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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025** 

### Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Coal City

Sacred Heart, Kinsman

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### **Mass and Confession Times**

### **REGULAR WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

Assumption - Saturday - 4:00 p.m. (\*First Saturday of the Month - Additional Mass at 8:30 a.m.), Sunday - 7:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

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

### **REGULAR WEEKDAY MASS TIMES**

Assumption - Tuesday - 6:30 p.m. (\*First Tuesday of the Month Mass is followed by St. Peregrine Devotions & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.) Thursday & Friday - 8:30 a.m.

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

### ROSARY

Assumption - Tuesday - 6:00 p.m., Thursday & Friday - 8:00 a.m.

### **CONFESSION TIMES (Different on Holy Days & Holidays)**

Assumption - Tuesday - 6:00 p.m. to 6:20 p.m., Thursday & Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 8:20 a.m., Saturday - 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., First Sat. Only - 8:00 a.m. to 8:20 a.m.

Sacred Heart, Kinsman - Wednesday - After 8:30 a.m. Mass, Sunday - After 9:00 a.m. Mass.

### **Eucharistic Adoration Chapel**

Assumption - The Adoration Chapel is open daily from 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

### **Sacraments**

### ANOINTING 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 - Baptisms are ordinarily scheduled for the second and fourth Sundays of the month after 11:30 a.m. Mass.

### **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.



# Bishop Hicks' Column September 2025 The Leo Effect: Reflecting After 100 Days



In the world of leadership, there is a common practice: after the first one hundred days in office, we pause to reflect. What direction is this new leader taking us in? What tone has been set? Where might we be headed?

In these early months, we are beginning to see the kind of shepherd God has given us. The "Leo Effect," as I like to call it, is the fruit of his presence. It is the blessings, the new stirrings, and the hopeful signs already emerging in our Church and in our world.

At a recent Presbyteral Council meeting, one of our <u>Augustinian</u> priests told me that, since Pope Leo is himself an Augustinian, they have noticed a marked increase in young men expressing interest in the priesthood. That is the Leo Effect in action. These are ripples of inspiration that move from Rome all the way to local parishes and communities like ours.

Another question I have been asked many times in recent weeks is this: will Pope Leo XIV choose Chicagoland as the first place he visits? People have wondered if he might return to his roots in the south suburbs, visit his old neighborhood in <u>Dolton</u>, grab a slice of his favorite pizza, or even celebrate Mass at White Sox Park. As wonderful as that would be, and as much as I would personally love to see it, I usually remind people that his first stop is more likely to be a place in urgent need of healing, reconciliation, or peace. Perhaps the Holy Land, perhaps Ukraine, or perhaps another corner of the world that needs his pastoral presence. But who knows? The Holy Spirit guides these journeys, and for now we simply wait in joyful anticipation.

People close to Pope Leo have said, "He listens more than he talks." That in itself is part of the Leo Effect. In an age of noise and constant headlines, the witness of a leader who listens deeply is striking. His way of leadership is not rooted in quick soundbites but in steady gestures of closeness and compassion. Early in his pontificate, he celebrated Mass with the homeless and then shared a meal with them. He has spoken often of the "fire of love" that must burn within us, not a fire that remains hidden, but one that spreads outward in compassion, justice, and peace.

Another sign of the Leo Effect is his bridge-building across cultures. Born in the United States, <u>formed as a missionary in Peru</u>, and shaped by the Augustinian spirit of community and humility, Pope Leo embodies the universality of the Church. His very life story unites North and South America, English and Spanish, tradition, and modernity.

Pope Leo has also expressed concern about pressing global issues. He has spoken about the <u>moral questions surrounding artificial intelligence</u>, reminding us not to allow technology, money, or power to displace God. <u>He has called for peace in conflict zones</u>, urging the world to pursue reconciliation. He has also reminded us that the greatness of the Church is not measured in status or wealth, but in holiness and service. Recently, he approved a new <u>Mass for the Care of Creation</u>, highlighting his commitment to safeguarding our common home and encouraging all believers to pray and act for the protection of God's earth.

At the same time, he has shown deep respect for tradition. When he walked out onto the balcony of St. Peter's, he reclaimed the use of the mozzetta, a traditional papal vestment symbolizing continuity with history. He also revived the ancient practice of personally bestowing the pallium on new archbishops. These gestures remind us that while Pope Leo leads the Church into new challenges, he remains anchored in her history and symbols. His leadership balances continuity with creativity.

Many have also noted his warmth and relatability. He is approachable, enjoys simple pastimes like <u>baseball</u>, <u>tennis</u>, and <u>word games</u>, and speaks plainly from the heart. These touches of humanity remind us that the pope is not a distant figure but a pastor walking with his flock.

The Leo Effect is nothing less than the Holy Spirit reminding us that God is alive and active in His Church. And just as the world pauses after one hundred days to reflect on a leader, let us pause to recognize the Spirit's work through Pope Leo XIV. As we pray for our new Holy Father, let us also commit ourselves to being open to the impact the Leo Effect can have on our own lives, to become people of unity, compassion, and love that set the world aflame.

### **Mass Intentions**

SATURDAY September 6

**First Saturday** 

8:30 AM Mass (A)

Special Intention for Residents of A. R. C. Dwight

(Shirley Boero)

4:00 PM Mass (A)

†Mary Sitar (Frank & Lee)

**†Sherri Himmelsbach-Lesch** (Hook/O'KeefeFamilies)

†James Watters (Family)

SUNDAY September 7 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Mass (A)

**People of the Parish** 

†Irene Greer (Kenna & Ray)

†Nancy Jacobek (Lucille)

9:00 AM Mass (SH)

**†Pat Bartman** (Michelle & Steve Baudino)

11:30 AM Mass (A)

**†Robert W. Watson** (Roberta & Mary)

†Theresa Kirn (Keith & Janet Mahlfeldt)

†Joyce Vota (Harold & Georgette)

†Jack Aichele (Pat & Family)

**TUESDAY September 9** 

6:30 PM Mass (A)

**†Helen Dryer** (Tom & Nita Glover Family)

**WEDNESDAY September 10** 

8:30 AM Mass (SH)

†Don Bartman (Joann Ribordy)

**THURSDAY September 11** 

8:30 AM Mass (A)

†Anton & Violet Quartaroli (Peter & Carm Collins)

**FRIDAY September 12** 

8:30 AM Mass (A)

†Geno & Mary Quartaroli (Peter & Carm Collins)

**SATURDAY September 13** 

4:00 PM Mass (A)

**†Patricia Zelinko** (Mike & Joanne Morrall)

**†Bill & Eloise Kaehlert** (Mike & Judy Friddle)

**†Judy Novy** (Don & Pat Bianchetta)

**SUNDAY September 14** 

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:30 AM Mass (A)

†Peggy McFarland (Greg & Laura Uher)

**†Anthony Rice** (Peter & Carm Collins)

9:00 AM Mass (SH)

†Tim Walsh (John T. Walsh)

†Paula Sheedy (Friends)

11:30 AM Mass (A)

**People of the Parish** 

**†Willa Roy** (Friend)

**†Annette Schock** (Friend)

**†Shirley Boero** (LeAnne & Mike)

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.

Peter Kaluzny (Husband of Laura)

Rosemary Skole (Wife of Gregory)

### **Weekly Confession Times**

TUESDAY (A) - 6:00 p.m. to 6:20 p.m.

WEDNESDAY (SH) - Following the 8:30 a.m. Mass

THURSDAY & FRIDAY (A) - 8:00 a.m. to 8:20 a.m.

SATURDAY (A) - 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

(First Saturday only - 8:00 a.m. to 8:20 a.m.)

SUNDAY (SH) - Following the 9:00 a.m. Mass

(Different on Holy Days & Holidays)



### **This Week's Events**

**A:** Assumption

SH: Sacred Heart

### **Sunday, September 7**

10:00 am - Fellowship Committee Meeting - Madonna Room

10:00 am - Baptism - Sacred Heart Church

12:30 pm - Baptism - Assumption Church

6:00 pm - Evening Adult Bible Study - Berst Hall

### **Monday, September 8**

4:30 pm - St. Vincent Meal - Immaculate Conception/Braidwood Coal Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288

### **Tuesday, September 9**

No Events

### Wednesday, September 10

No Events

### Thursday, September 11

9:00 am - Fall Planning Meeting - Parish Office

9:30 am - Bible Study - Madonna Room

Coal Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288

### Friday, September 12

No Events

### Saturday, September 13

No Events

### Sunday, September 14

9:45 am - Family Faith Formation - Berst Hall

6:00 pm - Evening Adult Bible Study - Berst Hall

### In your charity, please pray for the sick:

Sharee Beeler, Paula Beshoar, Tom Buban, Denise Chally,
Ryan Collins, Charlotte Curtis, Jan Dunn, Scott Favero,
Kay Francisco, Mark Francisco, Doris Giordano,
Dolores Hertenstein, Jim Jacobek, Mary Jo Maland, Gloria Markl,,
Sharon McCarthy, Donna Meyer, Steven Miller, Michael Oliphant,
Dan Olson, Jean Peters, Larry Ried, Geri Saltzman,

Cecelia Schimandle, Fred & Wanda Singer,
Jeff & Danita Stepanek, Helen Talty, Glenn VanDrie,

Steve Varsolona, Jake Veronda, Diane Walker, John T. Walsh Names will remain on the prayer list for six months. If you would like

your name to remain on the list, please contact us.

# 2025/2026 FAMILY FAITH FORMATION Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church

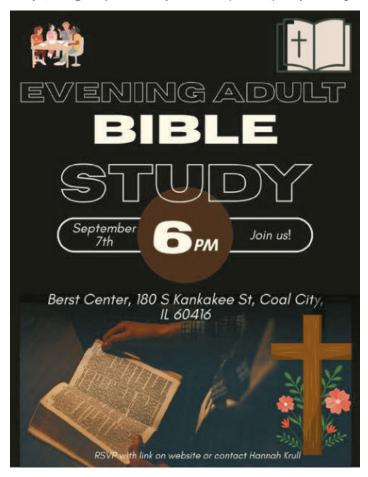
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	Sundays	Wednesdays	Topic
	9:45 am - 11:15 am	6:15 pm - 7:45 pm	Topio
SEPTEMBER	9/14/25	9/17/25	Revelation
OCTOBER	10/19/25	10/22/25	Holy Trinity
NOVEMBER	11/9/25	11/12/25	Jesus Christ
DECEMBER	12/14/25	12/17/25	Advent
JANUARY	1/11/26	1/14/26	The Church
FEBRUARY Session 1	2/1/26	2/4/26	Morality
FEBRUARY Session 2	2/15/26	2/18/26	Reconciliation
MARCH Session 1	3/1/26	3/4/26	Living the Sacraments
MARCH Session 2	3/15/26	3/18/26	Holy Eucharist
APRIL	4/12/26	4/15/26	Kingdom of God

### Other Important Dates

October 15, 2025 @ 7:00 pm – Confirmation (High School Freshmen)

March 21, 2026 @ 10:00 am – First Reconciliation (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)

May 2, 2026 @ 4:00 pm – First Holy Communion (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) & May Crowning



### How the Schedule & Program Work

Parents/Guardians and Children will attend the Family Faith Formation sessions at Assumption Parish's Berst Hall. You may choose the Sunday morning session that runs from 9:45 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. or the Wednesday evening session that runs from 6:15 p.m. until 7:45 p.m. When you register your children for Religious Education, please choose the session that best fits your family schedule. The tuition is \$150 for one student or \$250 for two or more students.

During these Family Faith Formation Sessions, your children will meet with their own grade level catechist(s). The parents/guardians will attend a session with me to discuss topics intended to help them prepare for the teaching they will do with their children during the remainder of that month. Each month will highlight a certain theme or topic about our faith. Your children will be learning about the same topic at their appropriate grade level with you as their guide. The goal is to complete one chapter of the month's theme at the Family Faith Formation Session with the volunteer catechists, and then two additional chapters will be completed at home with the parents before returning to the next monthly Family Faith Formation Session. It is most important that both the students and the parents attend each of the monthly sessions.

Students will receive their books on the first day of classes. These books will go home with them in order to complete, with their parents, the three chapters assigned each month. All Chapter Quizzes and Unit Tests should be completed in the books. These books then need to come with them to each session at Berst Hall so that their work can be reviewed and so they can continue to work with their catechist on new chapters.

Please note that the second sessions in February and March have topics not specifically covered in the student textbooks. These sessions do not include homework assignments but instead are designed to help the parents and students develop a deeper understanding of the Sacraments which Christ has given us and that help us to grow in grace.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year of Family Faith Formation. I am deeply indebted to all our catechists, parents, and students who work so hard to grow in our Catholic faith.

In Christ,

Deacon Bill Dunn

Classes begin next week.
Please register on our website or contact
the parish office today!



# Weekly Prayer

### **Sunday's Readings**

### First Reading:

And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight. (Wis 9:18)

### Psalm:

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge. (Ps 90)

### Second Reading:

Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever. (Phlm 1:15)

### Gospel:

Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. (Lk 14:27)

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# Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Today, Jesus tells us the cost of true discipleship — and it turns out, it's everything. We must reject the world in order to love God. What attachments are holding us back from the relationship we could have — we should have — with our Lord?

### Observances for the week of September 7, 2025

Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Grandparents' Day

**Monday:** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday: St. Peter Claver, Priest

Thursday: Patriot Day

Friday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

Saturday: St. John Crysostom,

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross



### Devotions, Explained!

Lectio divina ("divine reading") is an ancient practice of praying through the reading of Scripture. It includes four steps: read (lectio), meditate (meditatio), pray (oratio) and contemplate (contemplatio).

### **Prayer of Simplicity**

Dear God,

In my desire for You, take away anything that keeps me from knowing You, myself, or my mission here on earth. Help me to remember what is truly important, and to seek and treasure that. Amen.

## Worship & Meditation

### Readings for the week of September 7, 2025

### Sunday:

Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

### Monday:

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/ Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

### Tuesday:

Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19

### Wednesday:

Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/ Lk 6:20-26

### Thursday:

Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Lk 6:27-38

### Friday:

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/ Lk 6:39-42

### Saturday:

1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/ Lk 6:43-49

### **Next Sunday:**

Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17



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### **Gospel Meditation**

### **Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

One hot Arizona summer afternoon my car ran out of gas. I phoned the parish office and begged for help. My secretary came and helped me fill the gas tank. She chided me, "If you can't manage getting your car from A to B, how can we expect you to guide the parish where it needs to go?" Point taken, Julie. I vowed to always make sure I have plenty of gas in my car.

The Lord Jesus chides us in this week's Gospel, too. He uses the two images of a man building a tower and a king marching soldiers into war to make this single point: acquire what is needed to follow him or look ridiculous. We rightly mock the builder who lacks money for his tower and the king with a short-handed army. But our mocking boomerangs back on us. How do we expect to follow Jesus to the end with insufficient detachment from our possessions and divided hearts?

The good news is, there is still time. Jesus is building a great tower to heaven-his own body. So we renounce all and give ourselves to him as his precious stones. Jesus is waging a battle against our enemy. So we forsake all and swear allegiance and march under his banner. In this way, we will finish what has begun in our discipleship. Or better put, our Lord will have the stones and soldiers required to see his great work through.

- Father John Muir

### MEMORIAL LUMINARIAS - ALL SOULS DAY MASS

Dear Parishioners,

Those of us who have lived any significant period of time know the pain of losing someone close to us. It is often the case that death wounds us deeply, and that sadness penetrates our souls. Scripture often equates death with darkness, a metaphor we understand well as we reflect on our own loss.

At the same time, followers of Christ know that he is the Light. "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it," John's Gospel tells us. In the Lord, we find the light of the Resurrection, the promise of that day when death will be no more.

And this is why we remember our loved ones with votive candles. The light represents the immortality of the soul as we recall the promises of Christ, praying that we too will join him or the last day with those we've lost. The votive candle ultimately stands for hope; hope that the sorrow we've known in our loss will be replaced by eternal joy. As we gather on All Souls Day, the luminaria offers us a unique way to join our prayers together in faith and in hope.

Please join us at Mass as we pray our solemn prayers for the dead on November 2nd, remembering all that the Lord has done for us by defeating death on the Cross.

In Christ,				
Fr. Josh				
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Our parish is offering "take and make" Lighted Memorial Luminarias and Personalized Memorial Candles in memory of our beloved deceased to be displayed in front of Mary's Grotto at the All Soul's Day Mass on November 1, 2025, at 4:00pm. Each luminaria should be designed to memorialize ONE person/name or ONE COUPLE per memorial. A \$5 donation to Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Coal City is suggested per luminaria bag or memorial candle. Both memorials will be available in the narthex at the October 11/12, 18/19, and 25/26 weekend Masses. The last day to purchase will be Sunday, October 26, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. After purchasing in October, please have your personalized luminaria bag(s) and or candle(s) returned to one of the above Masses and placed on the luminaria table located in the church narthex.

On Saturday, November 1, we encourage you to either pick up your luminaria bag or candle immediately following the All Souls Day Mass or leave them in Mary's Grotto to continue to burn brightly through the night in memory of your beloved deceased. All memorials will be removed on Sunday, November 2, after the 11:30am Mass.

-- Thank you and God bless you!

\*\*O Sweet Mother Mary, please intercede for these precious souls that your loving son Jesus may grant them eternal rest in heaven. \*\*



### **Ministry Schedule**

September 13 & 14



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

### Saturday, September 13 - 4:00 p.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - Two volunteers needed

Greeter - Teri Jo Boylan

Lector - Volunteer needed

Server - Volunteer needed

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

### Sunday, September 14 - 7:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - Two volunteers needed

Greeter - Teri Jo Boylan

Lector - Volunteer needed

Servers - Pete Collins, Ron Marketti

### Sunday, September 14 - 9:00 a.m. (Sacred Heart, Kinsman)

Extraordinary Ministers - Pam Siedentop

Lector - Ed Condon

Servers - Gwen & Abi Siedentop

### Sunday, September 14 - 11:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - Two volunteers needed

Lector - Laura Marizza

Server - Volunteer needed

Thank you for sharing your time and talents with us!



### **Anthony & Katherine Metcalf**

### **Karen Parks**

We're so glad you're here!



All Bears squares have been sold. Thank you to those who purchased a square to support this fundraiser, and good luck to each of you. Go Bears!





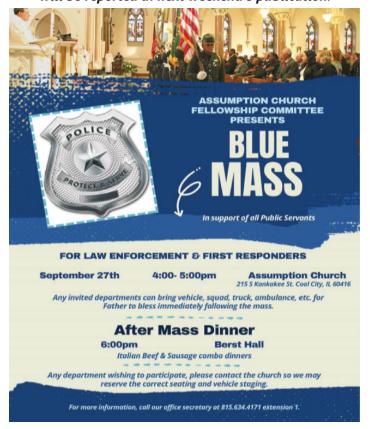


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John 1:38

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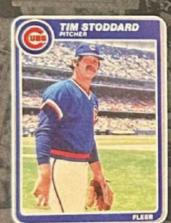




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# COLLECTIBLES SHOW SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025 9AM-3PM

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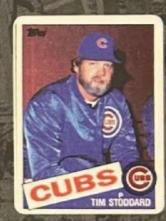


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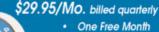
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