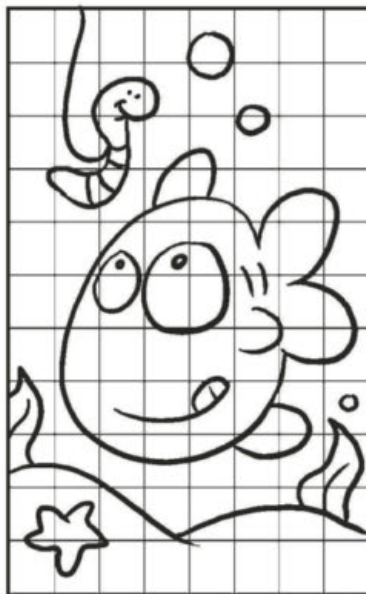
Sharing the Gospel

There's a colorful
envelope addressed to
you on the kitchen table.
You see it's from your
friend. You open it and
find a party invitation
inside. You parents say
you can go! When Jesus
invited Peter, Andrew,
James and John to come
along with him, they
were just as excited to
go. Jesus was the Savior
and a good friend. They
couldn't wait!

**Now color
the picture!**



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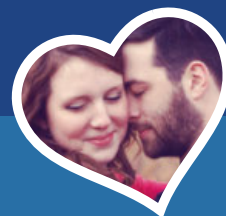
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