

Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Roman Catholic Parish

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Immaculate
Conception
Parish

110 South School Street
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SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



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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

March 2024

SUPER BOWL SURPRISE



ON A SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY, I gathered with my family and friends to watch the Super Bowl. It was entertaining hearing everyone's reasons for gathering around the game that day. Some were cheering on a particular team or player. Others couldn't

wait to view the halftime show or catch a glimpse of Taylor Swift. A few just relished being in the company of friends and family and indulging in the abundance of food and drink. Regardless of each person's motivation, the Super Bowl provided us with an opportunity to come together in the spirit of fun and camaraderie.

I enjoyed the gathering and the game for all those reasons, but I must admit many of the commercials left me confused! I found myself asking, "What was that commercial about?" or, "What product were they trying to sell? I just don't get it!" Thankfully, there were plenty of younger people around to explain curious ads to me.

Then, to my surprise, a 30-second commercial popped up featuring the actors Mark Wahlberg and Jonathan Roumie. I did a double-take and blurted out in surprise, "Wait a minute! Did they just actually run a positive, CATHOLIC commercial?!" I convinced my family and friends to rewind it and rewatch it with me three times. Amazingly, the commercial urged viewers to take a break from the game, thank God, and enjoy a moment of prayer on this Sunday. The ad highlighted a 40-day Lenten prayer challenge to be found on the Hallow app. The last three words in the commercial nudged us to "Stay prayed up." If you have not yet seen this commercial, you can find it on Hallow's YouTube channel (hallow.com/youtube).

I'm already a subscriber to the Hallow app. But I immediately clicked to join the 40-day prayer challenge which began on Ash Wednesday. It seems I was not alone in heeding that call! The day after Ash Wednesday, the Hallow app reached the number-one spot in Apple's App Store. I'm liking this structured and intentional Lenten challenge; it has enhanced my further spiritual growth during this season of Lent.

Here's what's stirred me: the Pray40 Community Prayer Challenge offers a different, well-prepared meditation or reflection from a variety of presenters, including Mark Wahlberg, Jonathan Roumie, Sister Mary Bernice, M.C.; Sister Miriam James, S.O.L.T.; and Father Mike Schmitz. Many of the days guide us through the astonishing, spiritual classic, *He Leadeth Me*, written by Fr. Walter J. Ciszek, S.J. Fr. Walter was a Jesuit priest and missionary, imprisoned for more than 20 years in the Soviet Union. Amidst horrific and brutal conditions, Fr. Walter underwent a profound spiritual journey. He surrendered his life to God and gifted us with an extraordinary example of faith, humility, and hope in Christ.

I've noticed several testimonials about the positive, spiritual effects of using the Hallow app this Lent. One that was moving was from a man who shared "Hallow right now is bringing me back to my faith and I will see where it goes. I abandoned my Catholic upbringing because I struggle with religion being the root of so much division and war in our world. I've just recently introduced Hallow and am taking great comfort in welcoming God back into my life."

This Lent, I've been trying to spend less time on social media and more time in quiet and meditative prayer. So it seems like a paradox to me that Hallow's Lent Pray40 challenge is leading me back to my phone. Yet, using this particular app doesn't make me feel like I just wasted a large chunk of time—instead, it's guided me to feeling nourished, inspired, and blessed during my Lenten journey.

This Lent, I've noticed how many people are seeking to go deeper spiritually. So many yearn to return to God and the Church. The Church gives us so many beautiful paths to do so. Astoundingly, this year's Super Bowl commercial, which was broadcast to millions throughout the world, just might have been the voice of the Holy Spirit whispering with a megaphone to each one of us! We have been invited to draw closer to the Lord this Lent and become more fully the person God created us to be. So, here's my commercial: if you have not already done so, I encourage you to download the Hallow app and start following the Lent Pray40 challenge daily. It's never too late to stay prayed up!



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY March 16	
4:00 PM Mass (AP)	
†Thomas Fedash (<i>Ann & Merle Elam</i>)	
†James Watters (<i>Family</i>)	
†Paul Ruffatti (<i>Mom & Family</i>)	
SUNDAY March 17 Fifth Sunday of Lent	
7:30 AM Mass (AP)	
Intention of the Celebrant	
9:30 AM Mass (IC)	
†Callie Smith Tatroe (<i>Tatroe Family</i>)	
†Ron Dye (<i>Anita Harding</i>)	
†Bill Scheer (<i>Family</i>)	
11:30 AM Mass (AP)	
†A. J. Manietta (<i>Susan & Family</i>)	
†Megan Riley (<i>Riley Family</i>)	
†John J. Lestina (<i>Lestina Family</i>)	
TUESDAY March 19	
6:30 PM Mass (AP)	
Intention of the Celebrant	
WEDNESDAY March 20	
8:30 AM Mass (AP)	
†Ruth Mullins (<i>Peter & Carm Collins</i>)	
THURSDAY March 21	
8:30 AM Mass (IC)	
†Barbara Jarchow (<i>Jerome & Rose Aschenbrener</i>)	
FRIDAY March 22	
8:30 AM Mass (AP)	
†Rev. Donald Kocher (<i>Peter & Carm Collins</i>)	
SATURDAY March 23	
4:00 PM Mass (AP)	
†Catherine Baudino (<i>John & Teri Jo Boylan</i>)	
SUNDAY March 24 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	
7:30 AM Mass (AP)	
†Juan Fehr (<i>Noma Fehr</i>)	
9:30 AM Mass (IC)	
†Callie Smith Tatroe (<i>Tatroe Family</i>)	
†Ken Knorr (<i>Bruce & Melissa [Knorr] Radtke</i>)	
†Norma Sarcletti (<i>Family</i>)	
11:30 AM Mass (AP)	
†Norman Hook (<i>Family</i>)	
†Sheila Brown (<i>Friend</i>)	
†John Zentmyer (<i>Georgia & Family</i>)	
†Ernie Viano (<i>Mark & Mary Jo Enrietta</i>)	

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

Sharee Beeler, Linnea Buban, Tom Buban, Ryan Collins,
Mary Lou Cobb, Charlotte Curtis, Bradley Davis,
Charita Dillon, Michael Dillon, Richard Fenoglio,
Anita Harding, Karin Kendzora, Donna Meyer, Jim Micetich,
Marilyn Offerman, Frank Peters, Jean Peters,
Ellen Rogers, Ed Scasny, Cecelia Schimandle, Marie Swanson,
Jake Veronda, Gary Wallerich

*Names will remain on the prayer list for six months. If you would
like your name to remain on the list, please contact us.*

Sacrament of Penance Confession Schedule

TUESDAY (AP) - 5:00 p.m. to 6:20 p.m. (Expanded during Lent)
WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY (AP) - 8:00 a.m. to 8:20 a.m.
THURSDAY (IC) - Following the 8:30 a.m. Mass
SATURDAY (AP) - 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.
SUNDAY (IC) - Following the 9:30 a.m. Mass
(Different on Holy Days & Holidays)



EXPANDED CONFESSION TIME

*~All Tuesdays During Lent~
Through March 26
5:00 p.m. to 6:20 p.m.
Assumption Church*

This Week's Events

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

Sunday March 17

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm - YM Living Stations Practice - IC

Monday March 18

8:30 am - Communion Service - IC
 4:45 pm - St. Vincent Meals - Immaculate Conception Braidwood
 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Stewardship Meeting - IC
 Coal City Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288

Tuesday March 19

8:30 am - Communion Service - IC
 Braidwood Community Care Food Pantry Open - 815-325-0779
(Election Day Polling Place @ Berst Hall)

Wednesday March 20

Assumption Food Pantry Open - 815-518-2000

Thursday March 21

Approx. 9:30 am - Breakfast w/Father Josh - Whistle Stop Cafe
 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross Chaplet - IC
 Coal City Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288

Friday March 22

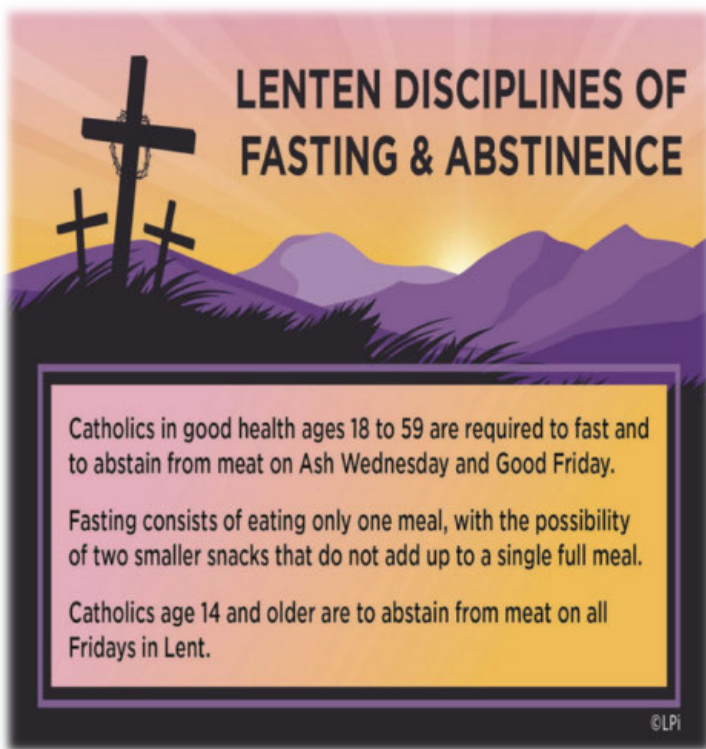
6:30 pm - 7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross - AP

Saturday March 23

No Events

Sunday March 24 (Palm Sunday)

12:30 pm - Baptisms - AP
 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm - YM Living Stations Practice - IC



LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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Little Black Books For Lent

Spend some quiet time with our Lord each day during the Lenten season while reading the short daily entries in this book.

If you forgot to pick one up, they're still available in Assumption's narthex. A freewill offering of only \$1 is suggested for each book.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - March 24

7:30 a.m. - Mass - Assumption Church

9:30 a.m. - Mass - Immaculate Conception Church

11:30 a.m. - Mass - Assumption Church

Holy Thursday - March 28

7:00 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper - Assumption Church

Good Friday - March 29

11:30 a.m. - Living Stations of the Cross

- Immaculate Conception Church

3:00 p.m. - Veneration of the Cross - Assumption Church

4:15 p.m. - Confessions - Assumption Church

Holy Saturday - March 30

12:00 p.m. - Blessing of Easter Baskets - Assumption Church
(Kankakee Street Entrance)

7:15 p.m. - Easter Vigil Mass - Assumption Church

Easter Sunday - March 31

7:30 a.m. - Mass - Assumption Church

9:30 a.m. - Mass - Immaculate Conception Church

11:30 a.m. - Mass - Assumption Church

The Way of the Cross (Stations)

**Every Thursday
at 6 PM**

**February 15 to
March 21, 2024**

**Immaculate
Conception Parish**



Lite meal served after in Fr. White Hall

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

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

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

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

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


STATIONS OF THE CROSS

ASSUMPTION CHURCH

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

FEBRUARY 16	FEBRUARY 23
MARCH 1	MARCH 8
MARCH 15	MARCH 22

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD,
for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin
no more. (Jer 31:34)

Psalm:

Create a clean heart in me, O God. (Ps 51)

Second Reading:

Son though he was, he learned obedience from what
he suffered;
and when he was made perfect,
he became the source of eternal salvation for all who
obey him. (Heb 5:8-9)

Gospel:

"Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,
it remains just a grain of wheat;
but if it dies, it produces much fruit." (Jn 12:24)

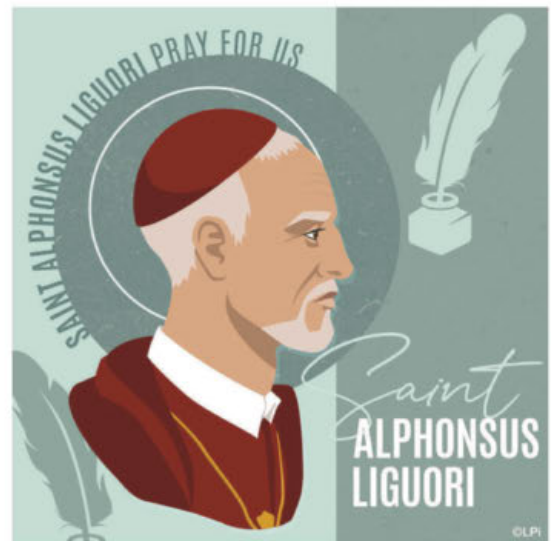
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus reminds us that the grain of wheat can never realize its potential without sacrifice. God has a plan for each one of us. May He give you strength to become who you were born to be.

Observances for the week of March 17, 2024

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Lent
- Monday:** St. Cyril of Jerusalem,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday:** St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Saturday:** St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
- Next Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord,
Holy Week begins



Saint of the week

St. Alphonsus Liguori, (1696-1787) was a prolific theologian and founder of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (The Redemptorists). Renowned for his profound devotion to the Eucharist and insightful theological teachings, he is the patron saint of moral theologians.

Prayer of Bold Ask

God in heaven,
Hear me as I call to you! Pour
new life into me! Renew my
heart in Your word! Help me to
know You! Help me to glorify
You, worship You, and trust
You. Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of March 17, 2024

Sunday:

Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/
Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 *Scrutiny:* Ez
37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/
Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27,
33b-45

Monday:

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday:

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27
and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21,
24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday:

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,
56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday:

Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday:

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/
Jn 10:31-42

Saturday:

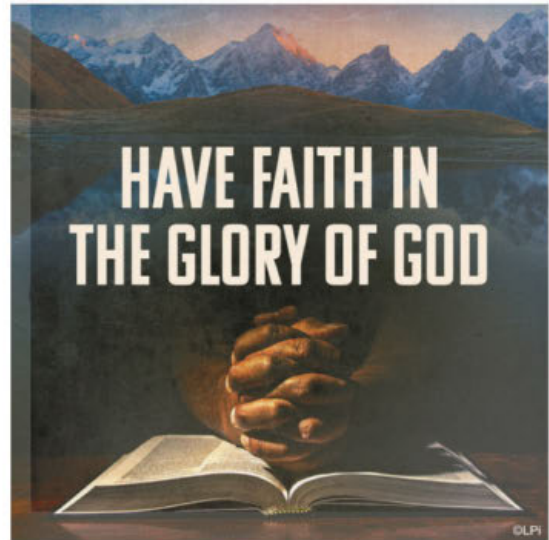
Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/
Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday:

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps
22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/
Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A middle-aged woman sat on the couch in my parish office and recounted to me a shocking list of terrible calamities in her life: addictions, terminal illnesses, financial loss, broken relationships, and so on. She smiled as she did so. "Please forgive me," I asked, "but you seem to be smiling as you share this." She said, "Father John, I am totally overwhelmed. But I'm smiling because I just can't wait to see what good things God does with this mess." She expected God would manifest His glory when she most needed it.

This week in the Gospel, God speaks from heaven for the third and final time in Jesus' earthly ministry. It's at a tough moment. Gentiles seek Jesus, who announces his terrible suffering, and then boldly prays, "**Father, glorify your name!**" John then writes: **Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again."** Was the task of drawing the whole non-Jewish world to himself overwhelming? Or was it the terrible specter of crucifixion? Whatever it was, the crushing weight triggers his turning to the Father with an unshakeable expectation of divine glory to burst through. And indeed, it did on Easter Sunday. In our burdens, our greatest strength is to turn to God and boldly ask Him for His glory.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to list out everything which is a burden to you. Write it down. Then add these words: "Father, glorify Your name in all these things!" Put that paper in your pocket or purse when you come to Holy Week liturgies next week. You might smile at the most unlikely times.

— Father John Muir

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Lost in the Crowd

I write my phone number on my kids' arms when we go into large crowds at summer festivals, in case we get separated. If you think this makes me sound like a neurotic person with an overactive imagination who watches too many true crime documentaries, you would be correct. I am all of those things.

However, I am also practical, and I've endured moments of panic after looking up and briefly not being able to locate a child who has wandered off or lagged behind. The phone number, scrawled across their sunscreen-streaked skin, is a safeguard, however insignificant. It's something they can hold up to show an adult, something they can point to and say, "This is where I need to be. Help me get here."

When I reflect on my own life, it occurs to me that I was born lost. We all were. It was only in Eden that a human being ever knew what it was to be at home. In Eden, I would imagine, the feeling of safety was so natural that it was only noticed after it was gone. But original sin came like a noisy crowd to bear us away from the place we needed to be, and since that time, our human lives have played out against a backdrop of insecurity and unfamiliarity. We are cold and alone and confused. And God, our heartbroken parent, never stops seeking us, never stops calling our names.

Baptism, the etching of God's law onto our heart and soul, is not a phone number written on our arms. It's something far better — it's a homing signal, planted deep within. And it will lead us back to where we need to be.

"But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people." — Jeremiah 31:33

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do parishes have the Blessed Sacrament in a separate room?

Answer:

While many Catholics of a certain age have memories of the Blessed Sacrament being housed in the tabernacle on the high altar of the church, many parishes in the decades since the Second Vatican Council have chosen to build a separate space — a reservation chapel — where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. Although this practice is not universal, it is in keeping with the guidance offered by the US Bishops in their document *Built of Living Stones* (see nos 77-78). The goal is to create a space that is separated from the nave and sanctuary, but which is "integrally connected with the church" which can foster "reverence and can provide the quiet and focus needed for personal prayer." This can be especially important for communities that have continuous eucharistic adoration, allowing people to come and pray in a space separate from the normal activities of parish life.

The practice of reserving the Eucharist in a separate space — or in a dignified location away from the altar where Mass is celebrated — is that it emphasizes the importance of the liturgy itself, which is the "source and summit" of the life of the Church.

As with many things in the Church, the practice of placing the tabernacle in the sanctuary or in a separate chapel is not universal (as can be seen in visits to historic churches in Rome and other places). The important thing is that as communities question where to place the tabernacle, they listen to the voice of the Church, explore the ancient and varied liturgical tradition of the Church, consider the needs and life of the community, and also take into account the architecture and limits of the spaces they might already have.

Liturgical Life

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

- Jn 12:23-24

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Through the prophet Jeremiah, God promised Israel "a new covenant": the Lord's law will be written in our hearts and known by all who believe. Do you know people who seem to have a heart-felt faith?

Second Reading

Hebrews teaches us that Jesus struggled with his own impending suffering and death. During this Lenten season, what has been a struggle for you?

Gospel Question

Jesus taught that through his own suffering and death, he would drive out the "ruler of this world" (Satan) and draw everyone to himself. In what ways are you drawn to Christ?



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Breakfast
WITH FATHER JOSH

Thursday, March 21st
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
Restaurant & Pub




IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
BRAIDWOOD, ILLINOIS

CHRIST'S PASSOVER
Reflection and Prayer
Wednesday, March 27, 2024
6:30 PM in Fr. White Hall

We will explore the connection between the Jewish Passover meal and the Last Supper that Jesus shared with His Apostles, and how it relates to Mass and the Holy Eucharist today.

For questions or to volunteer please call (815) 600-3718

*This is a sampling of food items shared at the Last Supper.
Sandwiches will be available right after this event. Free will donation.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

SPRING CLASSES

SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH TUESDAY, APRIL 9TH
SUNDAY, MAY 5TH TUESDAY, MAY 7TH

**SPECIAL DATES FOR
SECOND GRADE FAMILIES ONLY**

SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH - 10:00 A.M.
**FIRST CONFESSION, COMMUNION PRACTICE,
AND RETREAT**

SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH - 10:00 A.M.
FIRST SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH - 10:00 A.M.
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Immaculate Conception
TRIVIA NIGHT

\$10.00/PERSON OR \$60.00/TABLE

INCLUDES TRIVIA, PRIZES, AND PIZZA. FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS AND DRINKS. TEAMS ARE ENCOURAGED TO DRESS/DECORATE TABLE WITH A THEME.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM/TRIVIA BEGINS AT 6:30 PM
FR. WHITE HALL, 110 S. SCHOOL ST., BRAIDWOOD

DON'T MISS OUT!

FOR MORE INFO & REGISTRATION :
WWW.ICPARISHBRAIDWOOD.COM/TRIVIA-NIGHT
QUESTIONS? CONTACT SARA AT (815) 341-5946.

This is a 21 and over event.



COLLECTIBLES SHOW
SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST, 2023 9AM-3PM
BEAST CENTER - 180 S. HANNAH ST. COAL CITY, IL 60416

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Ministry Schedule



Assumption Church - Mar. 22 - 24

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:

Friday, March 22 - 6:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

Server - John Boylan

Saturday, March 23 - 4:00 p.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - **Volunteers needed**

Lector - Laura Marizza

Server - **Volunteer needed**

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

Sunday, March 24 - 7:30 a.m. (Palm Sunday)

Extraordinary Ministers - **Volunteers needed**

Lector - Jim Jacobek

Servers - Ron Marketti, Pete Collins

Sunday, March 24 - 11:30 a.m. (Palm Sunday)

Extraordinary Ministers - **Volunteers needed**

Lector - Jim Jacobek

Server - Hannah Krull

Immaculate Conception Church - March 24

Sunday, March 24 - 9:30 a.m. (Palm Sunday)

Extraordinary Ministers - Cheryl Boyd, Jonathan Grossi, Lee Roberts

Greeters - Fred Hejna, Kevin Kennedy, Dave & Sara Wollgast

Lector - Bob Dragovan

Servers - Margot Roberts, Ben & Clare Wollgast

Thank you for sharing your time and talents with us!

Assumption Weekly Offering + E-Giving

Annual Offering Budget (7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024)	\$341,590
YTD Offering Budget	\$243,053
YTD Actual Offering	\$242,304
Last Week's Mass Offering	\$4,319
Last Week's E-Giving Offering	\$1,658
Last Week's Total Offering	\$5,977
Weekly Goal	\$6,569

Assumption Church Building Loan Balance Through January, 2024

Original Note Amount	\$796,607
Current Loan Balance	\$463,580

Immaculate Conception Weekly Offering

Annual Offering Budget (7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024)	\$115,440
YTD Offering Budget	\$82,140
YTD Actual Offering	\$93,613
Last Week's Total Offering	\$1,583
Weekly Goal	\$2,220



Please mark your calendars for a fun-filled evening of family bingo in Berst Hall on Saturday, May 18th! Additional details will be published soon...



April 20, 2024
Registration at 9:30 am
New Community Christian Church

Hello Friend,

We invite you to walk with us at the annual spring fundraising event to benefit the Grundy County Pregnancy Resource Center.

Last year we facilitated over 451 client visits! We trust that we will experience growth this year and are excited to have you join us! The best part is that we served every client free of charge thanks to supporters like you.

We trust that growth will continue through this year, but we need your help to meet the needs of women and families in our community. Will you walk with us?

Tina Brockett

Tina Brockett & the Grundy PRC Team

Here is how to join the Walk:

1. Register at www.gwprcevents.org or by scanning the QR code below or calling our center to pre-register for the Walk
2. Set a dollar goal to raise
3. Use the printable pledge sheet or FundEasy online platform (or both) to begin collecting pledges as a sponsored walker
4. Share your progress on our event Facebook page
5. Join us for the WALK on April 20th at New Community Christian Church from 10:00 am-12:00 pm *Refreshments, activities, and memories provided

Incentives:

\$250 IN PLEDGES:

1 Walk T-shirt

\$500 IN PLEDGES:

1 Walk T-shirt +
1 Walk Sweatshirt



Register for the Walk using this QR code!

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



Upcoming Dates

- ✦ 3/17 - Living Stations Practice
6:00 - 7:30 pm Braidwood
- ✦ 3/24 - Living Stations Practice
6:00 - 7:30 pm Braidwood
- ✦ 3/29 - Living Stations Presentation
11:30 AM Braidwood

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Irish Blessing

**May Christ and His saints stand
between you and harm.**

**Mary and her Son,
St. Patrick with his staff,
Martin with his mantle,
Bridget with her veil, Michael with his shield,
And God over all with His strong right hand.**

For questions: Sara Wollgast (815) 341-5946

Kids Corner

Prayer

God, help me to follow Jesus.
I want to show everyone how
great you really are.

Mission for the Week

Look for ways to be helpful
in your family. Help set the
table. Take the trash out. Put
away your toys and books
without being asked. When
your family notices you being
so helpful, tell them you
are trying to follow Jesus'
example.

Sharing the Gospel

When you act bossy, selfish,
or rude, no one will want to
spend time with you. You
will be lonely and unhappy.
Follow the example of Jesus
instead. Be strong in your
faith. Do all that God asks
you to do, even when it is
not easy. Be honest. Be kind.
Share what you have been
given. Be helpful. Forgive.
Show everyone what God
is like. When you follow
Jesus' example, you won't
be lonely. When people
around you see that your
faith is real, they will come
to you for help. They will
want to know what makes
you different. Then you can
point them to Jesus.

Now color
the picture! →

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

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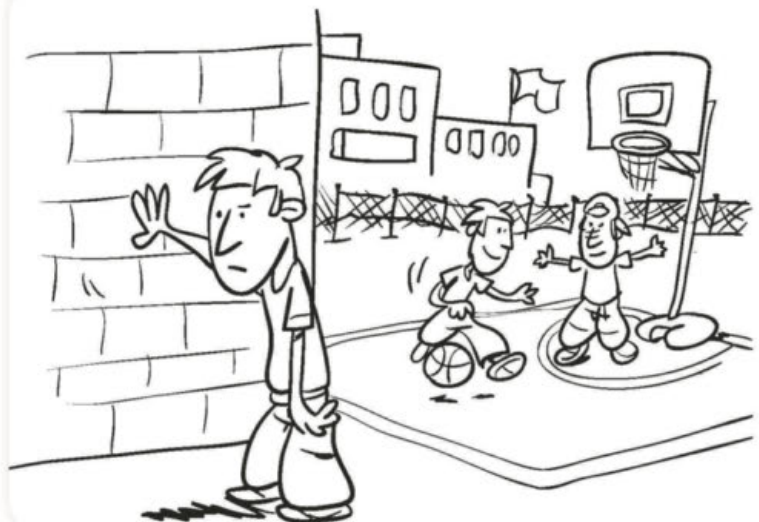
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2024 Humanitarian Scholarship

Introduction:

In memory of all former members who exemplified the pillars of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism in Council 1574, we have established a scholarship program for high school seniors seeking financial assistance for continuing their education. Scholarships are awarded primarily on the basis of merit. However, financial need and other circumstances may be considered. The scholarship award will be \$500 and this scholarship is **renewable annually** throughout the recipient's educational tenure up to 4 years contingent on continued service to others and ability to maintain adequate standing in their schooling (maximum awarded through 4 years of studies will be \$2,000 per recipient).

Eligibility:

Scholarship applications will be accepted from individuals who meet the following requirements:

1. Must be planning on attending college, trade, or vocational school in Fall of 2024
2. Must be a member of one of the following parishes: Braidwood-Immaculate Conception, Coal City-Assumption BVM, South Wilmington-St. Lawrence, Kinsman-Sacred Heart, or Reddick-St. Mary

Application:

Applicants must submit the following material:

1. A completed and signed application. Applications will be made available on our Knights of Columbus 1574 FaceBook Page, <https://braidwoodkoc.yolasite.com> and by emailing KofCBraidwood@gmail.com or text/call 815-651-1963
2. Two signed letters of recommendation concerning the applicant's character. These must be from persons other than family members.
3. A typed and signed essay, of not more than 500 words on: "Describe, in your own words, what it means to "serve others" and explain why this is important to you, your parish, or the community in general."

The sealed Application must be received at the address below no later than:

4:00 PM / TUESDAY – APRIL 16, 2024

Applications received after this date and time will not be considered.

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195 E. Main St.

Braidwood, IL 60408

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The Scholarship Committee will review all applications. Decision will be made by: **APRIL 30, 2024**. Selections of the Scholarship Committee will be final. Please provide an email address.

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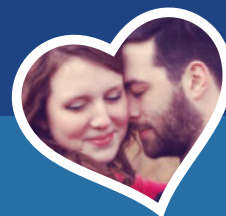
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