

Assumption of the  
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**SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024**

## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

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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

<b>SATURDAY March 2</b>	<b>First Saturday</b>
8:30 AM Mass (AP) †Deceased Members of Faletti Family ( <i>Roberta &amp; Mary</i> )	
4:00 PM Mass (AP) †Deceased Members of the Ruffatti & Bianchetta Families ( <i>Don &amp; Pat</i> )	
<b>SUNDAY March 3</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>
7:30 AM Mass (AP) †Bernard Giordarno ( <i>Doris</i> )	
9:30 AM Mass (IC) †Leonard Halliday ( <i>Pam Tessler &amp; Family</i> ) †Esther Knorr ( <i>Bruce &amp; Melissa [Knorr] Radtke</i> )	
11:30 AM Mass (AP) †Marilyn Teresa Campbell ( <i>Children</i> )	
<b>TUESDAY March 5</b>	<b>St. Peregrine Devotions</b>
6:30 PM Mass (AP) Intention of the Celebrant	
<b>WEDNESDAY March 6</b>	
8:30 AM Mass (AP) Intention of the Celebrant	
<b>THURSDAY March 7</b>	
8:30 AM Mass (IC) †Danny Dillon ( <i>Kathy Dillon</i> )	
<b>FRIDAY March 8</b>	
8:30 AM Mass (AP) Intention of the Celebrant	
<b>SATURDAY March 9</b>	
4:00 PM Mass (AP) †Deceased Members of the Sitar & Johnson Families ( <i>Frank &amp; Lee</i> )	
<b>SUNDAY March 10</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>
7:30 AM Mass (AP) †Lucille Wolfe ( <i>Joe &amp; Pam Turk</i> )	
9:30 AM Mass (IC) †Pat Scubic ( <i>Pam Tessler &amp; Family</i> ) †Teresa Slanicky ( <i>Family</i> )	
11:30 AM Mass (AP) †Mary Bono ( <i>Family</i> ) †Pauline Fornelli ( <i>Family</i> ) †Jack Riley, Sr. ( <i>Riley Family</i> ) †Lucille Quayle ( <i>Ralph &amp; Lela Haldorson</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.*

In your charity, prayers, and Mass offerings, please remember those who have died. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

**Catherine Baudino**  
(Mother of Jim, Lynn, and Dan)

## 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 3

12:30 pm - Baptism - AP  
 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Youth Ministry Night - Berst Hall

### Monday March 4

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

### Tuesday March 5

8:30 am - Communion Service - IC  
 9:00 am - Marthas Ministry Meeting - Madonna Room/Berst Hall  
 Braidwood Community Care Food Pantry Open - 815-325-0779

### Wednesday March 6

Assumption Food Pantry Open - 815-518-2000

### Thursday March 7

6:00 pm - 6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross Chaplet - IC  
 Coal City Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288

### Friday March 8

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

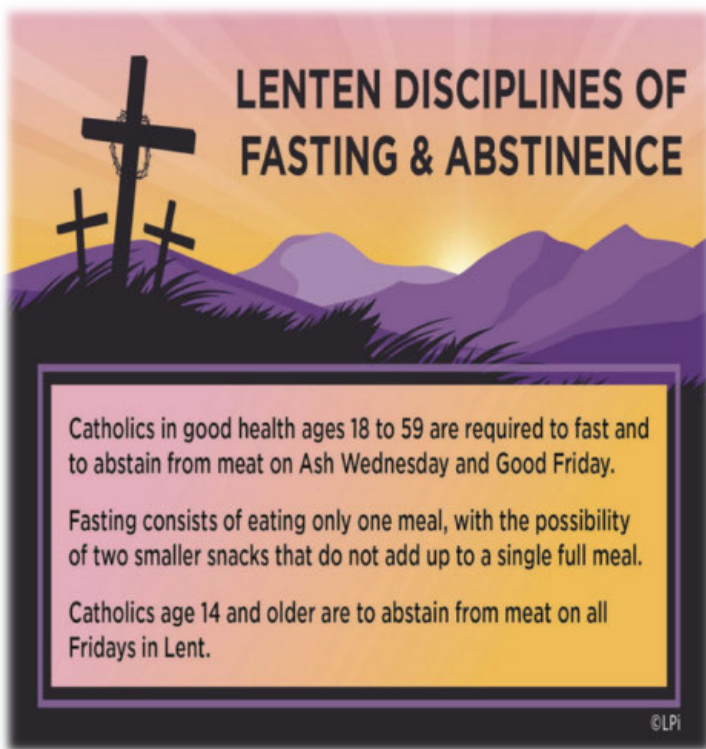
### Saturday March 9

No Events

### Sunday March 10

9:45 am - 11:15 am - Family Faith Formation - Berst Hall  
 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 reading the short daily entries within this book.

A free will offering of only \$1 is suggested for each book, and they are still available in the narthex of Assumption Church.

## 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!**

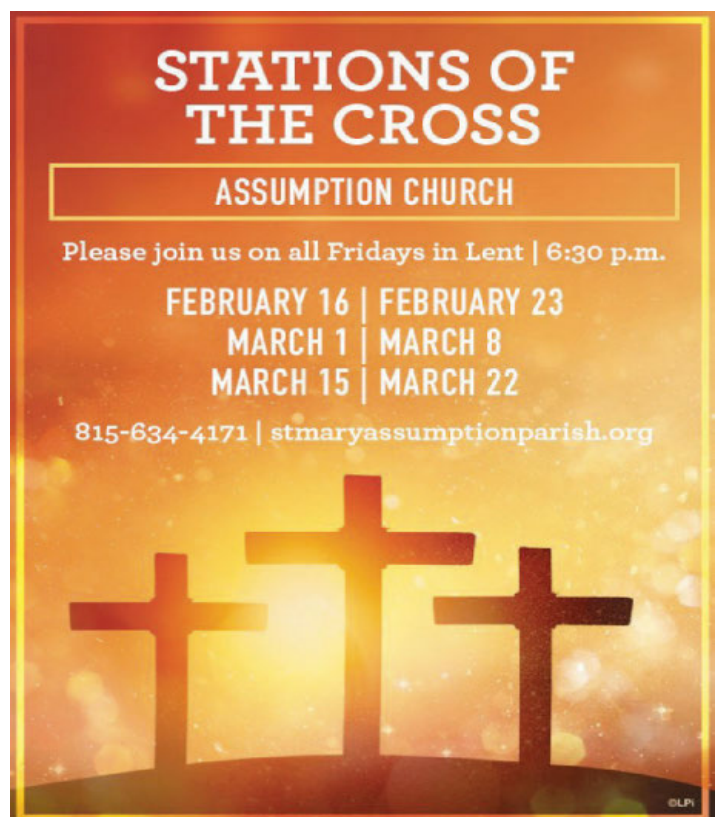
## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

### 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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**Assumption's Marthas Ministry will be meeting on Tuesday, March 5 at 9:00 a.m. in the Madonna Room at Berst Hall.** This meeting is for all current members and anyone new who wishes to join this ministry.

*We hope to see you there!*



**Please join us at Assumption Church for our St. Peregrine Devotions on Tuesday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m.** St. Peregrine is the patron saint of people suffering from cancer and other serious life-threatening illnesses, and all are welcome at these first Tuesday, monthly devotions.

### **This Week on EWTN**

#### **A TRAVEL GUIDE TO HEAVEN**

Ever wish there were a travel guide to Heaven? Anthony DeStefano has written one, painting a colorful, compelling, and reassuring image of Heaven that's not only spiritual, but physical too.

*Mon. - Fri., March 4 - 8 & 11 @ 4:30 p.m. dvd*

#### **CANDLES IN THE DARK**

Through the darkness that encompasses our world, Fr. Richard Ho Lung and the Missionaries of the Poor light a candle, offering aid and comfort to society's most forgotten and abandoned.

*Saturday, March 9 @ 1:00 p.m.*

**Breakfast**  
WITH FATHER JOSH

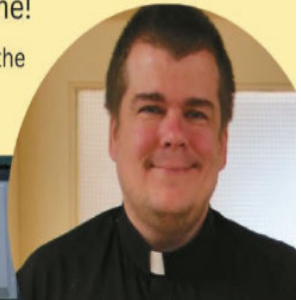
**Thursday, March 21st  
after 8:30 AM Mass**

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



# **Thursday March 14th Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner**



**4-7PM**

*Corned beef,  
cabbage, carrots  
& potatoes.*



**Fr. White Hall  
110 S. School St.  
Braidwood, IL**



**Stations of the Cross  
at 6pm in the church**

Free will donations for dinner  
to benefit Immaculate  
Conception Braidwood &  
Council Functions.

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

In those days, God delivered all these commandments:  
 "I, the LORD am your God,  
 who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place  
 of slavery.  
 You shall not have other gods besides me." (Ex 20:1-3)

### Psalm:

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. (Ps 19)

### Second Reading:

We proclaim Christ crucified,  
 a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,  
 but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike,  
 Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.  
 (1 Cor 1:23-24)

### Gospel:

Jesus answered and said to them,  
 "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."  
 (Jn 2:19)

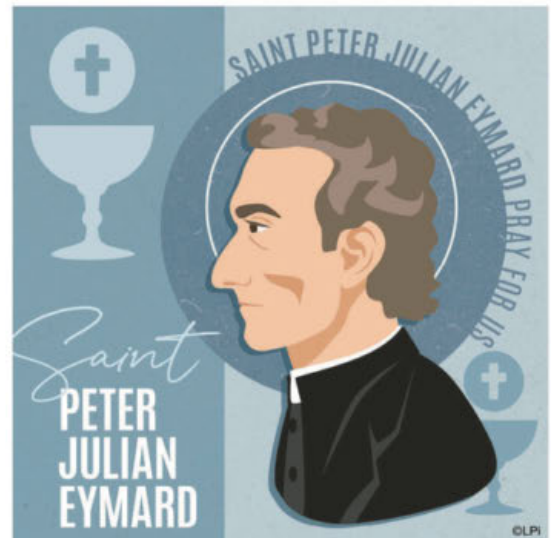
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus was not afraid to confront iniquity wherever he encountered it, and his zeal for righteousness was so strong it looked like anger as he drove the moneychangers from the temple. Pray that, with that same devotion and care, he will cleanse our hearts from sin.

## Observances for the week of March 3, 2024

**Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Lent  
**Monday:** St. Casimir  
**Thursday:** Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs  
**Friday:** St. John of God, Religious  
**Saturday:** St. Frances of Rome, Religious;  
 St. Catherine of Bologna  
**Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins



## Saint of the week

St. Peter Julian Eymard, known as "Apostle of the Eucharist," founded the Society of the Blessed Sacrament and the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament. He promoted perpetual adoration, inspired those estranged from the Church to return, and worked to educate all about Christ.

## Prayer of Surrender

Dear Lord,  
 Help me to place You in the  
 center of my plans for the  
 future, my dreams for my life,  
 my goals for the time ahead.  
 Be my God and my guide.  
 Amen.



# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of March 3, 2024

### Sunday:

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25  
*Scrutiny:* Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/  
 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

### Monday:

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/  
 Lk 4:24-30

### Tuesday:

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc,  
 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

### Wednesday:

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/  
 Mt 5:17-19

### Thursday:

Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

### Friday:

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab,  
 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

### Saturday:

Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/  
 Lk 18:9-14

### Next Sunday:

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 *Scrutiny:*  
 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I am the Lord your God ... You shall not have other gods beside me.  
 —Ex 20:2-3

One of the greatest golfers of all time — if not the greatest — was Jack Nicklaus. Which is why it is baffling that at the beginning of each season he would return to his childhood coach and re-learn how to grip the golf club. It's like Shakespeare re-learning the alphabet and grammar. Why would he do that? Because Jack knew that the fundamentals are always relevant. Perfecting and obsessing over his grip allowed him to do everything else in the game well. In sports and life, the best ones love the basics.

Similarly, as we begin Lent, we re-learn the spiritual basics in the Ten Commandments. Consider the first, to **"have no other gods besides me."** This is our "grip." Is our connection to God one of absolute fidelity and exclusive worship? Am I willing to let go of my precious idols, the things I cling to instead of God? Once we say "yes" to this fundamental question of our spiritual "grip," then we are ready to properly engage with everything else in life. Watch how beautifully the game of life unfolds in the next nine commandments (numbered in parentheses): how we speak to God and others (2 and 8), how we organize our week (3), how we relate to our family (4) and the wider community (5 and 7), how we live our sexuality (6), and how we order all the other desires of the human heart (9 and 10). But don't rush to these later Commandments too soon! Everything in life is built on the first Commandment. The more we focus on worshipping God alone, the better we navigate the complexity of life with panache, effectiveness, and love.

**Lenten challenge:** This week, identify what you can do to better worship God alone. If you're not sure, scan the last nine commandments to identify what you are most likely to worship instead of God. Power, pleasure, control of your time, possessions, family, health, reputation, money? Commit to concrete action to help you let go of this "idol" to better hold on to God alone in faithful worship. Remember: the best love the basics.

— Father John Muir

# Liturgical Life

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### The Merciful Anger of Jesus

Watch your fellow churchgoers today as the priest or deacon reads the story of Jesus raising hell (or perhaps he's raising heaven?) in the temple square. Dollars to donuts, they'll be squirming.

As Catholics, we have become very uncomfortable with Angry Jesus. He makes us cringe in the same way that the Old Testament God does when He calls Himself "jealous" and talks about punishment. That level of intensity makes us recoil. If it were present in a human relationship, it would be toxic and abusive, because in humanity, fierceness and love rarely coexist in a healthy way.

But what a tragedy it would be for us to mistake our relationship with God for our relationship with our spouse, our best friend, or even our human father. Because we cannot see clearly, we would mistake His zeal for anger and His law for diktat.

The strong and sure movement of a wave against a rocky cliff will, over time, erode its surface, just as an overabundance of raindrops will flood a city. We do not call the water callous and cruel. We still luxuriate in its coolness and refreshment. Its destructive powers don't negate the life-giving properties of water. We do not demand that water apologize to us for being strong.

Fierce, uncompromising — but also, soft and merciful. How can God — and God's law — be both, at the same time? How can Christ cast a whip at someone's foot, overturn a table and scatter coins? How can the law of God be perfect, as the Psalm says, and refresh the soul — while demanding so much of it?

All I can say is, thank God for Angry Jesus. We need his fierceness and thank God it does not wane because it confuses us. Thank God his mercy does not decrease because we doubt it.

*"For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength." — 1 Corinthians 1:25*

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

Is it ever Ok to leave Mass before it ends?

### Answer:

This is an interesting question because beneath the surface there seems to be an assumption that if it's okay, then why do we have to stay after we receive communion? The short answer is "no," but we definitely want to go a bit deeper as we consider why.

First, when we think about questions like this, we must consider this in adult terms. If there is something gravely important that we need to do, then we must attend to that. However, if it is a matter of convenience or preference, then we really have to stop and think again. First, while we always want to recognize the importance of sacramental communion in the Mass, we also need to understand how important the time of thanksgiving and prayer after communion is. This is summarized in the Prayer After Communion offered by the celebrant and then we are also commissioned to "Go forth" during the Dismissal of the Mass, reminding us that we have been entrusted with a gift — the Word of God and the Presence of Christ in the sacrament — and that we are to share that gift with others.

If we simply leave after we receive communion, we risk two things. First, there is the possibility that we will turn our reception of communion into a purely personal, individual experience that is separated from our common experience of worship — and communion in the fullest sense — and, second, we lose an opportunity for gratitude and serious reflection if we simply leave after communion. This time of thanksgiving, reflection, and, ultimately, missioning, are important and, in the end, an essential part of the celebration of the Mass.



## Liturgical Life

And to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me.

- Jn 2:16-17

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### Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

#### First Reading

The "10 Commandments" given to Moses at Mount Sinai reveal God's moral and ethical expectations for Israel. Which of these Commandments do you personally find most challenging to follow?

#### Second Reading

Early in his letter to the Corinthians, Paul speaks of his firm conviction in the power and wisdom of his proclamation, "Christ crucified." What are you confident about in your faith life?

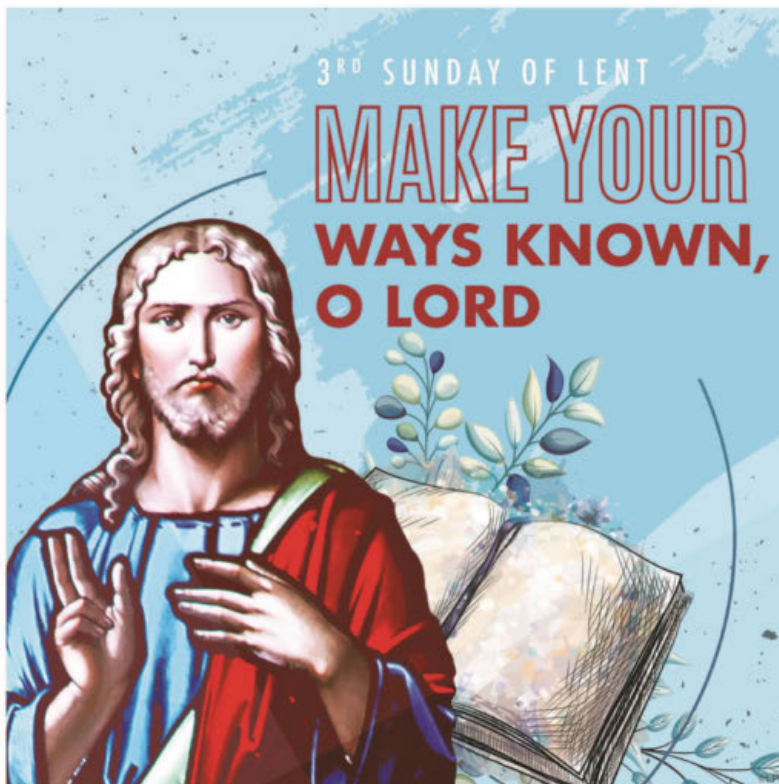
#### Gospel Reading

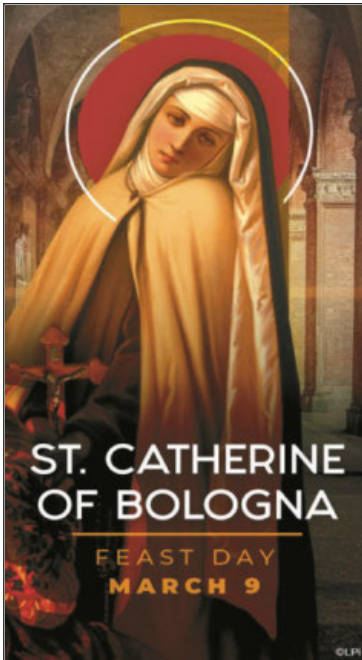
Jesus' deep passion ("zeal") for the Jerusalem Temple led to his strong (and violent) reaction to what he witnessed in the Temple. What is something you feel passionate about as it relates to your faith?



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St. Catherine of Bologna (September 8, 1413 – March 9, 1463) came from an upper-class family in Ferrara, a city in Italy, and received an education at the court, where she learned reading, writing, singing and drawing. But despite her advantages, her heart yearned for God.

She joined a group of religious women in Ferrara at the age of 18. Four years later, that same group joined the Poor Clares, an order founded by St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. In 1456, she and 15 other sisters were sent to establish a Poor Clare monastery in Florence.

As abbess, St. Catherine of Bologna worked to establish the new community and maintain a semblance of peace throughout. She was a model of piety and reported experiencing miracles and several visions of Christ, and the Virgin Mary.

In 1463, St. Catherine of Bologna became seriously ill, and she passed away. She was buried without a coffin and her body was exhumed 18 days later because of many cures attributed to her at her graveside and the sweet scent coming from her grave. Her body was discovered incorrupt (meaning it was not decaying) and remains so today.

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## Go Beyond Recitation

Can you recite the Ten Commandments by heart? Several years ago a national US survey found more people could identify the ingredients in a Big Mac and name the children in the Brady Bunch television show than recite the Ten Commandments. Of course, being able to recite them is not nearly as important as living a life in harmony with them. However, if we simply live to not break them then we are only living out half of our discipleship.

Every commandment calls us to action beyond the simplicity of its words. We are not to kill, but we are also called to support life. We are not to steal, but we are also to share what we have freely. We are to have no other Gods before our God, but we also need to actively praise and glorify Him.

To live a moral life is to do more than follow rules and laws. It is to actively live in a way that gives witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ. This way of living is stewardship. As we focus more on the penitential message of Lent, we need to not just reflect on what we have done wrong, but equally what we have failed to do. To be given so much by a loving God and not share those things with God and His people is wrong as well. Perhaps as we reflect on these things we might find ourselves adding something to our lives that will last for many Lenten seasons to come.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



**Sloan Kathryn McLuckie**

**Parents: Katie & Robert McLuckie**

**Assumption Church  
March 3, 2024**

**May God bless you!**

***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, Stanley Jerz, 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.*





## Ministry Schedule



### Assumption Church - Mar. 8 - 10

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 8 - 6:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

Server - John Boylan

#### Saturday, March 9 - 4:00 p.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - **Volunteers needed**

Lector - Laura Marizza

Servers - **Volunteers needed**

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

#### Sunday, March 10 - 7:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - Kenna Baskerville, **volunteer needed**

Lector - Jaiden Leman

Servers - Ron Marketti, Pete Collins

#### Sunday, March 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - Julie Keigher, **volunteer needed**

Lector - **Volunteer needed**

Servers - **Volunteers needed**

### Immaculate Conception Church - March 10

#### Sunday, March 10 - 9:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - Bob & Mary Dragovan, Tami Favero

Greeters - Jonathan Grossi, Kevin Kennedy, Andy Scheer, Eric Tessler

Lector - Cheryl Chasensky

Servers - Trong Nguyen, Eamon Roberts, Devonte Sennett

**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	\$229,915
YTD Actual Offering	<b>\$228,678</b>
Last Week's Mass Offering	\$3,547
Last Week's E-Giving Offering	\$833
Last Week's Total Offering	\$4,380
<b>Weekly Goal</b>	<b>\$6,569</b>

## 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	\$77,700
YTD Actual Offering	<b>\$89,621</b>
Last Week's Total Offering	\$2,204
<b>Weekly Goal</b>	<b>\$2,220</b>

## Join Our Parish!

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish presently serves hundreds of families within Coal City and the surrounding area. Immaculate Conception Parish presently serves over one hundred families in Braidwood and the surrounding area. Many Catholics attend either of these parishes for Mass and consider it their "spiritual home." However, they are not formally registered in either parish. Why not take the opportunity to become "one of the family?"

For those who are new to either Roman Catholic parish, we hope that you find the grace and love of Jesus Christ in the teachings and ways of the Catholic faith. As you become more acquainted with either parish, you may find an area in which to share. The success of our parish and bringing the faith to others depends on the work, sacrifice, prayers, and cooperation of all of us.

To register, simply fill out the form below and return it to the parish office through the mail, drop it off, or return it through the Sunday offering. You may also register online by going to the parish website of your choice.

*Welcome! We're happy you're here!*

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## Cards & Collectibles Show

**Sunday, April 21st**

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



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## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



### Upcoming Dates

- ✦ 3/3 - YM Night  
6:00 - 7:30 pm Coal City
- ✦ 3/10 - Living Stations  
Practice  
6:00 - 7:30 pm Braidwood
- ✦ 3/17 - Living Stations  
Practice  
6:00 - 7:30 pm Braidwood

## LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

E.P.I.C. Youth Ministry will again be sponsoring this year's Living Stations. We are looking for ALL children and teens (from both parishes) ages 5-18 to be a part of this special presentation. Our first practice will be on Sunday, March 10th from 6:00 - 7:30 PM at Immaculate Conception. The presentation will take place on Good Friday, April 29th at 11:30 AM. We look forward to continuing this wonderful tradition!

### Practices

March 10, 17 and 24 - 6:00 - 7:30 pm  
at Immaculate Conception Church,  
Braidwood

For questions: Sara Wollgast (815) 341-5946



## Kids Corner

### Prayer

God, my church is a place for prayer. Help me to remember that always.

### Mission for the Week

Read John 2:13-25 with your family. Ask God to help you keep your church clean. Church should never be a store or a barn. It should be a special place to pray.

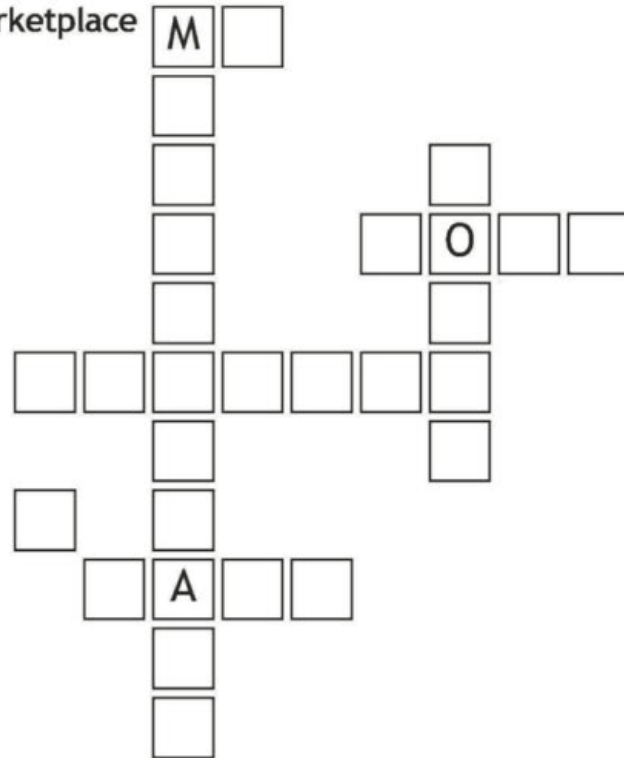
### Sharing the Gospel

Imagine coming to your church to pray. All around your church, you see people selling animals. It smells like a barn. The animals are loud. The people are shouting. You cannot even pray with all the noise and activity going on around you. That is what Jesus found in today's Gospel. It broke his heart and made Jesus angry. God's house is not supposed to be turned into a barn or a store. It should be special place where people can meet with God and talk to him. Jesus cleaned out his Father's house. He turned it back into a place of prayer.

Now color  
the picture! →

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Don't make my Father's house a marketplace





**St Scholastica Catholic Church in Woodridge is seeking to hire a part-time Director of Religious Education.** This position is a non-benefitted 29-hour a week position (requires some evening and weekend work). Full-time, benefitted position is a consideration if willing to take on our RCIA and Adult Faith Formation programs. Job responsibilities include, but not limited to, the management of religious education programming for grades 1-7, sacrament preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist (including St. Scholastica School and children beyond normal sacrament age), overseeing Children's Liturgy of the Word, collaboration on other parish activities, and participating regularly at parish staff meetings. Since this is a formal ministerial position, candidates must be fully initiated and practicing Roman Catholics in good standing, and must know, profess, and act consistently in accordance with the doctrinal and moral teachings of the Catholic Church. A degree in education, theology, or a related field is not required but helpful. Experience in parish religious education and a collaborative approach with good communication and computer skills are necessary. To view a complete job description, visit: The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois. If interested in this amazing opportunity, please send a cover letter and resume to Jean Palasz at [jpalasz@stscholasticaparish.org](mailto:jpalasz@stscholasticaparish.org).

**St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manteno is seeking to hire a part-time (15-20 hours per week), unbenefitted Parish Secretary.** In this role, you will...Maintain parish database, parish calendar, and sacramental records; Schedule Mass intentions; Maintain and organize a filing system for parish documents; Answer phone calls; Welcome/assist/direct visitors and parishioners; Provide secretarial and office support to Pastor and parish staff; Participate regularly at parish staff meetings; Other duties as assigned. Required Qualifications...Several years' experience working in an administrative role; Excellent communications and other interpersonal skills; Must work well with others; Experience using Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Publisher); Ability to prioritize, organize, and have focus/attention to detail. If interested in this amazing opportunity, please send a resume, cover letter, and salary requirements to: [stjosephmanteno@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephmanteno@gmail.com).



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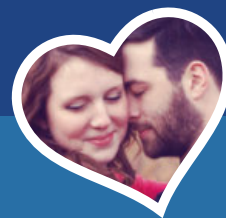
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