

Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Catholic Parish

195 South Kankakee Street
Coal City, IL 60416

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Immaculate
Conception
Catholic Parish

110 South School Street
Braidwood, IL 60408

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

FIVE LOAVES AND TWO **FISH.**

— LUKE 9:13 —



SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025

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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.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY June 21

4:00 PM Mass (AP)

†Jim Testa (Riley Family)

†Louie Ruffatti (Family)

†The Bates Sisters: Cele, Evelyn, Yolanda, Dolores,
& Lois (John & Sharon Gilchrist)

†Joe Ferguson (Family)

SUNDAY June 22

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

7:30 AM Mass (AP)

†Russell Alan Leman (Ray & Kenna)

†A. J. Manietta (Family)

9:30 AM Mass (IC)

†Arthur David Offerman (Tatroe Family)

†Carol Jones (Cathy Jurisic)

11:30 AM Mass (AP)

†Alan Riley (Riley Family)

†Larry Ferrari (Lucille DeGulie)

TUESDAY June 24

6:30 PM Mass (AP)

†Gene Bianchetta (Shirley Boero)

WEDNESDAY June 25

8:30 AM Mass (AP)

†Mary Burch (Husband)

THURSDAY June 26

8:30 AM Mass (IC)

FRIDAY June 27

8:30 AM Mass (AP)

†Mary LaRocca (Peter & Carm Collins)

SATURDAY June 28

4:00 PM Mass (AP)

Special Intention for 62nd Wedding Anniversary of
Don & Pat Bianchetta

†Anthony Farrero (Suzanne DeLine)

†Dean Please, Jr. (Lucille)

SUNDAY June 29

Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles

7:30 AM Mass (AP)

†Pat Scubic (Kelly & Bill)

9:30 AM Mass (IC)

Special Intention (Cathy Jurisic)

†Callie Smith Tatroe (Tatroe Family)

†Mike Tessler, Sr. & Pat Scubic (Pam & Family)

11:30 AM Mass (AP)

†Mike Halliday (Friends)



Can you imagine sitting at the feast of the Apostles? St. Irenaeus was born in Asia Minor -- now Turkey -- and was tutored in Christianity by St. Polycarp, himself a disciple of St. John the Evangelist. Irenaeus caught the missionary zeal and became a priest sent to Gaul (modern day France). Following a persecution by the pagan Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius, Irenaeus replaced the martyred bishop in the region. His trials were not over, however. The heretical sect of Gnosticism spread to Gaul. Gnostics proclaimed a secret, spiritual knowledge available only to a few. Irenaeus researched the Gnostic texts and exposed the falsehoods they taught, such as denying the divinity of Christ. His book Against Heresies is still being published today, over 1800 years after his death. May St. Irenaeus intercede for our own quests for greater understanding!

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, June 22

12:30 pm - Baptism - AP

Monday, June 23

8:30 am - Communion Service - IC

4:30 pm - St. Vincent Meal - New Hope Presbyterian/Coal City
Coal Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288

Tuesday, June 24

10:00 am - CCW Meeting - IC

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

Wednesday, June 25

No Events

Thursday, June 26

9:30 am - Bible Study - Madonna Room @ Berst Hall
Coal Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288

Friday, June 27

No Events

Saturday, June 28

No Events

Sunday, June 29

No Events



In your charity, please pray for the sick of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Immaculate Conception parishes:

Sharee Beeler, Tom Buban, Denise Chally, Ryan Collins,
Charlotte Curtis, Bob Dragovan, Jan Dunn, Scott Favero,
Marjorie Flynn, Kay Francisco, Mark Francisco, Russ Harding,
Nancy Jacobek, Denise Kasher, Gloria Markl, Sharon McCarthy,
Donna Meyer, Paul Nacey, Sr., Michael Oliphant, Dan Olson,
Jean Peters, Larry Ried, Geri Saltzman, Cecelia Schimandle,
Helen Talty, Glenn VanDrie, Jake Veronda, Liz Veronda,
Steve Varsolona, John Vickery, Diane Walker, Janet (Molloy) Williams
Names will remain on the prayer list for six months. If you would like
your name to remain on the list, please contact us.

Book Signing - June 21 & 22

Local author, Judith Kaluzny, after caring for both parents diagnosed with Alzheimer's for 13 years, wrote a book sharing the ups and downs of that journey "through the fog." Her books will be available after Masses on June 21 & 22 for the author's price of \$10 each; cash only please.

Judith Kaluzny



Found Worthy to Care

*Maneuvering through the Fog
of Alzheimer's...*

Judith Kaluzny

is a daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. After raising a blended family of 7 boys with her husband George, they both put their hearts together and began a 13-year caregiver's journey. She describes her life as a kaleidoscope of adventures that includes a devoted Catholic convert, hairstylist, artist, US Air Force Welder, Master Instructor and Veteran, Youth Minister/Religious Educator, Home Health Aide, caregiver, and finally author. In this book she shares the pains, laughter and blessings of her March 2004 through December 2016 walk through the fog, when both parents were diagnosed with Alzheimer's.



**SWING ON OVER AS
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION...
CELEBRATES AND
BIDS FAREWELL
TO
FR. JOSH!**

**IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION CHURCH
FR. WHITE HALL**

**SATURDAY,
JUNE 21ST
AT 6:00 PM**

Fried Chicken will be provided.
We are asking guests to bring a
dish according to their last
name as listed below:

**A - H DESSERTS
I - Q APPETIZER
R - Z SIDE**

**FR. JOSH, WE HIT A
HOMERUN WITH YOU!**



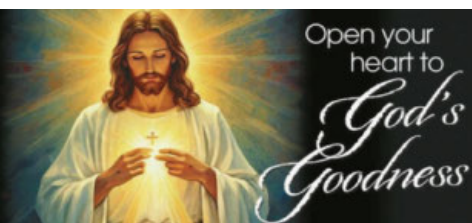
Help Socially Isolated Seniors!

Catholic Charities' Senior Companion Program (SCP) is looking for people 55 years and older who are interested in visiting another homebound senior living in Will or Grundy County. This is strictly a friendly visit; no homecare duties are involved. Volunteers who meet income eligibility guidelines will receive a tax-free hourly stipend and a mileage reimbursement for time spent with clients.

Senior Companion volunteers provide assistance and friendship to older adults with difficulty with daily living tasks. This program helps seniors stay independent longer and provides respite to family caregivers. Senior Companion volunteers report better health and longevity, having served the community. Are you ready to forge new relationships and make a significant difference in the lives of others?

If you are lonely and would be interested in receiving a companion, please feel free to reach out as well!

In Will and Grundy Counties, call Bry Williams at 815-933-7791 ext. 9928 or mail americorpsseniors@cc-doj.org. For more information about the programs and services provided by Catholic Charities, visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.



2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Update (as of June 15, 2025)

Assumption Parish

Goal: \$32,500

Amount Pledged: \$38,280

Amount Paid: \$29,542

Number of Donors: 157

Immaculate Conception Parish

Goal: \$12,300

Amount Pledged: \$17,205

Amount Paid: \$12,703

Number of Donors: 44

Pledge envelopes should be returned directly to the diocese via USPS. To donate online, please visit the CMAA link on our website.

Thank you for your generosity!

Your Generosity Makes a Difference

Thanks to faithful parishioners like you, we're supporting ministries that bring Christ to our neighbors in need, proclaim the Gospel, and care for the most vulnerable among us through the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA).

If you haven't yet made your gift to the CMAA, will you join other parishioners in making a real impact today? Every gift, large or small, helps our parish and may even result in a parish rebate.

Please look for the CMAA mailing in your mailbox or visit jolietdioceseappeal.org to learn more and make your gift. Thank you for your faithful generosity!

Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets. — Lk 9:16-17

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SAVE THE DATE

The Celebration of the conclusion of the National Eucharistic Revival will take place at the **Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet** on **Sunday July 13 beginning with the 10:30 am Mass.**

After the Mass Bishop Hicks will lead a Eucharistic Procession around the Cathedral grounds ending in the Cathedral with Benediction.



Mark your calendar and make plans to attend this Mass and Eucharistic Procession.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Blessed be Abram by God Most High, the creator of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who delivered your foes into your hand." (Gn 14:19-20)

Psalm:

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek. (Ps 110)

Second Reading:

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes. (1 Cor 11:26)

Gospel:

Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God, and he healed those who needed to be cured. (Lk 9:11b)

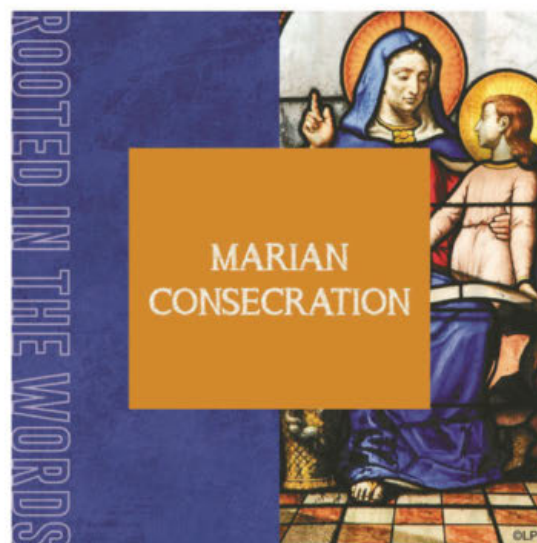
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Five loaves and two fish: a measly portion of food for such a large crowd of people. But we must remember that it doesn't matter what the size of our offering is. If we only lay it before Christ, he will take it and make it a mighty bounty.

Observances for the week of June 22, 2025

- Sunday:** The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
- Tuesday:** The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- Friday:** The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Saturday:** The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles



Devotions, Explained!

Marian consecration is the act of consecrating oneself to Jesus through the intercession of his Blessed Mother and is rooted in the words of Jesus himself when he beseeched the Apostle John to look upon Mary as his mother (John 19:27).

Prayer for the True Presence

Jesus,
What a gift we have in your True Presence: the assurance of your friendship, your company, your grace, your love. Increase our thirst for you as you, also, desire to draw closer to us.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of June 22, 2025

Sunday:

Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 (4b)/
1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17

Monday:

Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/
Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday:

Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab
and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/
Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Wednesday:

Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt
7:15-20

Thursday:

Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/
Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 7:21-29

Friday:

Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/
Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7

Saturday:

Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53,
54-55/Mt 8:5-17

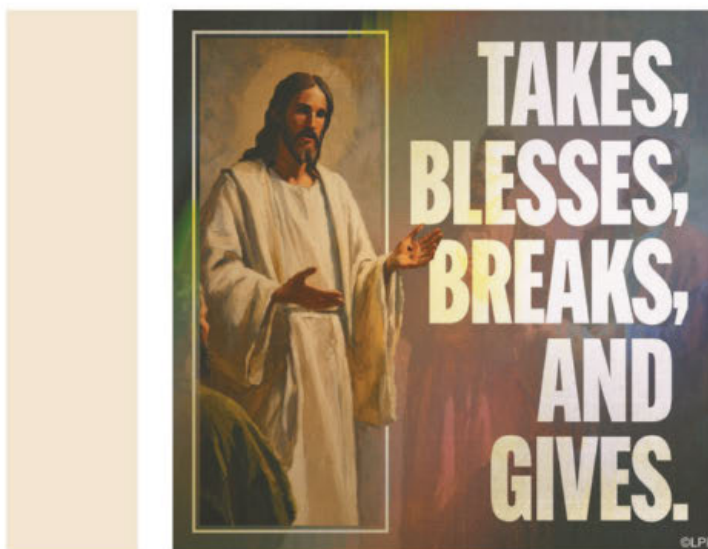
Next Sunday:

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/
Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A Catholic friend of mine occasionally says, "The Eucharist is not a noun. It's a verb." In so saying, he is making the point that the Eucharist isn't simply Jesus' bodily presence given to us in holy Communion. It also manifests the dynamic pattern by which Christ actively loves and saves us. He teaches us to cooperate with that pattern. This Eucharist actually embodies four verbs: Jesus takes, blesses, breaks, and gives. Let's consider each one.

He takes: Do we acknowledge that we are totally in God's hands? Do we receive everything in our lives as a gift, and act responsibly with it?

He blesses: Do we actively reflect that Jesus makes us holy in our baptism? Do we embrace our bodies and souls as temples of God, worthy of love, peace, and joy?

He breaks: Do we run from failure and disappointment, from getting old or being ignored? Are we too worried about getting hurt or sick? Do we embrace our sufferings with confidence?

He gives: Are we willing to make our lives a gift for others? Are we confident that we will always have enough love to give to others, that God will always provide enough for us? Do we rejoice in giving away what we have to others, expecting nothing in return? This is the dynamic life the Eucharist empowers us to live.

— Father John Muir

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Sometimes we forget that we *need* the Eucharist. It's not just a nice thing to have, a sweet act of devotion, something to bolster our faith. The Eucharist is none of those things. The Eucharist is the food without which we will die.

As the Day Was Drawing to a Close

It isn't uncommon for me to get to the noon hour only to realize that I haven't yet eaten anything that day.

It drives my husband crazy. He was raised by a bunch of Italian women, so he can't help but think three meals ahead. And don't get me wrong, I love food — I literally dream of donuts. But some days, I'm just so busy and I keep putting it off until I realize how weak I feel, how light-headed. And I think to myself: *Stupid, you've done it again.*

This is what comes to mind today, on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, as I read the Gospel account of the miracle of the loaves and fishes.

I think of hunger, distraction and the poor planning of those who pride themselves on being capable.

"As the day was drawing to a close," it is written — that's when the disciples finally realized that 5,000 hungry people is not an ideal situation.

I wonder, did Jesus roll his eyes when they came to him, and think, "Finally"? At any point he could have pulled out a fish and said a blessing. But he waited for them to ask. He waited for them to realize how badly they needed it.

Sometimes we forget that we need the Eucharist. It's not just a nice thing to have, a sweet act of devotion, a sacramental item that bolsters our faith. The Eucharist is none of those things. The Eucharist is the food without which we will die. The Eucharist is something we must seek out. Remember: the day is drawing to a close.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I have been going to Mass for years and have always wondered: why do we make the three signs of the cross before the Gospel?

Answer:

Certainly, many people go to Mass or other devotions, doing and saying things out of habit or reverence and not really understanding the reasons behind some of these things. But everything we do has a meaning or purpose that helps us to worship better, proclaim our beliefs, or focus the attention of the people on something that has a greater importance or significance. A review of the meaning of various gestures and practices can help us have a deeper appreciation for what we do.

There is a little prayer that goes with the three crosses before the Gospel: "May the words of the Holy Gospel be on my mind, on my lips and in my heart." In standing to hear the Gospel, we acknowledge that Jesus is present, and the words of the Gospel are addressed to us. All of the gestures and special postures we adopt before the Gospel are intended to help us prepare for hearing the Word as well as act on it. The incense, the Alleluia, the deacon or priest, and the special dialogue and announcement that introduces the Gospel help us focus our attention on the Good News we are about to hear. The three signs of the cross show our desire and good intention to hear and live the Gospel.

Liturgical Life

Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.
- Lk 9:16-17

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

In reaction to the thanksgiving meal of bread and wine, Abram generously gave Melchizedek a tenth of his possessions. What could you give back to God this week out of gratitude?

Second Reading:

Paul tells us from the very beginning the early Church celebrated the Eucharistic meal as a remembrance of Jesus' death and as central to our faith. How does the Eucharist strengthen your faith?

Gospel:

The miracle of the feeding of the 5,000 underscores Jesus' desire to feed us. What do you find yourself hungry for today?



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Ministry Schedule

Assumption Church - June 28/29



If you are interested in assisting us at our weekend Masses, please sign up through the volunteer link on our website, which contains the most up-to-date schedule, or call or email Laura at the parish office. Confirmed volunteers for our upcoming services are below:

Saturday, June 28 - 4:00 p.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - **Volunteers needed**

Greeter - Teri Jo Boylan

Lector - Judith Kaluzny

Server - **Volunteer needed**

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

Sunday, June 29 - 7:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - Therese Bouvier, Pat Hudetz

Greeter - Teri Jo Boylan

Lector - **Volunteer needed**

Servers - Pete Collins, Ron Marketti

Sunday, June 29 - 11:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - Pat Hudetz, **volunteer needed**

Lector - Hannah Krull

Server - **Volunteer needed**

Immaculate Conception Church - June 29

Sunday, June 29 - 9:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - Jim Mark, Kay Heberer, Lee Roberts

Greeters - Jonathan Grossi, Mike Molloy, Dave & Sara Wollgast

Lector - Donna Mark

Servers - Connor Roberts, Ben & Clare Wollgast

NEW MASS SCHEDULE

New Mass Times Beginning in July:

Wednesday - 8:30 a.m. - Moved to Sacred Heart, Kinsman

Thursday - 8:30 a.m. - Assumption

Sunday - 9:00 a.m. - Sacred Heart, Kinsman

All other Mass times at Assumption remain the same.

Immaculate Conception Church New Mass Time

**Beginning July 1st, the
Sunday Mass time at
Immaculate Conception will
change to 9:00 AM.**

**The Thursday daily Mass
will remain at 8:30 AM.**

Assumption Weekly Offering + E-Giving

Annual Offering Budget (7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025)	\$312,947
YTD Offering Budget	\$300,900
YTD Actual Offering	\$358,098
Last Week's Mass Offering	\$6,102
Last Week's E-Giving Offering	\$1,200
Last Week's Total Offering	\$7,302
Weekly Goal	\$6,018

Assumption Church Building Loan Balance through May, 2025

Loan Amount	\$620,123
Current Loan Balance	\$598,204



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Immaculate Conception Weekly Offering

Annual Offering Budget (7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025)	\$125,840
YTD Offering Budget	\$123,420
YTD Actual Offering	\$136,709
Last Week's Total Offering	\$4,052
Weekly Goal	\$2,420



Cooper Charles Jensen

Parents: Drew & Ashley Jensen

Assumption Church

June 22, 2025

May God bless you!



Wednesday, July 23 - Pig Roast - 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 17 - Ice Cream Social - 4:30 p.m.

Additional details will be published soon!



Sacred Vessels

Have you ever paid attention to the purification of the sacred vessels after Holy Communion? If you haven't, I highly recommend doing so this Sunday. See the care with which the priest handles the chalice and the paten, pouring water into them to cleanse any loose particles of the Body and Blood of Christ. Observe the loving reverence he uses in wiping them dry with a special purificator. It's a ritual unto itself, and a powerful moment for reflection.

These vessels begin as earthly objects. They are made by human hands. There is

nothing special about them — not until they go about the work for which they have been created. Until they contain the Body and Blood of Christ, they are only ordinary objects. But after they have carried within them the Eucharist, they are never the same. They will always be special and deserving of special care.

That's why partaking of the Eucharist is, for us, an evangelical undertaking. It is both a transformation and a declaration. When we accept this tremendous gift, we are proclaiming what we believe, and we are accepting the grace to follow through on that commitment.

When we are receiving the Eucharist, it is not possible for us to be passive. We become the vessel. We carry Christ into the world with us.

But do we act like it? Do we treat ourselves — our bodies, our souls — with the same respect as the priest cleansing the chalice? Do we treat one another with the reverence we would reserve for a sacred object? When we look at another person with anger or irritation or envy, do we acknowledge the change that we have willingly undergone by receiving Christ's Body and Blood into ourselves?

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



—Our Lady of Fatima

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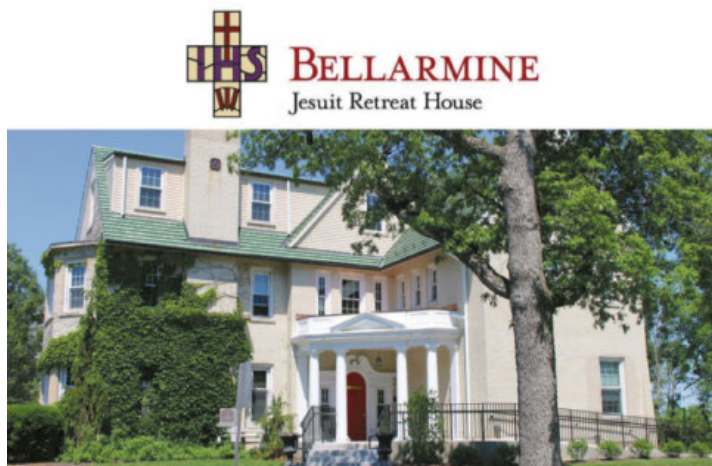
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

August 17, 2025
2:00 p.m.
Cathedral of St. Raymond
604 N Raynor Ave., Joliet, IL
Registration Required

Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years, 50 years, and more than 50 years, are welcome to attend. Bishop Ronald A. Hicks will celebrate the Mass and will lead all couples in a special renewal of wedding commitment.

Pre-registration is required by August 8, 2025. Scan the QR code or website link:
<https://forms.office.com/r/qu9fbEpfr>

Office of Lifelong Lay Formation
Questions? Contact Jim Elias
(815) 221-6134
jelias@dioceseofjoliet.org
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SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025
1 PM - 4 PM

Come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon at Bellarmine from 1 - 4 p.m. During this unstructured time you can visit your favorite places on the grounds, take a guided tour, chat with a Jesuit, or experience our new prayer labyrinth. Bring family and friends, all ages welcome. Lemonade and cookies will be served. This event is free; register at: <https://jesuitretreat.org/retreats/july-27-2025>.

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Prayer

Dear God, with your power
I can really help other
people.

Mission for the Week

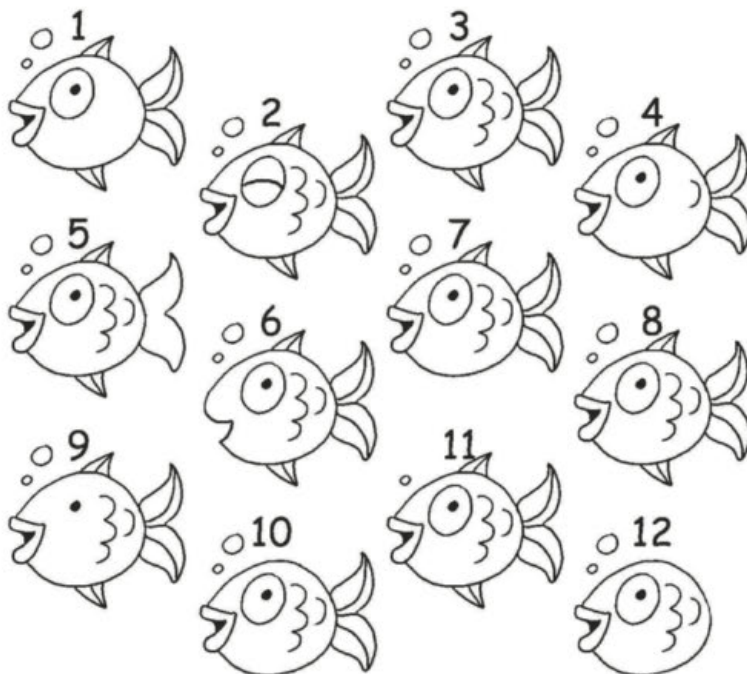
If God has blessed your
family with plenty of food
to eat, make sure you also
give food to people who are
hungry.

Sharing the Gospel

Jesus told his friends
to give a whole
crowd of people
something to eat. All
they had was a little
fish and bread. How
could they possibly
feed all those people
with so little food?
God gave them what
they needed to help
other people. When
you want to help
other people, trust
God to give you
what you need.

Now color
the picture! →

Find the identical fish!



ANSWER IS NUMBER THREE AND NUMBER EIGHT





St. Liborius Catholic Parish in Steger is seeking to hire people for the following positions:

Full-time Facilities Manager - Reporting to the Administrative Assistant and Pastor, this position is responsible for properly maintaining facilities on all campuses working closely with the staff at Saint Boniface Catholic Church and Mother Teresa Catholic Academy for maintenance of these facilities. The Facilities Manager serves as primary security facilitator, supervising the custodial staff and maintaining the budget for the facilities department. In addition, this position is the primary contact for facility emergencies, which may require evening and weekends. The position requires the individual to have the ability to work with and oversee outside vendors and contractors. Qualifications include High school diploma and 6 years of facility management experience required. Practicing Catholic who understands and supports the teachings and dogma of the Roman Catholic Church and who acts as an example and serves as role model in their personal life. Valid Illinois driver's license. Basic knowledge of HVAC systems and electrical, plumbing, and carpentry skills. Ability to diagnose and perform routine to mid-level repairs, Certifications a plus. Knowledge of facilities planning and management processes and procedures. Knowledge of building, life safety, and elevator codes and standards of practice. Knowledge of construction materials and methods. Skill in reading and interpreting plans and specifications and comparing them with construction progress. Attend required asbestos training.

Part-time Administrative Assistant - The Administrative Assistant supports the mission of St. Liborius Catholic Parish and Saint Boniface Catholic Church by providing high-level administrative and clerical support to the pastor, staff, and parish ministries. This individual serves as the first point of contact for parishioners and visitors to ensure the smooth operation of the parish office in a welcoming, professional and faith-filled manner. This position is also responsible for census/database management and recording and scheduling of baptisms, funerals and weddings. Direct and oversee maintenance staff and safe environment coordinator. Qualifications include a practicing Catholic who understands and supports the teachings and dogma of the Roman Catholic Church and who acts as an example and serves as role model in their personal life. High school diploma or equivalent; associate degree or higher preferred. Exceptional skills in administrative work and interaction with others. Be a live voice greeting calls in a warm, friendly, compassionate, and efficient manner. Return and address calls and questions promptly. Proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, Outlook, Publisher, PowerPoint) Demonstrated ability to set priorities and organize work effectively and efficiently including developing and maintaining effective record keeping systems. Ability to compose correspondence, minutes and reports.

Part-time Coordinator of Sacred Liturgy - The Coordinator of Sacred Liturgy/Sacristan helps to coordinate the celebration of the liturgy under the direction of the Pastor. This includes all Sunday liturgies occurring at Saint Liborius Catholic Church in Steger and working closely with the volunteers at Saint Boniface Catholic Church in Monee for those matters concerning Saint Boniface. The Sacristan will work closely with the Hispanic Liturgical Ministry at Saint Boniface and Mother Teresa Academy to make sure they have all they need to celebrate a reverent liturgy. Qualifications include Practicing Catholic who understands and supports the teachings and dogma of the Roman Catholic Church and who acts as an example and serves as role model in their personal life. Has a sense of God's call to this ministry and carries out the ministry in humble service to the parish. Since this is a ministerial position, must be a practicing Roman Catholic in good standing and must know, profess and act consistently in accordance with the doctrinal and moral teachings of the Catholic Church and with the mission, philosophy, objectives, and policies of St. Liborius, Saint Boniface, and the Diocese of Joliet. A Bachelor's degree in theology or credit hours in Catholic liturgy or a related field preferred. Has proven skills in administrative work and interaction with others. Be a live voice greeting calls in a warm, efficient manner. Strength in administrative and organizational skills. Demonstrated ability to set priorities and organize work effectively and efficiently including developing and maintaining effective record keeping systems. Ability to compose correspondence, minutes, and reports.

Part-time Communication Coordinator - The Communication Coordinator is responsible for graphic design, editing website content, developing the parish bulletin, and creating social media posts to respond to the needs of parish. The ability to take knowledge and transform it into exciting and useful messages and disseminate it to the target audience is critical. This position is responsible to work with all St. Liborius Catholic Parish/St. Boniface Catholic Church parish staff, committees, commissions, parish organizations, parishioners, Diocesan officials, and outside contributors to prepare timely, informative, and balanced publicity for greater parish, Diocesan, and community events. This position is responsible for parish wide and external communications. Qualifications include a practicing Catholic who understands and supports the teachings and dogma of the Roman Catholic Church and who acts as an example and serves as role model in their personal life. A degree in Marketing, Communications, Journalism, or equivalent experience in a related field preferred. Must demonstrate proficiency in various social media platforms. Must be proficient in the application of Microsoft Office including Word and Publisher. Proficient in Parishsoft or PDS. Prior experience with Flocknote or similar email services. Website management/design experience preferred. Prior experience in Catholic ministry a plus. Excellent oral and written communication skills. Strong administrative and organizational skills. Strong leadership skills with the ability to serve as a unifying force and to position communications discussions at both strategic and tactical levels. Attend staff meetings as needed or required by Pastor.

Part-time Coordinator of Religious Education - The Coordinator of Religious Education oversees the Religious Education Program for the New Saint Liborius Catholic Parish (including the territory of the former Saint Mary Catholic Church in Park Forest and the Present Saint Boniface Catholic Church in Monee) while coordinating with Mother Teresa Catholic Academy, the principal of MTCA and grade level teachers. The coordinator fosters the personal religious growth of children in Grades Pre-K, 1 – 8, encourages parental involvement and reinforcement of lessons for family catechesis, and offers opportunities for the formation of catechists and parents with students in the program. The coordinator provides direction for the catechetical program for Grades 1 – 8 and creates programs as needed as directed by the Pastor of Saint Liborius. The ministry includes management, coordinating, communication, education, catechesis, research, and community building. The coordinator is accountable to the Pastor and works to implement the goals and objectives of the Religious Education Program. Qualifications are practicing Catholic who understands and supports the teachings and dogma of the Roman Catholic Church and who acts as an example and serves as role model in their personal life. Has a sense of God's call to this ministry and carries out the ministry in humble service to the parish. Since this is a ministerial position, must be a practicing Roman Catholic in good standing and must know, profess and act consistently in accordance with the doctrinal and moral teachings of the Catholic Church and with the mission, philosophy, objectives, and policies of St. Liborius and the Diocese of Joliet. A Bachelor's degree in Theology/Religious Education or related field preferred. Several years of experience as a Coordinator of Religious Education. Ability to compose correspondence and reports.

Part-time Coordinator of Sacred Music - The Coordinator of Sacred Music is responsible for collaborating with clergy, staff, ministry leaders, volunteers, and musicians to plan and execute the music for parish liturgies and lead the faithful in music that is suitable for parish liturgical celebrations. The Coordinator of Sacred Music develops and directs cantors and musicians to provide sacred music on Sundays and other special liturgies in accord with the liturgical norms of the Catholic Church. Qualifications include a practicing Catholic who understands and supports the teaching and dogma of the Roman Catholic Church and who acts as an example and serves as role model in their personal life. Bachelor of Arts degree in liturgical music, music performance, music education or related field preferred. Ability to compose correspondence and reports. Evidence of a strong background and knowledge of liturgical music and liturgy in the Roman Catholic Tradition. Ability to play organ and piano and conduct a choir. Demonstrate proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, Outlook, and PowerPoint).

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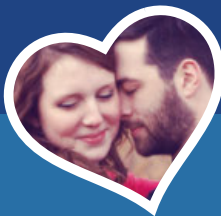
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