Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Roman Catholic Parish

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FIRST Sunday OF Advent

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… When these signs begin to happen,
stand erect and raise your heads
because your redemption is at hand.

Luke 21:25, 28

The Pastor's Page

It's Advent. Now Slow Down.

Advent is a perplexing season. This is due to the fact that while the message of the Church and the Gospel say one thing, our culture often moves us to the exact opposite extreme. There's always a tension between the faith and the culture, but this tension becomes even more pronounced during this particular season.

Advent is a time for *slowness*. It's a time to slow down, to spend time in prayer. It's a time to ponder. As I always point out — and will, like a broken record — Advent is the season to think upon our need for Christ to enter into the world, both the first time around and at the Second Coming.

And yet, our culture does nothing to support us in the true spirit of the season. Many of you have been deluged by preparation: family plans, gift buying, social parties, and decorating. All things that create movement, activity, and sometimes stress. In fact, we hear every year around this time how stressed out people get around the holidays, which is sad given the nature of the Advent season.

To make matters even worse, we think of Christmas as a one-and-done. December 25th comes, we meet with the young ones to open presents and celebrate the day, and then it's over. December 26th is life back to normal.

I wonder how different things would look in Advent if we *truly* celebrated Christmas. The last day of Christmas in the more recent Church calendar is January 9th. By the old calendar, it extends even further to February 2nd. Christmas is far from a one-and-done, so much so that we celebrate it with what is called an *octave*, whereby we celebrate the Lord's Nativity for eight straight days. I like to imagine how things would be different if society kept to a Catholic calendar instead of a Protestant one: we'd save the gatherings for the actual season. We'd be in no rush to take decorations down on the 26th. We'd have a little time to breathe in Advent. Perhaps not as many people would feel the crushing blow when Christmas ends, if it were celebrated with correct attention in the culture.

Though I know there's not much we can do to change the overall sentiment in our culture regarding Advent and Christmas, the biggest change is one we can provide for ourselves: *slow down*. Spend time in prayer, talking with God. Read the Scriptures. Make a good confession. Examine your needs, such that God is able to lay the seed for a beautiful Christmas season.

In Christ,

Faith Formation

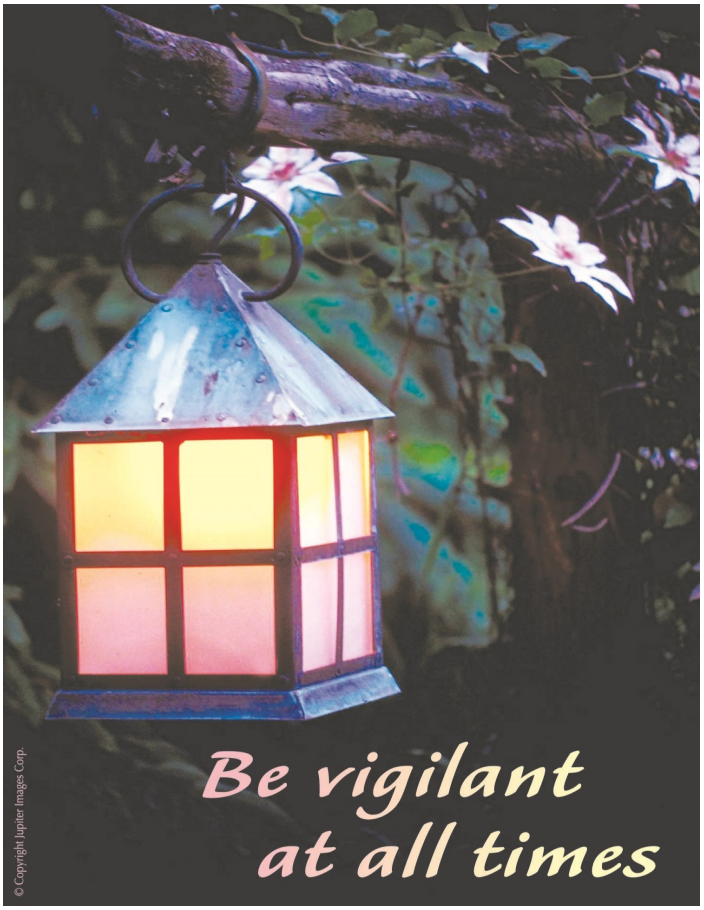
This weekend we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent, which is the beginning of the Church year. During the season of Advent, we focus on preparing ourselves for the coming of the Lord. Today's readings remind us that preparing for the Lord is not just the anticipation of our celebration of the Nativity of the Lord on December 25th. We also prepare for Christ's coming personally into our lives and when we encounter Christ face-to-face at our particular judgment when we die. Today's readings refer to the final coming of Christ at the end of time. This final coming of Christ will display the power and glory of God. Jesus describes these end times and His instructions to His disciples in our Gospel are clear:

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

This passage is one that deserves to be posted on the front of everyone's refrigerator! Now is the time to prepare ourselves. We and our children need to be living each day, loving God and our neighbor, not being consumed with the anxieties of our daily lives, being vigilant. One day, the Lord will come for us. So let us not allow our hearts to become drowsy from all sorts of earthly attractions and concerns. Let us be ready to stand tall before the Lord.

In Christ,

Deacon Bill



Today's Readings

First Reading — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

Psalm — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — May the Lord make you increase and abound in love that you may be blameless in holiness; conduct yourselves so as to please God (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

Gospel — There will be signs and you will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory. Be vigilant (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

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Strengthen Your Hearts

How good is good enough? Do you have to be perfect to get to heaven? In the second reading this Sunday, Paul seems to think so when he tells us to be "blameless in holiness" (1 Thess 3:13.) In fact, he tells the Thessalonians who are pleasing God, to do even more. (4:1) Now Paul never considered himself as perfect: "I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me." (2 Cor 12:7-9) But even with his weakness, Paul always did the best he could. So what should we strive for? Maybe we can take a hint from his phrase "strengthen your hearts."

Think of athletes who try to do their best. A great ball player takes batting practice every day to improve his average. A tennis player will practice her serve to get more aces. A hockey player will keep skating during the summer to get faster. Good athletes are always looking for ways to improve themselves. The keep in shape so they can be stronger, faster, smarter. So what about good Christians? That same attitude is what Paul means by "strengthen your hearts." And Advent is a good time to start.

As we prepare to celebrate the coming of the Lord, we can get ourselves in spiritual shape. Spiritual reading can give us a stronger prayer life. But like the athlete who can read about the rules or strategies of the sport, we get a stronger prayer life by actually praying. If our spiritual reading just makes us feel good, we may be wasting our time. Hopefully, it will lead us to try praying more often and more seriously. Likewise, we can read about volunteering to feed the poor, but making the commitment and doing it is what strengthens the heart. And how can we be "blameless in holiness. . . at the coming of Our Lord?" Not by bragging about our goodness, but confessing what we have done wrong. Only God's forgiveness can make us blameless. Then as the Gospel says, we may have "the strength. . .to stand before the Son of Man." (Lk 21:36)

2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Update
(as of November 14, 2021)

Assumption Parish
Goal: $35,000
Amount Pledged: $30,038
Amount Paid: $29,406
Number of Donors: 170

Immaculate Conception Parish
Goal: $9,900
Amount Pledged: $13,759
Amount Paid: $13,579
Number of Donors: 48

Thank you to everyone who has already pledged a gift for this year's annual appeal!

For those who still wish to donate, pledge envelopes may still be returned directly to the Diocese via USPS. Secure online gifts can also be made at jolietdioceseappeal.org, or text DONATE to (815) 205-1949.

Thank you for your generosity!

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent; Hanukkah begins
Tuesday: St. Andrew, Apostle
Wednesday: World AIDS Awareness Day
Friday: First Friday; St. Francis Xavier
Saturday: First Saturday; St. John Damascene;

GREATNESS
The measure of greatness is not the number of servants you have, but the number of people you serve.
—Anonymous

THE THREE COMINGS OF ADVENT
There are three distinct comings of the Lord of which I know, His coming to humankind, His coming into humankind, and His coming against humankind.
—St. Bernard: Third Sermon for Advent

Watchful Confidence

We the Church enter into Advent and the new liturgical year with a call for a watchful confidence. Our readings were originally addressed to communities undergoing great loss and confusion. Jeremiah speaks confidently of God fulfilling the ancient promises to Israel, even during a time of foreign invasion. Paul speaks of God leading the Church into holiness, while the community longs for the coming of Jesus. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus speaks of powerful signs and of great confusion to come, but emphasizes that we may look forward knowing that God brings not cause for despair, but hope. We celebrate Advent to remind each other of God's faithfulness. We are to be watchful, to see how God is stirring up our world. God disturbs both our pride and our complacency, and brings us healing and justice. We prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus, confident that God indeed fulfills all these divine promises.

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Reflection Question:

What righteous deeds would I be able to bring with me if Christ returned this week?

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Devotions in Honor of Saint Peregrine

St. Peregrine Devotions will be held on Tuesday, December 7 at Assumption Church at 6:30 p.m. Saint Peregrine is the patron saint of those who suffer from cancer or any incurable disease or condition. Please join us!

Wednesday, December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This is not a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be held at 8:30 a.m. at Assumption Church and at 6:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church.

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A NEW BEGINNING

Today, whether at evening, morning, or midday, in many communities of different churches around the world, the first candle lighted in each Advent wreath silently but beautifully announces the beginning of a new liturgical year. This new beginning presents a grace-filled opportunity for us to resolve to live not simply according to the secular calendar of our commercialized society, but according to the spirit of the liturgy. There's nothing wrong—indeed there can be something quite holy—about planning to celebrate God's surprising gift of the Son by surprising our loved ones with thoughtful gifts at Christmas. But how important, amid the rush of holiday preparations, to take the time and to make the effort to appreciate Advent's early twilights and later sunrises, awash in the purples, deep blues, and even the dusky rose colors we associate with Advent. Thus we let nature's own "Advent" prompt reflections on the "Advent" that Jeremiah saw coming.

IMAGES OF THE END-TIMES

How forcefully today's scriptures challenge us to attend to the ominous nature of the Kingdom's definitive in-breaking! The call echoes through Jeremiah's prophecy: "In those days, in that time" and in Paul's letter: "at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen." The theme intensifies toward a crescendo in Luke: "there will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth . . . dismay and perplexity." People will be scared to death—literally—"in anticipation of what is coming upon the world," as "seas and waves roar" and "the powers of heaven will be shaken." And all of this will be just a prelude to "the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." In the face of this "awful" (that is, filled-with-awe) ending, Jesus warns his disciples to guard against two equally debilitating extremes, both of which seem to be trademarks of our contemporary culture: deadening diversion on one hand, and frantic anxiety on the other.

PREPARATION FOR THE END-TIMES

In light of these predictions of frightening end-times, Jesus advises us to embrace his three-fold "Preparation for the End Program": (1) "Beware!" that is, be aware of what really matters, life's true priorities. (2) "Be vigilant at all times," that is, watchful for Christ's coming not only at the end but in the meantime, in family and neighbor, friend and stranger. (3) Above all, "pray." Prayer, communion with God, will help us to remember that for faithful disciples, The End of this world—or our own lives, whichever comes first—will be The Beginning of a joy no one can take from us, fullness of life that will never end. How lovely if this Advent's renewal prepared us to look forward to the moment of Jesus' coming—in his glory or our death—not as a cataclysmic disaster, but as a reason for which to "stand erect and raise (our) heads (in joyful expectation) because (our) redemption is at hand."

TODAY'S READINGS

Jeremiah 33:14–16
Psalm 25:4–5, 8–9, 10, 14
1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2
Luke 21:25–28, 34–36

Prayer of the Week
First Sunday of Advent

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ
with righteous deeds at his coming,
so that, gathered at his right hand,
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

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Bible Study classes at Assumption Parish are held in the Madonna Room of Berst Hall on Thursday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. *All participants must bring their own materials.* Come when you can and bring a friend! For information, please contact Pat Hudetz at 630-935-2103.

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

Sharee Beeler, Charlie Boyd, Tom Buban,
Jadira Carraznc, Tom Chasensky, Ryan Collins,
Lucille Edgar, Alice Faletti, Melissa Fasig, Marjorie Flynn,
Katie Hakey, David Hiller, Sue Kelleher, Emily Larson,
Frank Lestina, Jessica Malkowski, Karen Mark,
Colleen Michalowski, James Meyers,
Kathryn Monbrum-Vint, Tom & Mike Motta,
Mary Passafiume, Brian Pope, Jack Riley,
Kimberly Ritze-Heinz, Divya, Deepa, & Teresa Sathyan,
Marilee Schaefer, Nancy Skowronski, Theresa Slanicky,
Arlette Testa, Charlotte Shelly Woodyard,
John Zentmyer

St. Vincent Monday night carry-out meals are being served from Assumption Church for the months of November and December. We are now serving approximately 180 free, hot nutritious meals each week for anyone in need. Four area churches (Assumption, Immaculate Conception, Ignite Christian, and New Hope Presbyterian) are involved in this ministry, and we would like to add two more churches. If you know of anyone interested in helping for two months at a time, please call Cindi Grove at 815-735-1432.

Checks to help this ministry should be made payable Assumption Church. We thank you for your past and present generosity!

2021/2022 St. Vincent Meals Schedule
Monday Nights - 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

November/December - Coal City
Assumption Church - 180 S. Kankakee Street

January/February - Coal City
New Hope Presbyterian - 80 N. Garfield Street

March/April - Braidwood
Immaculate Conception - 110 S. School Street

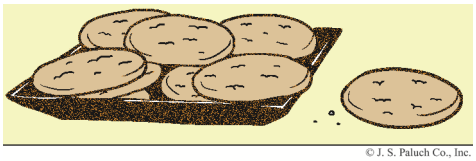
May/June – Braidwood
Ignite Christian Church - 1180 W. First Street

July/August - Coal City
Assumption Church - 180 S. Kankakee Street

Please feel free to share our ministry with your friends!

Thank you, and God Bless!

We are in need of bakers to make desserts for these meals. Desserts can be dropped off at the Berst Center (kitchen alley door) from noon to 4:00 p.m. each Monday. Thank you!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Thank You From St. Vincent's Table Monday Night Meals

St. Vincent's Table Monday Night Meals would not be possible without help from our local businesses and pantries. We would like to take this time during this month of Thanksgiving to acknowledge our donors:

Assumption Food Pantry
Babe's Tap
Berkot's
Braidwood Food Pantry
Coal City Food Pantry
Corleone's Italian Restaurant
Help for Hope
Kaluzny Brothers
Mustachio's
Rosati's Pizza
Subway
Top Fuel Saloon
Whistle Stop

We would also like to thank the many volunteers who cook, serve, deliver, clean up, and bake for our meals. We could not serve the 200 meals per week that we prepare without the help of all of the volunteers and businesses that contribute to our ministry. Thanks also to those who kindly donate to the St. Vincent Meals Fund.

THANK YOU TO ALL AND GOD BLESS!

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church
Ignite Christian Church
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
New Hope Presbyterian Church

SWEETS SUNDAY CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

Assumption's Stewardship Committee will be sponsoring a Sweets Sunday Christmas Bake Sale the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, December 11 and 12. Please stop by the narthex after Mass to check out our delicious variety of Christmas cookies, candies, and other desserts available for purchase. All proceeds will benefit the Assumption Parish General Fund.

Anyone wishing to donate baked goods for our sale may drop them off at the Berst Center kitchen door on Saturday, December 11 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

For more information, please contact Teri Jo Boylan at 815-326-0254.

Sunday Sweeps are Back!
52 Weeks of Winners

The Stewardship Committee of Assumption Parish is sponsoring a "Sunday Sweepstakes" fundraiser. Sunday Sweeps tickets are $50 each. Once a minimum of 250 tickets are sold, weekly drawings will begin with a new winner drawn each Sunday for 52 consecutive weeks. You can win more than once!

Two tickets will be included with the Christmas letter; simply return one or both ticket stubs along with payment in the collection basket. Tickets may also be purchased at the parish office or from Teri Jo Boylan at 815-326-0254.

Thank you for supporting this fundraiser, and good luck!

~Tickets will be mailed soon~

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

E.P.I.C Youth Ministry

EVERYTHING'S POSSIBLE IN CHRIST

Upcoming Dates

- YM Night
  Sun., 12/5 - 6-8 pm
  Braidwood
- Gift Card Distribution
  Dec. 11 and 12
  After Masses
- YM Night - Christmas Party
  Sun., 12/19 - 6-8 pm
  Coal City

Gift cards are back!

Choose gift cards from over 750 brands you're already shopping. Whether you buy the gift cards to give as presents to family and friends or use them to buy your gifts, your order immediately raises funds for E.P.I.C. Youth Ministry. Share the giftspiration with others—the more people that order, the more we earn! The proceeds will go towards helping to reduce the cost of our summer trip to the Steubenville Youth Conference and other Youth Ministry activities throughout the year.

How to order:

* Order online by Sunday, Dec. 5th at: ShopWithScrip.com. Use enrollment code: 3293AA6A26554 OR

* Complete the order form and return it to either parish office. Orders DUE by Monday, December 6th!

* Make checks payable to: Immaculate Conception Church.

* Pick-up your order after any Mass at Immaculate Conception/Assumption Saturday, December 11th and Sunday, December 12th.

For questions: Sara Wollgast (815) 341-5946

AN AFTERNOON OF REFLECTION FOR ADVENT

"Prepare Our Hearts"

Sunday, December 5th 2:00pm- 4:00pm
St Mary's Parish Center
303 W. St. Mary's ST.
Minooka

May Advent be a time to prepare our hearts for Jesus.

Cathy Fouts, St. Mary's Faith Formation Leader
will be the speaker for the afternoon.
All Are Welcome!

If you know ahead of time you are coming please email Kathy to help with planning but not required Kathy.williamson9@gmail.com or call (815)941-4419

Light refreshments and beverages will be served.

As retired school teachers, Cathy and her husband Les enjoy offering an hour evening video-interactive Bible Study Discussion Group each week at St. Mary's. Cathy is a CCW Member and Les is active in the Fisher's of Men in Minooka.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY November 27
4:00 PM Mass (AP)
†**Dennis Murphy** *(Bob & Suzanne Hamilton)*
†**Chet Davito** *(Anonymous)*
†**Gary Simons** *(Wife)*

SUNDAY November 28 **First Sunday of Advent**
7:30 AM Mass (AP)
†**Marilyn Bastien** *(Pete & Carm Collins)*
†**Linda L. Jacque** *(Family)*
†**Juan Herrera Arambula** *(Juan & Maria & Family)*
†**Alvina Halliday** *(Family)*
9:30 AM Mass (IC)
Mary Dragovan (In Thanksgiving for Thoughtfulness) *(Russ & Anita Harding)*
11:30 AM Mass (AP)
†**Dennis Murphy** *(Pat & Dick Zelinko)*
†**Mellinda & Jaxson Cullen** *(Teresa & Robert Cortez)*
†**Alvina Halliday** *(Terry & Carol Halliday)*

TUESDAY November 30
6:30 PM Mass (AP)
†**Ed Berta** *(Kathy Carpenter)*

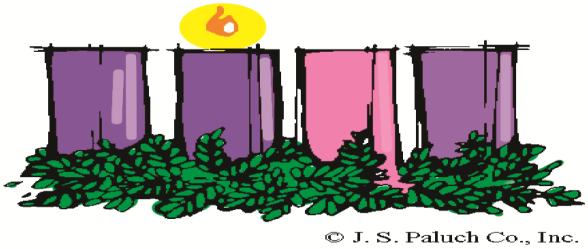
WEDNESDAY December 1
8:30 AM Mass (AP)
†**Barbara Wheaton** *(Vicky Garncarz)*

THURSDAY December 2
8:30 AM Mass (IC)
†**Vivian Diemer** *(Jim & Donna Mark)*

FRIDAY December 3
8:30 AM Mass (AP)
†**Genevieve Dillon** *(Ray & Ruth Dillon)*

SATURDAY December 4 **First Saturday**
8:30 AM Mass (AP)
†**Helen Veronda** *(Bev Luck)*
4:00 PM Mass (AP)
†**Karen Beery Keeley** *(John & Teri Jo Boylan)*
†**Richard Marizza** *(Ron Galiardo)*
†**Jerry Heavens** *(Family)*

SUNDAY December 5 **Second Sunday of Advent**
7:30 AM Mass (AP)
†**Helen Veronda** *(Scott & David Veronda Families)*
9:30 AM Mass (IC)
†**Dora Wilson** *(Dan)*
†**Herbert & June Tatroe** *(Family)*
11:30 AM Mass (AP)
†**Alice Mae Shuler** *(Family)*
†**Megan Riley** *(Patrick Keigher)*



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

This Week's Events

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

Sunday November 28
No Events

Monday November 29
8:30 am - Communion Service - IC
4:30 pm - St. Vincent Table - Assumption Church - Coal City

Tuesday November 30
8:30 am - Communion Service - IC
Braidwood Community Food Pantry Open - 815-482-2517

Wednesday December 1
Assumption Food Pantry Open - 815 518-2000

Thursday December 2
9:30 am - 11:00 am - Bible Study - Madonna Room @ Berst Hall

Friday December 3
No Events

Saturday December 4
No Events

Sunday December 5
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Youth Ministry Night - Braidwood

Mass Intentions at Assumption Church

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.

To schedule your Mass intention, please use your church envelope and drop it in the collection basket with the dates noted, or call the parish office. The stipend for each Mass intention is $10.

Ministry Schedule

Assumption Church Dec.. 4 & 5

Are you interested in assisting us at our weekend Masses? We would love to have your help! Please sign up through our volunteer link on our website through SignUp Genius at stmaryassumptionparish.org. You may also call the parish office at 815-674-4171, or you may email Laura to volunteer at secretary@stmaryassumptionparish.org.

Below are the confirmed volunteers for the following week-end. **FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE SCHEDULE, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AND CLICK ON THE VOLUNTEER LINK TO ACCESS OUR SIGNUP GENIUS PAGE.**

Saturday, December 4 - 4:00 p.m.
Extraordinary Ministers - Deacon Bill, Kerry Wojcik
Greeter - Teri Jo Boylan
Lector - Kerry Wojcik
Ushers - Bob Jacovec, Ron Henke, Doug Letterly, Bob Schmitt

Sunday, December 5 - 7:30 a.m.
Extraordinary Minister - Deacon Bill, ***Volunteer Needed***
Greeter - Teri Jo Boylan
Lector - Jaiden Leman

Sunday, December 5 - 11:30 a.m. *(no Deacon Bill)*
Extraordinary Ministers - Pat Hudetz, Alex Kuhel
Lector - Alex Kuhel

Immaculate Conception Church Dec. 5

AS - Tori Loomis, Trong Nguyen, Ben Wollgast
EM - Deacon Greg, Jim Mark
GRE - Fred Hejna, Dan Wilson, Dave & Sara Wollgast

Assumption Church 's Giving Tree Is Back!

Please join us this Christmas in reaching out to help those in need in our community! If you'd like to help brighten their holiday season, please select a tag from our Giving Tree in the narthex and return it to us by December 19 with a gift card for the specific store and amount listed. Non-food items such as toiletries, etc. and wrapped gifts are also being accepted and should be placed in the narthex under the tree.

All tags will be removed from the Giving Tree on December 13, and all gift cards and gifts need to be returned to us by December 19 so they can be picked up by Help for Hope and given to the recipients in time for Christmas.

Thank you for helping those who are less fortunate!

Assumption Weekly Offering + E-Giving	
Annual Offering Budget (7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022)	$292,411
YTD Offering Budget	$112,460
YTD Actual Offering	**$112,438**
Last Week's Mass Offering	$
Last Week's E-Giving Offering	$
Last Week's Total Offering (Will post next week)	$
Weekly Goal	**$5,623**

Assumption Church Building Loan Balance As Of October 2021	
Original Note Amount	$796,607
Monthly Loan Payment	$3,574
Current Loan Balance	$525,140
Principal Reduction	$80,467
Additional Principal Reduction	$191,000
Interest Applied to Date	$70,342

Immaculate Conception Weekly Offering	
Annual Offering Budget (7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022)	$104,500
YTD Offering Budget	$40,180
YTD Actual Offering	**$46,249**
Last Week's Mass Offering Last Week's E-Giving Offering	$ $
Last Week's Total Offering (Will post next week)	$
Weekly Goal	**$2,009**

Christmas Eve
4:00 p.m.—Assumption Church
6:00 p.m.—Immaculate Conception Church
9:00 p.m.—Assumption Church

Christmas Day
7:30 a.m.—Assumption Church
9:30 a.m.—Immaculate Conception Church
11:30 a.m.—Assumption Church

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Sacraments

BAPTISM Parents are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation meeting prior to the Baptism. Contact the Parish Secretary to register.
Assumption 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month after 11:30 a.m. Mass.
Immaculate Conception 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month.

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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK First Saturday during the 8:30 a.m. Mass at Assumption Church or by appointment.
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RECONCILIATION
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

FUNERALS Funeral liturgies are ordinarily celebrated at 10:00 a.m. The funeral director will contact the parish office regarding arrangements.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

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The Adoration Chapel is open daily from 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Call the parish secretary for the entry code before or after hours or to make an Adoration commitment.

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