Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Roman Catholic Parish

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September 26, 2021

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Behold,
the wages
you withheld from
the workers
who harvested
your fields
are crying aloud;
and the cries of
the harvesters have
reached the ears
of the
Lord of hosts.

~ James 5:4

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The Pastor's Page

On Vaccine Mandates

Imagine the following scenario: a woman is at the store when she spots a dress. The dress is expensive, and she spends time deliberating whether or not she can afford it. At the core of this deliberation is a question: if I buy this dress, can I meet my financial obligations for the month? Buying the dress represents a risk, and the process of mental deliberation is called "risk assessment."

We do this all the time in our lives, and the variables differ from person to person. What's risky for this woman in the store may not be risky for you. Your financial situation doesn't matter to the woman in the store; she can only consider her own, and make a decision accordingly.

We employ risk assessment frequently in medicine. One need only turn on the television to realize that medicines carry with them a host of potential side-effects, which are accurately thought of as risks. Invariably, you and your doctor weigh those risks and decide how to proceed. There is no one-size-fits-all to medical decisions. Every case is as different as the people they involve.

I was reminded of this when I received a call from a woman in the first trimester of pregnancy, compelled by her employer to become vaccinated thanks to the governor's recent mandate. The first trimester is an unstable time for pregnancy, and I do not blame this woman for calculating that the risk involved is too high in her particular instance.

The Church recognizes that there's no one-size-fits-all when it comes to vaccinations. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has ruled that it is morally permissible for the individual to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, but this decision must also be *voluntary*[1]. Making current employment contingent upon vaccination status, as both the state of Illinois and now the federal government seem intent upon, is to compel the individual towards a decision; it is the opposite of a voluntary choice freely made by the individual, weighing his or her own circumstances and drawing conclusions for the good of the family. I find this distressing, since it violates subsidiarity by taking this decision away from families, the most local level where this decision should be made.

The Holy Father has done much over the past few months to encourage the vaccine, but in the end, the decision on how to proceed is yours: not even he has the authority to mandate your reception of it. The Church is clear that the action of getting vaccinated is not a moral responsibility, and should not be compelled by authorities ecclesial or secular. Should you be experiencing any difficulty as a result of these mandates, please feel free to contact me.

In Christ,

[1] Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF), "Note on the Morality of Using Some Anti-COVID-19 Vaccines," December 17, 2020, n. 5: "At the same time, practical reason makes evident that vaccination is not, as a rule, a moral obligation and that, therefore, it must be voluntary."

Exclusive Membership

The first reading might be what Jesus was talking about when he scolded the disciples. They wanted to stop an exorcist whom they didn't know. In both cases, whether prophesying or driving out demons, someone wanted them to stop. Why? Because the persons doing those things were not members of the group. In the gospel, the disciples objected simply because they didn't know the ones who were casting out demons. Back in Moses' days, the two "renegades" were actually on the list, they just weren't present with the rest gathered around Moses. Both Joshua and the disciples of Jesus thought they should control who could do God's work and who couldn't.

It reminds me of the pastor sprinkling people with holy water during Easter season. If I didn't feel the water, I was disappointed because I was "left out." But Father was intending to bless everyone; he just couldn't control where the holy water went. I wanted to control the pastor, to make him throw the water more carefully.

The temptation to control things is pretty common, but we can't be truly at peace till we allow God to be the one in control. God loves all people, even those who don't know him. So if we see someone who has a spiritual gift, it could be God's way of helping that person to know about His love. It might not be prophesying or driving out demons. There are many non-Christians who are very generous or patient or wise, who could come to faith if they realized that God was acting through them. You don't have to bowl them over with evangelistic fervor. Just the observation that you see God's love in them might get them thinking about their faith.

The Apostles Creed reminds us that the Church is catholic, or universal. All are welcome, because Jesus died for everyone. As Moses said in the first reading, wouldn't it be great if God sent his gifts of the Spirit to them all?

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The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul;
the decree of the Lord is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.
— Psalm 19:8

Faith Formation

On this 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we begin our 2021-2022 Family Faith Formation program. It is so appropriate that, in today's Gospel, Jesus encourages us to perform mighty deeds and simple acts of charity in His name. Jesus says *"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward."*

Jesus then continues with an incredibly serious caution when He tells His disciples: *"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut if off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched."*

The bottom line today is that we must model our Faith well to our children and to all those we have influence over. In order to do that, we need to understand and live our Faith to the best of our abilities. For all of us, being that good model of our Faith is an ongoing life-long project. We never stop learning about our Faith. Please pray with me that we might all work on being better teachers and models of our Faith. For those of us in Family Faith Formation, our goal is always to form our children in the Faith and to form parents and grandparents in the Faith. We all learn about Jesus together! Blessings to all our families as this year of formation begins!

In Christ,

Deacon Bill

Prayer to One's Guardian Angel

Angel of God, my guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me here,
ever this day be at my side,
to light and guard, to rule and guide.
Amen.

2021 – 2022 Family Faith Formation AP & IC Student & Parent Sessions

Please visit our online Faith Formation page to register for either the Sunday or Thursday sessions.

Sunday Schedule 9:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.	Thursday Schedule (6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.)
September 26, 2021	September 30, 2021
October 17, 2021	October 21, 2021
November 14, 2021	November 18, 2021
December 12, 2021	December 16, 2021
January 9, 2022	January 13, 2022
February 13, 2022	February 17, 2022
March 13, 2022	March 17, 2022
April 10, 2022	April 14, 2022
May 1, 2022	May 5, 2022

We are in need of Catechists for Grades K through 8 and wish to have an adult assistant for the parent sessions. If you are ambitious and willing to teach at both sessions, Sunday and Thursday, you will certainly gain additional graces! Please prayerfully consider helping in this most important ministry. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Deacon Bill. God bless you for your faithfulness and your help!

Devotions in Honor of Saint Peregrine

Tuesday, October 5th, is the first Tuesday of the month, and we will hold our monthly devotions in honor of Saint Peregrine, the patron saint of those who suffer from cancer or any incurable disease or condition, at 6:30 p.m. in Assumption Church. Please join us!

Bishop Hicks' Column

September 2021: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever!"

What is your favorite season? Even though I am a big fan of warm weather, my favorite season is the fall. I love the brilliant colors as the leaves change and the breezes at night become cooler. During my five years of living in El Salvador, I missed having four seasons. That country has just two seasons. Residents used to joke and say, "We have two seasons in El Salvador, 'hot' and 'hotter.'" Actually, their two seasons are the dry and rainy seasons, and yet they are still both very "hot."

In the Midwest, we are blessed with the four seasons. They provide us not only with changes in the weather and temperature, but they also serve as a reminder that as time moves forward, everything in life changes. The Book of Ecclesiastes reminds us. "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die."

As Catholics, we believe with all the changes in our lives, God is constant. His love is unchanging and unwavering. St. Paul in his letter to the Hebrews proclaims boldly, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." And therefore, he exhorts us, "Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."

Many of you are familiar with the play and movie, "A Man for All Seasons." Based on the life of St. Thomas More, it highlights someone who heroically remains true to God and to himself in the midst of a changing world. He demonstrates the ability to adapt to all circumstances and times around him, while never surrendering to the external pressures to reject or bend his principles and values.

Like St. Thomas More, we are called to be men and women of all seasons. The world around us not only seems to be changing at a rapid pace, but also at times it seems that our society and culture are going crazy as they shift their values and principles. Throughout this rollercoaster ride of changes, we are invited to keep our eyes focused on Christ. He is our Lord, Redeemer and Savior. His love, mercy and compassion never change. In other words, he is our rock, our solace in the storm of incertitude.

Every morning I begin my day with a Holy Hour. As I pray, I sometimes glance outside the window in my chapel that overlooks a grouping of trees, and I am reminded of the changing seasons. Currently, the trees are full of bright green leaves. Yet, I know they will not remain that way. Soon they will change colors, then die, fall to the ground and eventually bud back to new life. As I reflect on the changing seasons, sometimes I catch myself saying, "I cannot believe how quickly time is passing."

At the end of this month, I will celebrate the completion of my first year as the bishop of Joliet. During this time, the seasons have changed, and I too, with the grace of God, have tried to navigate these changing times and issues. Like everyone in the world, my first year has been filled with ups and downs, triumphs and challenges, joys and sorrows. Again, it has gone by like a "blink of the eye." Yet, throughout all the moments of rain and sun, I try to keep my gaze steady on Jesus. He helps me to carry the cross in my times of trial and rejoices with me in the times of joy. Therefore, when people ask me, "How do you feel about being the bishop of the Diocese of Joliet." I consistently and wholeheartedly respond, "I feel both happy and blessed!"

As I approach my second year here in the Diocese of Joliet, I know that things will continue to change and the craziness in our world will take on different shapes and forms. However, as I take these next steps, I do so with faith, hope and trust in God and with great gratitude for all of you. We are in this changing world together, and truly, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." ✝

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Any who give you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose their reward.

Mark 9:41

THE FREEDOM OF GOD

Today's readings remind us that God is free: God acts as God wills regardless of what human beings might expect. In the reading from Numbers, God's spirit enters two men, Eldad and Medad, even though they had not been with the others who had received the spirit of God. And in Mark's Gospel, Jesus endorses an unknown exorcist, who did God's work in the name of Jesus but was not officially sanctioned by the disciples. That God's spirit is shared widely does not threaten Moses or Jesus. They celebrate the notion that God's spirit blows where it wills. Moses was shaping the people of Israel, and Jesus similarly was shaping the community of disciples, to encounter a radically free God who doesn't fit their preconceptions. This encounter, when received with humility, widens their vision and deepens their faith. God continues to shape the Church similarly today, to open us up to God's freedom.

LOOK WITHIN

A wrestling match of sorts takes place in this section of Mark's Gospel. Jesus tries mightily to describe what it will mean to be his followers, and the disciples try mightily to avoid the subject. They point to an outsider, and the dangers he poses. Jesus turns the tables and asks his disciples to look within themselves: how are they a danger to Jesus and his work? Jesus uses graphic language, invoking self-amputation, to underscore his point.

Sometimes our most difficult obstacles lie deep within. Like our hands and feet, some attitudes and habits are deeply a part of us, and their removal would be traumatic for us. Yet we know that some beliefs (such as idolatries based on race, wealth, or gender) or behaviors (such as addictions) seriously harm ourselves and many others. We need a prayerful, non-neurotic watchfulness about our inner life. When necessary, we need a fierce resistance to anything that places us or others in danger.

UNITY IN CHRIST

Jesus, in today's Gospel from Mark, says "whoever is not against us is for us." Mark was speaking to his own Christian community. From its beginnings, there were tensions in the Church about who speaks for Jesus. Jesus himself always called for unity of heart and a diversity of expression as a sign of the truth of the Gospel. It is no secret that in Christian history and continuing today, divisions have seriously damaged the message and cause of Christ.

In our own time and place, cultural and political divisions have reduced our ability to solve problems and to live together in a just and peaceful society. Perhaps this is a time for Christians to step up, to remember that our unity in Christ is far deeper than the differences that we perceive. We are called to reach out and listen to each other, to honor each other as members of the Body of Christ. Christians can lead the way, and show everyone watching how it's done.

TODAY'S READINGS

Numbers 11:25–29
Psalm 19:8, 10, 12–13, 14
James 5:1–6
Mark 9:38–43, 45, 47–48

2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Update
(as of September 19, 2021)

Assumption Parish
Goal: $35,000
Amount Pledged: $28,908
Amount Paid: $27,901
Number of Donors: 161

Immaculate Conception Parish
Goal: $9,900
Amount Pledged: $13,559
Amount Paid: $13,169
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!

In September and October, the St. Vincent Monday Night Meals will continue to be carry-out only and will be served from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Ignite Christian Church at 1180 West First Street in Braidwood.

We are now serving approximately 180 meals each week, and funds are needed to purchase food and carry-out containers to prepare a hot nutritious meal for anyone in need, free of charge.

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.

If you would like to make a monetary donation to help this ministry, please make checks payable to Assumption Church. Thank you for your past and present generosity, and please share our ministry with your friends.

Proclaim the Wonder of God

The gift of the Spirit is given freely, not according to human expectations, but according to the generosity of God. Joshua wants Moses to stop Eldad and Medad from prophesying in the camp, when they were not with the others as the spirit was bestowed on them. Moses, so close to God's mind in the matter, wishes everyone could possess the spirit of God and proclaim it to the nations.

Psalm 19 celebrates the perfection of God's law, and how it brings joy and delight. It is better than the finest gold or the sweetest honey. Moreover, God gives the wisdom of the prophets to everyone, especially the simple and lowly ones, even to children. It is the "little ones" who proclaim the wonder of God to all.

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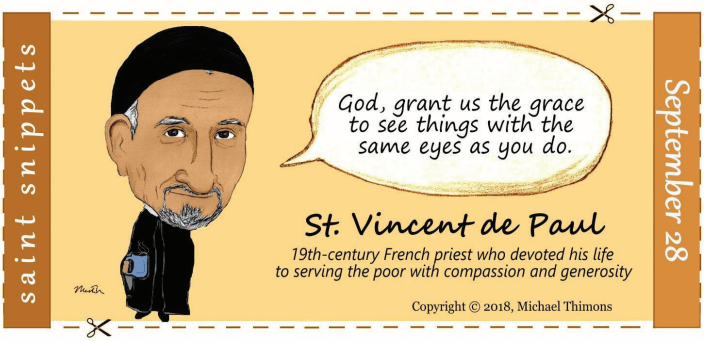

Today's Readings

First Reading — Moses said, "Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!" (Numbers 11:25-29).
Psalm — The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart (Psalm 19).
Second Reading — Come now, you rich. The wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud (James 5:1-6).
Gospel — Whoever is not against us is for us (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

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Prayer of the Faithful
September 26, 2021

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord has bestowed the Spirit on all of us, so we pray for all who are in need.

For Pope Francis as he continues to challenge and mold the Church more and more in the likeness of Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

For leaders of multinational corporations, for those who control vast wealth, that they may learn to use that wealth in service of the common good, let us pray to the Lord.

For all who lack sufficient water, for all who are working to increase the world's usable water supply, for an equitable distribution of the waters we do have, let us pray to the Lord.

For all those, Christian or not, who are inspired by God's Spirit to serve others, let us pray to the Lord.

For all priests as they seek to emulate the selfless love of our great High Priest, let us pray to the Lord.

For all those who are sick, for all who suffer from COVID-19, and for all who have died, especially N., N., and N., let us pray to the Lord.

For all the prayers that we hold in the silence of our hearts; for all our intentions spoken and unspoken, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear these our prayers, O Lord,
and grant that we may learn to serve you
in all our sisters and brothers,
through Christ our Lord.

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THE PRESENCE OF GOD

In all our thoughts and actions we ought to remember the presence of God, and account all lost in which we think not of God.

—St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Feast of Faith
The Lord's Prayer

The Eucharistic Prayer ends with the great "Amen," the acclamation of assent by the assembly. Then the Communion rite begins with the Lord's Prayer. We pray this prayer in many contexts, both inside and outside the Church's liturgy. Here, in the context of the Mass, the Lord's Prayer is profoundly eucharistic. When we ask for our "daily bread," we are asking for the gift of the Eucharist. When we ask God to forgive us as we forgive others, we are seeking forgiveness and purity of heart before we approach the altar to receive the sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood—"so that what is holy may, in fact, be given to those who are holy" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 81).

At Mass, a prayer for peace is inserted between the prayer and the doxology. In this prayer, called the embolism, the Church asks God for freedom—freedom from sin and all anxiety and distress. We are living in an in-between time; even as we rejoice in Christ's presence, we await his coming in joyful hope.

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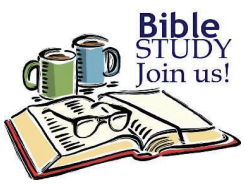


Bible Study classes at Assumption Parish are held in the Madonna Room of Berst Hall on Thursday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. *All participants must bring their own materials.* Come when you can and bring a friend! For information, please contact Pat Hudetz at 630-935-2103.

Prayer List

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

Sharee Beeler, Charlie Boyd, 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 Marks, Colleen Michalowski, James Meyers, Tom & Mike Motta, Mary Passafiume, Brian Pope, Kimberly Ritze-Heinz, Divya, Deepa, & Teresa Sathyan, Marilee Schaefer, Arlette Testa, Charlotte Shelly Woodyard

Congratulations to the Week 2 Bears Season Squares Winners!

$50 First Quarter: TJH
$50 Second Quarter: TJH
$50 Third Quarter: Jack Riley
$200 Final: Robert Kaluzny

Sunday, October 3 - 9:30 a.m. IC Mass Volunteers

AS - Tori Loomis, Kylee Sheer, Harper Roberts

EM - Deacon Greg, Lee Roberts

GRE - Andy Scheer, Dan Wilson, Angie Kelleher, Cecelia Pauley

LE - Tamra Cieslak

Weekend Mass Volunteers - Sat. & Sun., October 2 & 3

Assumption Church

If you are interested in helping at our weekend Masses, we would love to hear from you! You may sign up through the volunteer link on our website through SignUp Genius at stmaryassumptionparish.org. If you prefer, you may also call Laura in the parish office at 815-634-4171 or email her at secretary@stmaryassumptionparish.org. **Although we would certainly welcome more 7:30 a.m. Mass volunteers, we especially need additional volunteers for our 4 p.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses.**

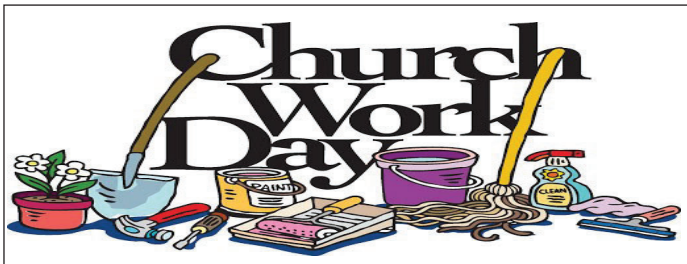
Below are the confirmed volunteers for the following weekend. **FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE SCHEDULE, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AND CLICK ON THE VOLUNTEER LINK TO ACCESS OUR SIGNUP GENIUS PAGE.**

Saturday, October 2 - 4:00 p.m.
Extraordinary Minister - Deacon Bill, Teri Jo Boylan
Greeter - Teri Jo Boylan
*Lector - **1 volunteer needed***
Usher - Ron Henke

Sunday, October 3 - 7:30 a.m.
Extraordinary Minister - Deacon Bill, Kenna Baskerville
Greeter - Teri Jo Boylan
Lector - Jaiden Leman

Sunday, October 3 - 11:30 a.m. (Deacon Bill not scheduled)
*Extraordinary Minister - Tim O'Keefe, **+ 1 volunteer needed***
Lector - John Buell
Server - Shaela O'Keefe

Thank you for helping our parish!



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH WORKDAYS
SATURDAYS - OCT. 16 & 30 AND NOV. 13
9 A.M. TO ????

Please bring work gloves, gardening tools, and paint scrapers

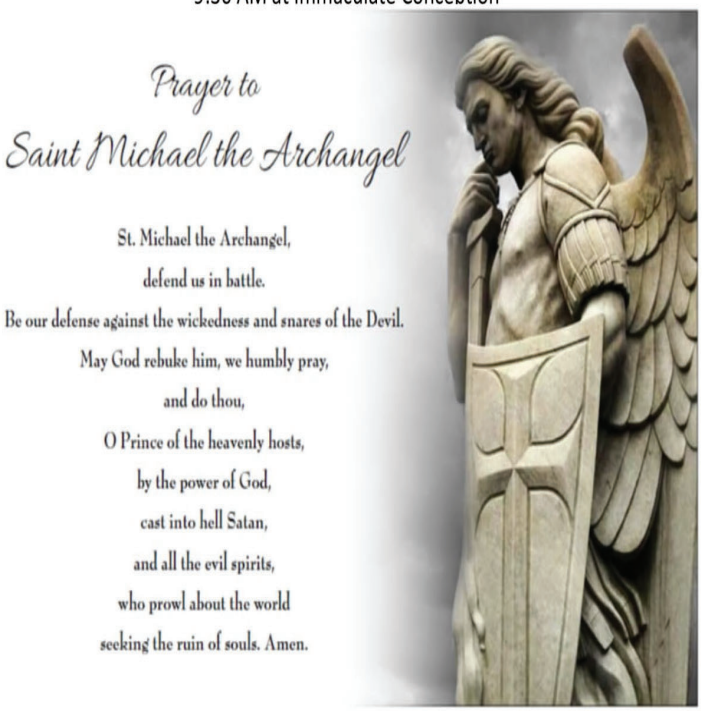
R.S.V.P. by leaving a message for Mike at 815-228-6018

Blue Mass

Honoring First Responders

Sunday September 26th

9:30 AM at Immaculate Conception



The Blue Mass dates to September 29, 1934, when Reverend Thomas Dade started the service as part of his duties with the Catholic Police and Fireman's Society. The first Mass was held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Washington, D.C. and has grown to a nationwide celebration. The service was timed to coincide with the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, the patron saint of police officers and military.

Join us as we express our appreciation and gratitude to our local first responders who bravely uphold the law, come to our aid in times of fire, emergency or disaster, and are the lifeline to those on the scene. Refreshments will be available in Fr. White Hall following the Mass.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY September 25
4:00 PM Mass (AP)
Rich Marizza *(Jerry & Janice Unger)*
Chet Davito *(Mary Watson-Preston)*
George Boylan *(John & Teri Jo Boylan)*

SUNDAY September 26 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Mass (AP)
Sue Cassani (Pete & Carm Collins)
Mary Hulbert *(Family)*
Chet Davito *(Melvin & Elaine Smith)*
9:30 AM Mass (IC)
James Creed *(Family)*
11:30 AM Mass (AP)
Jim Watters *(Family)*
Dennis Murphy *(Mark Matteson Family)*
Donald & Yolanda Valiente *(John & Sharon Gilchrist)*

TUESDAY September 28
6:30 PM Communion Service (AP)

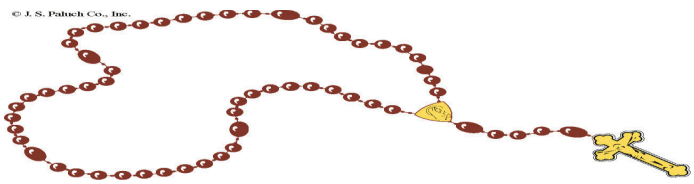
WEDNESDAY September 29
8:30 AM Communion Service (AP)

THURSDAY September 30
8:30 AM Communion Service (IC)

FRIDAY October 1
8:30 AM Mass (AP)
Sharon Bono *(Kenna & Ray)*
John & Marge Broucek *(Family)*

SATURDAY October 2 First Saturday
8:30 AM Mass (AP)
Dennis Murphy *(John & Teri Jo Boylan)*
Richard Marizza *(Ron Galiardo)*
4:00 PM Mass (AP)
Anton Baudino *(Family)*
Chet Davito *(Don & Pat Bianchetta)*
William Ferguson *(Doug Letterly)*

SUNDAY October 3 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Mass (AP)
Mary Hulbert *(Hulbert Family)*
Chet Davito *(Bob & Suzanne Hamilton)*
9:30 AM Mass (IC)
Herbert Tatroe *(Rita Werner)*
11:30 AM Mass (AP)
Donna McClintock *(Matteson Family)*
Megan Riley *(Patrick Keigher)*
Danny O'Keefe *(O'Keefe & Hook Families)*
Sherri Himmelsbach Lesch *(Friend)*



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 September 26
9:30 am - First Responders Mass followed by Refreshments - IC
12:30 pm - Baptisms - AP
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Youth Ministry Night - Berst Hall/Coal City

Monday September 27
4:30 pm - St. Vincent Table - Ignite Christian - Braidwood

Tuesday September 28
8:30 am - Immaculate Conception Communion Service - IC
Braidwood Community Food Pantry Open - 815-482-2517

Wednesday September 29
Assumption Food Pantry Open - 815 518-2000

Thursday September 30
9:30 am - 11:00 am - Bible Study - Madonna Room @ Berst Hall
Braidwood Community Food Pantry Open - 815-482-2517

Friday October 1
No Events

Saturday October 2
No Events

Sunday October 3
9:00 am - Baptism – AP

Mass Intentions @ 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.

Mass intentions are now being accepted for 2022. 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

E.P.I.C Youth Ministry

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Upcoming Dates

- YM Night Sun., 9/26 - 6-8 pm Coal City
- YM Night Sun., 10/10 - 6-8 pm Braidwood
- Undy Sunday Collection Saturday and Sunday October 16 & 17

NEXT YM NIGHT:
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
6:00 – 8:00 PM
BERST HALL, COAL CITY

Any and all 6th - 12th graders are encouraged to attend the next E.P.I.C. YM Night this Sunday from 6:00 - 8:00 PM in Berst Hall in Coal City!

Undy Sunday

E.P.I.C YM is again helping Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet and the individuals and families they serve by collecting NEW underwear, undershirts, socks, and diapers for children and adults living in low-income households. Collection will be held on October 16 and 17.

All donations will be gratefully accepted, but we are focusing on the following specific items this year:

- girl's underwear (all sizes)
- boy's pull-ups (all sizes)
- women's thermal/long underwear (all sizes)

For questions: Sara Wollgast (815) 341-5946

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday
Monday: St. Vincent de Paul
Tuesday: St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions; St. Wenceslaus
Wednesday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael
Thursday: St. Jerome
Friday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus; First Friday
Saturday: The Holy Guardian Angels; First Saturday

Emily Alderson
Parents: Craig & Laura Alderson

Emmett James Kingston
Parents: William & Patty Kingston

September 26, 2021

Assumption Weekly Offering + E-Giving	
Annual Offering Budget (7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022)	$292,411
YTD Offering Budget	$67,476
YTD Actual Offering	**$66,349**
Last Week's Mass Offering	$3,756
Last Week's E-Giving Offering - will post next week	$1,055
Last Week's Total Offering - will post next week	$4,811
Weekly Goal	**$5,623**

Assumption Church Building Loan Balance As Of September 2021	
Original Note Amount	$796,607
Monthly Loan Payment	$3,574
Current Loan Balance	$527,089
Principal Reduction	$78,518
Additional Principal Reduction	$191,000
Interest Applied to Date	$68,717

Immaculate Conception Weekly Offering	
Annual Offering Budget (7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022)	$104,500
YTD Offering Budget	$24,108
YTD Actual Offering	$28,763
Last Week's Mass Offering Last Week's E-Giving Offering	$1,144 $115
Last Week's Total Offering	$1,259
Weekly Goal	**$2,009**

Assumption Parish - Weekly Offering Totals for 9/12/21
Mass Offering: $4,116
E-Giving Offering: $1,065
Total Offering: $5,181
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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

Edmund Berta
(Husband of Lois)

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www.icparishbraidwood.org

110 South School Street ● Braidwood, IL 60416 Voice (815) 458-2125 FAX (815) 458-2836
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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.
Devotions in Honor of St. Peregrine, the patron Saint of those who suffer with cancer or any incurable disease or condition, are held on the first Tuesday of each month following the 6:30 p.m. Mass at Assumption Church.

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

Assumption

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.

Immaculate Conception

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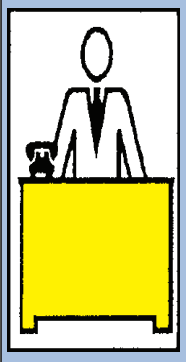
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