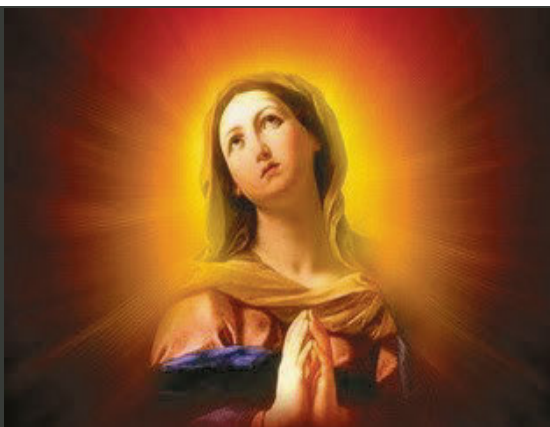


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SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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# Mass Intentions

<b>SATURDAY January 6</b>	<b>First Saturday</b>
<b>8:30 AM Mass (AP)</b> †Phillis E. Dalton ( <i>Lainie DiGiusto</i> )	
<b>4:00 PM Mass (AP)</b> †Marilyn Teresa Campbell ( <i>Children</i> )	
<b>SUNDAY January 7</b>	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b>
<b>7:30 AM Mass (AP)</b> <b>Living Members of Donald Lawson Family</b> ( <i>Peter &amp; Carm Collins</i> )	
<b>9:30 AM Mass (IC)</b> †Steve Bolatto ( <i>Terry &amp; Gail Joyce</i> )	
<b>11:30 AM Mass (AP)</b> †Sue & A. J. Manietta ( <i>Susan &amp; Family</i> )	
<b>TUESDAY January 9</b>	
<b>6:30 PM Mass (AP)</b> †Marilyn Teresa Campbell ( <i>Children</i> )	
<b>WEDNESDAY January 10</b>	
<b>8:30 AM Mass (AP)</b> <b>Living Members of Steven Collins Family</b> ( <i>Peter &amp; Carm Collins</i> )	
<b>THURSDAY January 11</b>	
<b>8:30 AM Mass (IC)</b> †Steve Bolatto, Jr. ( <i>Clara Chamberlin</i> )	
<b>FRIDAY January 12</b>	
<b>8:30 AM Mass (AP)</b> <b>Living Members of Joseph Collins, Sr. Family</b> ( <i>Peter &amp; Carm Collins</i> )	
<b>SATURDAY January 13</b>	
<b>4:00 PM Mass (AP)</b> †Marilyn Teresa Campbell ( <i>Children</i> )	
<b>SUNDAY January 14</b>	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>7:30 AM Mass (AP)</b> <b>Living Members of Peter LaRocca Family</b> ( <i>Peter &amp; Carm Collins</i> )	
<b>9:30 AM Mass (IC)</b> <b>Healing for Anita Harding</b> ( <i>Bob &amp; Mary Dragovan</i> ) †Callie Smith Tatroe ( <i>Tatroe Family</i> ) †Stephen Bolatto ( <i>Mike &amp; Debbie Molloy</i> )	
<b>11:30 AM Mass (AP)</b> †Ann M. Watson ( <i>Roberta &amp; Mary</i> ) †Phillis E. Dalton [Lestina] ( <i>Lestina Family</i> )	

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 7

9:45 am - 11:15 am - Family Faith Formation  
 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Youth Ministry - Berst Hall

#### Monday January 8

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

#### Tuesday January 9

8:30 am - Communion Service - IC  
 6:15 pm - 7:45 pm - Family Faith Formation  
 Braidwood Community Food Pantry Open - 815-325-0779

#### Wednesday January 10

Assumption Food Pantry Open - 815-518-2000

#### Thursday January 11

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

#### Friday January 12

No Events

#### Saturday January 13

No Events

#### Sunday January 14

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, Jim Micetich,  
 Jean Peters, Gerri Saltzman, Ed Scasny, Cecelia Schimandle,  
 Marie Swanson, Jake Veronda, Gary Wallerich

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

### Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

### Second Reading:

It was not made known to people in other generations  
as it has now been revealed  
to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:  
that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the  
same body,  
and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus  
through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

### Gospel:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?  
We saw his star at its rising  
and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Though the magi did not know where the star of Bethlehem would lead, they trusted that God would be with them along the way. Let us all embrace that same faith as we go about the journey God has planned for us this year.

## Observances for the week of January 7, 2024

**Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord

**Monday:** The Baptism of the Lord

**Saturday:** St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; BVM

**Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Saint of the week

St. Tarcisius was a 12-year-old boy who lived in 3rd-century Rome. Although much of what is known of him is from a poem written by Pope Damasus (366-384), he is considered an important martyr who protected the Eucharist from desecration with his life.

## Prayer for the New Year

Dear Lord,  
With thanksgiving we entrust our year to You: whatever it holds, whoever we encounter, wherever we traverse. What You supply is gift. May our comings and goings be aligned with Your will. Amen.



# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of January 7, 2024

### Sunday:

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13  
see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

### Monday:

Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1  
Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

### Tuesday:

1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/  
Mk 1:21-28

### Wednesday:

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a,  
8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

### Thursday:

1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/  
Mk 1:40-45

### Friday:

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/  
Mk 2:1-12

### Saturday:

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/  
Mk 2:13-17

### Next 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



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A stranger in a foreign land, I was exhausted and homesick as my summer Spanish immersion ended in Guatemala. The rusty minivan arriving outside my small residence filled me with joyful hope. I was flying home to the U.S. and would be, at long last, completely happy. Or so I thought. After about half an hour of being home, I thought to myself, "This place is boring. I want to go somewhere." So, I hopped in my car and left to see my friends. As I drove, I wistfully wondered, "Where am I truly at home?"

The feast of Epiphany has a lot to do with our notion of home. Where is our origin? Where are we going? When is our wandering done? Saint Matthew tells us of the Magi, "**They were overjoyed at seeing the star.**" This star will bring them home, to a place where their questing will end, and they will be satisfied. Their real home is neither in the East nor in the earthly Jerusalem. Somehow, their home is wherever this boy and his parents are.

If you're a teenager or older, you probably know by now that every physical home we have is temporary. So, we look up at the countless stars in our proverbial skies: things which bedazzle and beckon us to follow toward peace. The Gospel invites us to behold that — at long last — God has sent us a star to follow home, one that whispers, "Follow me! I will take you home!" Perhaps that star is your spouse. A friend. An opportunity. A cause. An intuition about a new direction. A prayer group. What is it for you? How will you know? It will lead you to Mary and Joseph and their son, and you will be home.

— Father John Muir

# Liturgical Life

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### Step Into the Light

How strange it is to think that if not for Herod's directions, the magi would not have known where to find Jesus. They were not Jews, they knew nothing of the old prophecies. It was Herod who convened the scholars. It was Herod who pointed the way — for ulterior motives, certainly, but nonetheless, this is the part he played. It was Herod who made the Epiphany possible.

"Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance," writes the prophet (Isaiah 60:3). A king may keep to the shadows, suspicious of the light — he may foolishly imagine he can snatch it from the sky to keep as his own possession, and, upon finding the light cannot be governed, grow to loathe it, and even seek to extinguish it once and for all.

But all his grand designs will come to nothing because there is no king so powerful that he can see in the dark. And even a man like Herod — a man so jealous that he sought to kill God — cannot prevent the breaking of day.

The Epiphany marks the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. It is a celebration of truth reaching places it was not expected to reach, of brightness illuminating corners of the world long ago consigned to shadow. It is a reminder that the battle has already been won, the night is over. All that remains is for us to decide: will we step into the light?

*"See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory."*  
— Isaiah 60:2

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

How are the feasts of the baptism of Jesus and the account of the wedding feast of Cana related to the Epiphany celebration?

### Answer:

The Epiphany season focuses on revealing Jesus to the world. Following the Christmas celebration, the liturgical year lays out a series of manifestation points in which Jesus is made publicly known. From its very beginning, the Christian community highlighted three events in the life of Jesus. These are the Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord and the wedding feast at Cana.

The Epiphany discloses Jesus to the world of the Gentiles, represented by the magi from the East. The accounts of Jesus' baptism reveal his identity and mission, along with exposing him to those to whom he was sent to minister. The miracle of turning water to wine at the wedding feast of Cana, unique to John's Gospel, is the first public sign that Jesus performs, thus manifesting his public identity and his powers.

Today in the Roman Church, these are usually celebrated on three successive Sundays: Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord which is usually the next Sunday, and the wedding feast of Cana, which is proclaimed on the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time in lectionary year C.

These feasts connect around the concept of epiphany, public manifestation of Jesus to the world. They help us get to know more intimately who Jesus is and what he is about. Spend some time delving more deeply into your understanding of who Jesus is. Continue to cultivate these "epiphany" moments in your life.



## Liturgical Life

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

- Mt 2:1-2

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### Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

#### First Reading

Isaiah foresaw a future when the Lord would use Israel as His instrument to shine His glory into the world. What could you do this week to show God's glory to others?

#### Second Reading

Paul met a lot of resistance when he spoke of God's "revelation" that Gentiles are "coheirs" and "copartners" with Jews in the divine promise fulfilled in Christ Jesus. How welcoming are you to outsiders?

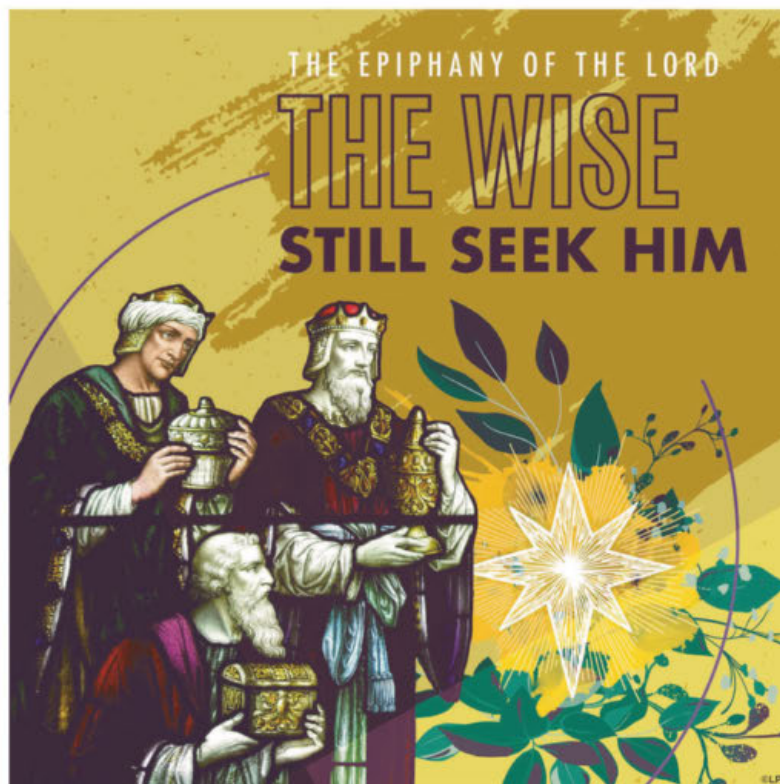
#### Gospel Reading

In the story of the magi's visit, we see the prophecies of Isaiah (our first reading) fulfilled with the treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh given to the Holy Family. What gift do you give to the Lord?



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## IC Upcoming Events

February 3rd - A Mardi Gras Mystery  
Murder Mystery Party

April 27th - Trivia Night



## Breakfast

WITH FATHER JOSH

Thursday, January 18th  
after 8:30 AM Mass

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.



**Whistle Stop Cafe**  
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## This Week on EWTN

### GIVING GOD THE LOVE WE SHOULD

A unique program called Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary teaches us how to give God our love during every moment of our earthly lives. Hear the testimonies of those who have completed this Consecration and how it has transformed their lives.  
*Tuesday, January 9, 4:30 p.m.*

### CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE: A RETURN TO LIFE

Hungary and Poland suffered through decades of oppression, but today their faith is growing through a return to their Christian roots, rejuvenated by a culture that is pro-life and pro-family.  
*Saturday, January 13, 1:00 p.m.*

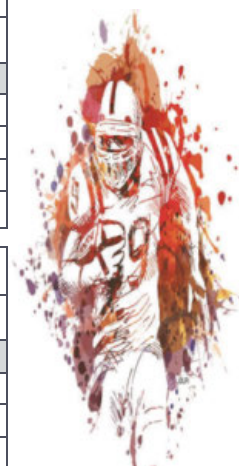


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Assumption of the BVM Church			
Bears Season Square Fundraiser Week 16			
SQUARES	SCORE	AMOUNT	WINNER
1ST QUARTER	ARI 0, CHI 7	\$50	Sulzberger Family
2ND QUARTER	ARI 7, CHI 21	\$50	Vince Funk
3RD QUARTER	ARI 10, CHI 24	\$50	Deacon Dunn
FINAL	ARI 16, CHI 27	\$200	Mark Lissy

Assumption of the BVM Church			
Bears Season Square Fundraiser Week 17			
SQUARES	SCORE	AMOUNT	WINNER
1ST QUARTER	ATL 0, CHI 7	\$50	Suzanne Hamilton
2ND QUARTER	ATL 7, CHI 21	\$50	Deacon Dunn
3RD QUARTER	ATL 10, CHI 27	\$50	Suzanne Hamilton
FINAL	ATL 17, CHI 37	\$200	John Durkin







## Ministry Schedule



### Assumption Church - Jan. 13 - 14

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 13 - 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 14 - 7:30 a.m.**

Extraordinary Ministers - **Volunteers needed**

Greeter - Teri Jo Boylan

Lector - Jim Jacobek

Servers— Ron Marketti, Pete Collins

#### **Sunday, January 14 - 11:30 a.m.**

Extraordinary Ministers - **Volunteers needed**

Lector - **Volunteer needed**

Server - **Volunteer needed**

### Immaculate Conception Church - Jan. 14

#### **Sunday, January 14 - 9:30 a.m.**

Extraordinary Ministers - Cheryl Chasensky, Fred Hejna, Lee Roberts

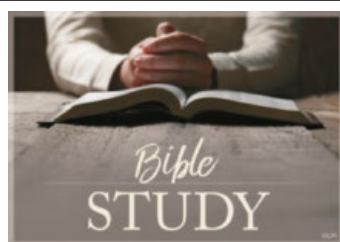
Greeters - Bob Dragovan, Reese Evans, Mike Molloy, Andy Scheer

Lector - Mary Tatroe

Servers - Trong Nguyen, Connor Roberts, Emmett Scheer

**Thank you for sharing your time and talents with us!**

**Assumption's Decorating Committee could use some help taking down the church's Christmas decorations after Sunday's 11:30 a.m. Mass.** Young or old, we would welcome any assistance as many hands make light work. Thank you!



Our Bible studies will resume in the Madonna Room at 9:30 a.m. this Thursday, Jan. 11th. We are reviewing and continuing our study of the Book of Revelation. All

are welcome, and of course, feel free to bring a friend. There are no fees and no homework.—just great study and discussions! See you on Thursday!

## Assumption Weekly Offering + E-Giving

Annual Offering Budget (7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024)	\$341,590
YTD Offering Budget	\$164,225
YTD Actual Offering	<b>\$154,589</b>
Mass and E-Giving Offering numbers were unavailable at the time of publication	
Total offering unavailable at the time of publication	
<b>Weekly Goal</b>	<b>\$6,569</b>

## 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	\$59,940
YTD Actual Offering	<b>\$69,056</b>
Last Week's Total Offering	\$1,858
12/24/23 Offering	\$1,570
Christmas Offering	\$3,843
<b>Weekly Goal</b>	<b>\$2,220</b>



## 2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Update (as of December 31, 2023)

### Assumption Parish

Goal: \$30,700

Amount Pledged: \$43,412

Amount Paid: \$43,032

Number of Donors: 190

### Immaculate Conception Parish

Goal: \$10,200

Amount Pledged: \$15,983

Amount Paid: \$15,263

Number of Donors: 59

***We thank you for your generosity!***



## 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 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!

## Wise Men See God in the Simple Things

If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace."

There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.





# MOTHER MARY'S ARMY "MMA" MEN PRAYER GROUP

*Immaculate Conception Church  
Braidwood Il.*

**Lord,**  
**Prepare My Hands**  
**for**  
**Battle**  
(Psalm 144:1 NAB)

*First Friday Devotion*

*6pm to 8pm*

*ICC*

*Holy Hour*

*Adoration & Benediction*

*Fr. White Hall*

*Fellowship*

*Join us for a evening of Worship, Learning  
& Fellowship; That will inspire & motivate  
husbands, Fathers & sons to be the Godly  
Men we are called to be.*

## **2024 Schedule**

*January 5th*

*February 2nd*

*March 1st*

*April 5th*

*May 3rd*

*June 7th*

*July 5th*

*August 2nd*

*September 6th*

*October 4th*

*November 1st*

*December 6th*

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## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



### Upcoming Dates

- ★ 1/7 - YM Night 6:00 - 7:30 pm  
Coal City
- ★ 1/21 - YM Night 6:00 - 7:30 pm  
Braidwood
- ★ 2/4 - YM Night 6:00 - 7:30 pm  
Coal City

## 2024 Winter/Spring Calendar

Sun., January 7<sup>th</sup> - YM Night (6:00 pm - 7:30 pm @ Coal City)  
Sun., January 21<sup>st</sup> - YM Night (6:00 pm - 7:30 pm @ Braidwood)  
Sun., February 4<sup>th</sup> - YM Night (6:00 pm - 7:30 pm @ Coal City)  
Sat. & Sun. Feb. 10/11 - Souper Bowl of Caring Collection  
Sun., February 18<sup>th</sup> - YM Night (6:00 pm - 7:30 pm @ Braidwood)  
Sun., March 3<sup>rd</sup> - YM Night (6:00 pm - 7:30 pm @ Coal City)  
Sun., March 10<sup>th</sup> - Living Stations Practice (6:00 pm - 7:30 pm @ IC)  
Sun., March 17<sup>th</sup> - Living Stations Practice (6:00 pm - 7:30 pm @ IC)  
Sun., March 24<sup>th</sup> - Living Stations Practice (6:00 pm - 7:30 pm @ IC)  
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Sun., April 7<sup>th</sup> - YM Night (6:00 pm - 7:30 pm @ Braidwood)  
Sun., April 21<sup>st</sup> - YM Night (6:00 pm - 7:30 pm @ Coal City)  
Sun., May 5<sup>th</sup> - YM Night (6:00 pm - 7:30 pm @ Braidwood)  
Sun., May 19<sup>th</sup> - YM Night (6:00 pm - 7:30 pm @ Coal City)

For questions: Sara Wollgast (815) 341-5946



## Kids Corner

### Prayer

God, thank you for all the people who helped me find Jesus.

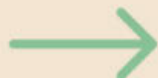
### Mission for the Week

Solve a puzzle together with your family. Work together like the wise men did.

### Sharing the Gospel

Jigsaw puzzles are fun. Solve a puzzle with your whole family, and it comes together even faster. God helped the wise men solve a puzzle. They wanted to find the newborn king. Together the wise men read God's promises, did their homework, and followed the star. When all of their answers fit, they found baby Jesus.

**Now color the picture!**



Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

WISE-MEN  
STAR  
HEROD

MESSIAH  
WORSHIP  
EXCITED

GIFTS  
WARNED  
DREAM

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**WHEN: Thursdays, Jan. 11 & Feb. 8, 2024**  
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

AT

**One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center\***  
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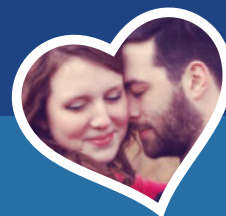
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