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Blessed Virgin Mary  
Roman Catholic Parish

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Amen, I say to you,  
no prophet is accepted  
in his own native place.

Luke 4:24

**JANUARY**

**30**

**2022**

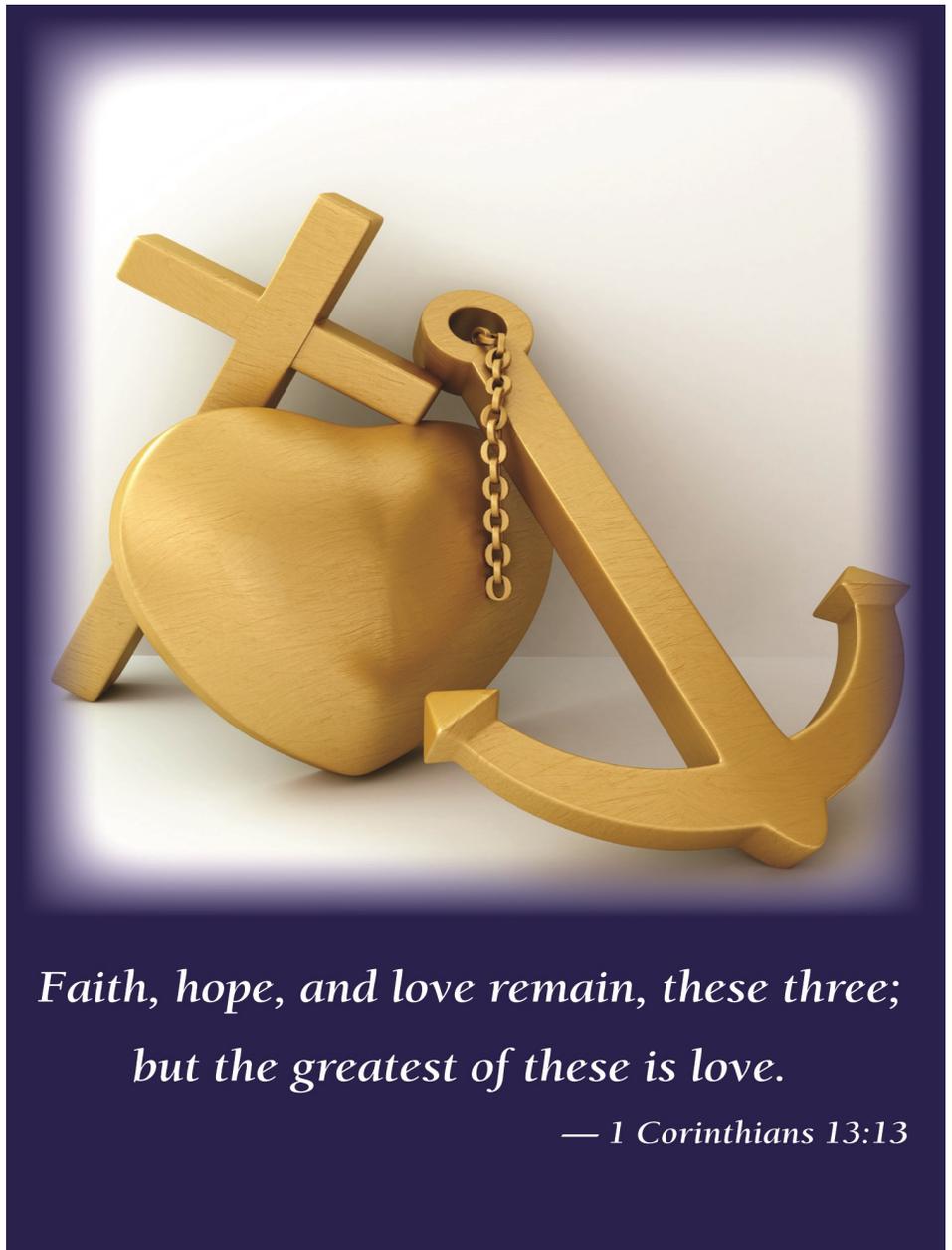
**FOURTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**



## Love Never Fails

Of all the lines in the second reading, Paul's famous description of love, I think the one that says it all is "Love never fails" (1 Corinthians 13:8). Out of context it sounds like the name of a hokey soap opera. Instead, Paul compares love to other gifts of the Spirit. He shows that love is the greatest gift and the reason for all gifts.

First, he speaks of gifts without love. If someone was a great speaker, but without love, it would be self-serving. We've all heard politicians who make stirring speeches, not to move us to become better citizens, but to convince us that they are the best choice in an election. The same goes for other gifts, such as prophecy, knowledge, or faith. Without love, they become spectacles that draw attention to the one with the gift. They accomplish nothing more than to boost his or her ego, just more spiritual bling. Even self-sacrifice, without love, becomes an attention grabber. Suicide-bombers are an extreme example of this, but more a common one the person who says something like, "I gave up everything to be with you and what thanks do I get?"



*Faith, hope, and love remain, these three;  
but the greatest of these is love.*

— 1 Corinthians 13:13

Next, Paul tells us everything that love is not (1 Corinthians 13:4-6). If the first part was gifts without love, this section could be called feelings without love. The feelings Paul mentions, such as jealousy, pride, brooding, and anger, usually come from thinking that everything should go my way. You can read the list yourself, but if you find anything that sounds familiar, it's a part of your personality that makes it difficult to love.

The last section is about the permanence of love. We're not talking about romantic love here. Human love at best is "till death do us part." But God's love is only partially experienced in this life. Even the gifts of the Spirit are meant to carry us forward and lead others to eternal life. When we are finally united completely with God, faith will be unnecessary and hope will be realized. What remains is perfect love.

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## Family Faith Formation

On this Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time we hear the end of the passage that we heard at the beginning of last week. Jesus goes into his local synagogue where everyone knew Him and as was his custom, opens the scroll from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. He reads the passage where Isaiah prophesies the coming of the Redeemer. He rolls up the scroll and gives it to the attendant and takes His seat. He tells those in the synagogue, *"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."* They spoke highly about Him at first and were amazed at His words and the deeds He had been performing. And he said, *"Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place."* He proceeds to shown them examples from the Scriptures that illustrate that the people of Israel have lost favor with God because of their unfaithfulness. The people become enraged and turn against Him and try to throw Him off a cliff, but He slips away.

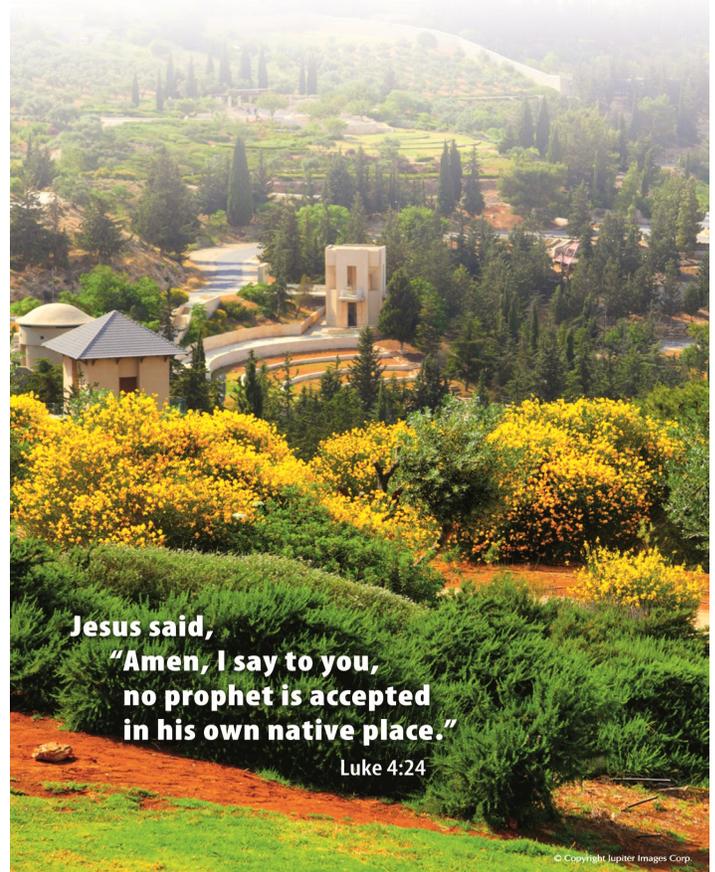
By virtue of our own Baptism and anointing with Sacred Chrism, we share in the priestly and prophetic mission of Jesus. We are called to proclaim essentially what Jesus shared in the synagogue: *"The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel."* Each of us will experience the same resistance that Jesus met, especially from those who are closest to us, used to seeing us in other roles rather than that of an evangelizer. We must never be discouraged.

St. Paul gives us a key to being a successful evangelizer in his First Letter to the Corinthians. Each of us have been given gifts of the Holy Spirit that are intended to help us serve others; knowledge, reason, prophesy, tongues, etc. These gifts are useless if we fail to use them in the spirit of love. He tells us: *"So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love."*

As we evangelize in our homes and schools and workplaces, may we always show our love for God and for our neighbors. Always express the depth of God's love for each of us. Proclaim the Gospel and know that love never fails.

In Christ,

*Deacon Bill*



## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — God appoints Jeremiah as prophet to the nations (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19).

**Psalm** — I will sing of your salvation (Psalm 71).

**Second Reading** — Love with its many facets is the most important of the virtues (1 Corinthians 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]).

**Gospel** — When Jesus claims his salvific mission is for all people, not just the Jews, he is expelled by the enraged members of the Nazarean synagogue (Luke 4:21-30).

## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20

**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13

**Friday:** Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34

**Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11

☩ **Luke 4:24** Amen, I say to you,  
no prophet is accepted  
in his own native place.

**Fourth  
Sunday in  
Ordinary  
Time**  
January 30, 2022

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### FULFILLED IN YOUR HEARING

The “fulfilled in your hearing” statement of Jesus today is also the conclusion of last week’s Gospel, with the words of Isaiah about the breadth of God’s mercy and justice at its heart. The response of the crowd in the synagogue is united: *all* are amazed, but *all* likewise ask if he’s not merely the son of Joseph the humble carpenter. Jesus calls them out for seeming to think that he ought to be doing his ministry only locally, and—selfishly—only for them. (After all, they know where he comes from!) When Jesus essentially replies “nope” through some proverbs and prophetic stories, *all* the crowd gets angry at his implication that the fulfillment in Jesus is for everyone, not just for them. When our “take care of your own” reflex kicks in, we would do well to recall that this isn’t the attitude of Jesus, nor is it the attitude of his mission that we continue to this day.

### YOU’VE BEEN WARNED

The opening of the reading selected from Jeremiah is surely one of the most comforting in scripture. Imagine! God knew me before my bodily conception; God dedicated me before my birth or any human dedication rites; God appointed me a prophet! Then comes the uh-oh. Jeremiah is warned that his appointment as a prophet will bring opposition, against which God’s prophets must stand up. Somehow the appointment as God’s prophet seems like it should be a bit happier, with the glamor that we might think will come from having friends in high places. Yet, just as there are many forces in the world arrayed against the divine will and divine goodness, so too are they arrayed against God’s prophets. A second round of assurances comes to Jeremiah, a pledge that God will be with Jeremiah to strengthen him. God doesn’t promise a turmoil-free life, but does vow to be Jeremiah’s strength.

### JESUS, SON OF JEREMIAH

In the synagogue at Nazareth, a similar turn of events takes place. When Jesus speaks of the Spirit’s anointing being upon him, the anointing described in Isaiah, the crowd is amazed, and seems like they even want to take credit, since he’s a local boy. Then Jesus speaks some words of tough love, and “local boy” pivots to “who does he think he is?” You couldn’t blame Jesus, in that moment, if he recalled the words of Jeremiah, his prophetic ancestor. Though the crowd drove Jesus out of town and up a hill to throw him to his death, his time had not yet come. The strength and protection that God promises to prophets came for Jesus that day, as he passed through the mob’s midst, unharmed. He passed through their midst to continue the work for which the Spirit had anointed him. For us who follow the prophetic heritage of Jesus this day, we’ve been warned. But we’ve also been assured of God’s care.

### TODAY’S READINGS

Jeremiah 1:4–5, 17–19  
Psalm 71:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 15–17  
1 Corinthians 12:31 — 13:13  
[13:4–13]  
Luke 4:21–30

*Prayer of the Week*  
*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



Grant us, Lord our God,  
 that we may honor you with all our mind,  
 and love everyone in truth of heart.  
 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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*In February, 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 New Hope Presbyterian Church at 80 North Garfield Street in Coal City. We are now serving approximately 180 free, hot nutritious meals weekly 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 to Assumption Church. We thank you for your past and present generosity! Please feel free to share our ministry with your friends!*

*Thank you, and God Bless you!*

*Saints and Special Observances*

**Sunday:** Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week

**Monday:** St. John Bosco

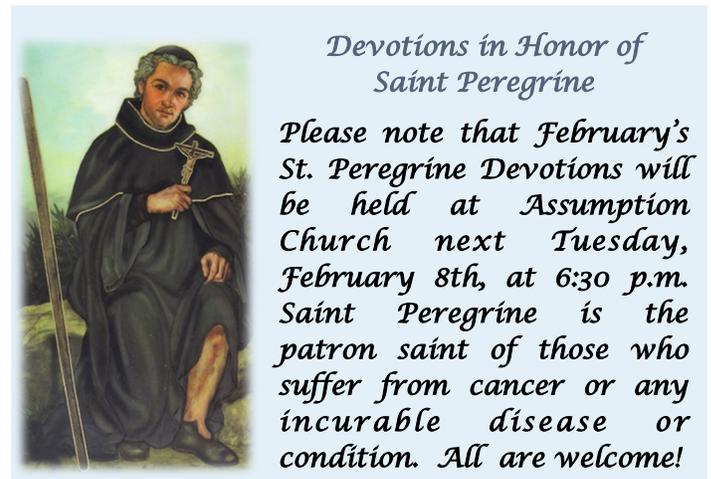
**Tuesday:** Lunar New Year 4720

**Wednesday:** The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life; Groundhog Day

**Thursday:** St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; Blessing of Throats

**Friday:** First Friday

**Saturday:** St. Agatha; First Saturday



*Devotions in Honor of Saint Peregrine*

*Please note that February's St. Peregrine Devotions will be held at Assumption Church next Tuesday, February 8th, at 6:30 p.m. Saint Peregrine is the patron saint of those who suffer from cancer or any incurable disease or condition. All are welcome!*

**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.**



**Reflection Question:**

**What can I do to come closer to loving everyone in truth of heart?**

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**A FORETASTE**  
 Faith is the foretaste of that knowledge which hereafter will make us happy.  
 —St. Thomas Aquinas

**WANTING**  
 Our chief want in life is somebody who shall make us do what we can.  
 —Ralph Waldo Emerson



Blaise was a hard-working bishop dedicated to encouraging the spiritual and physical health of his people in Sebastea, Armenia.

Although the Edict of Toleration which granted freedom of worship in the Roman empire had been signed five years prior, religious persecution

still raged in the country.

According to a legend, a mother came to him with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Bishop Blaise's command, the child coughed up the bone.

In another tale, Blaise was being led to the prison in Sebastea, and on the way came across a poor old woman whose pig had been stolen by a wolf. Blaise commanded the wolf return the pig, which it did -alive and uninjured - to the amazement of all.

In 316 he was beheaded for not sacrificing to the pagan gods. The account of his life was written nearly 400 years later.

The Germans and Slavs hold him in special honor, and for decades many United States Catholics have sought the annual St. Blaise blessing for their throats.

—Catholic News Agency



## Join Our Parish Family

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!

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

"Of noble birth and great beauty," so the ancient accounts describe Saint Agatha, martyred during an early persecution for refusing a powerful Roman's offer of marriage, since she had consecrated her virginity to Christ. An early preacher, Saint Methodius, reflects instead on her name, noting that, in Greek, Agatha means "good," goodness being something we can all strive for, nobly born or common, blessed with beauty--or not! So brutal the tortures that violated her youthful innocence, Agatha, like Agnes and several other women martyrs, was honored from time immemorial by having her name inscribed in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I). Long invoked as protector against earthquakes--Mount Etna erupted as she was being tortured--recent attention has focused on the particularly cruel torture decreed for Agatha, the cutting off of her breasts. This has inspired cancer survivors to promote Saint Agatha as patron and intercessor for women courageously facing breast cancer, for their families and the multitude of supporters who participate in fund-raising marches and races, and, of course, for the dedicated researchers who seek a cure.



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**Marthas Meeting  
for Current Members  
& Those Interested in Joining**

**WHEN: Tuesday, February 8 @ 9 a.m.**

**WHERE: Berst Hall - Madonna Room**

**QUESTIONS: Rita Willis @ 815-634-8163  
or  
Mary Ellen Steffes @ 815-634-8684**

**We hope to see you there!**

*You changed my mourning  
into dancing*

*O Lord, my God,  
forever will I give you thanks*

- Psalm 138

## To Be a Prophet

Today's readings show us what it is like to be a prophet. As Jeremiah recounts his call, God warns him that he will need strength and perseverance to withstand the hostility he will face from "Judah's kings and princes" and "its priests and people" (Jeremiah 1:18b). God also assures him that they "will not prevail over you, for I am with you" (1:19). The psalm reflects both of these struggles as well as deliverance from them ("salvation").

This is exactly what Jesus experiences in today's Gospel. After he claims that his own mission is the same as what Isaiah proclaimed, at first the people marvel at his "gracious words" (Luke 4:22). Soon, however, they become suspicious, skeptical, and hostile, even threatening to kill him. But just as God promised to deliver Jeremiah, so Jesus "passed through the midst of them and went away" (4:30).

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# THANK YOU



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Thank you to everyone who pledged a gift for the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! The 2022 Annual Appeal goals are as follows:

Assumption: \$32,300

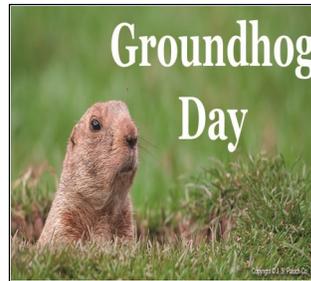
Immaculate Conception: \$9,300

More information on this year's Annual Appeal will be published in the coming weeks.

*God Answers Prayers*

### ***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, Ryan Collins, Renell Douglas,  
Lucille Edgar, Melissa Fasig, Marjorie Flynn,  
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Kimberly Ritze-Heinz, Divya, Deepa, & Teresa Sathyan,  
Marilee Schaefer, Theresa Slanicky, Arlette Testa,  
Lucille Wolfe, Charlotte Shelly Woodyard,  
John Zentmyer



Groundhog Day is an American holiday celebrated every February 2nd. Across the country, but primarily in New England, a few groundhogs are awakened early from their hibernation. They are then removed from their

homes and brought outside. According to folklore, if the groundhog sees its shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter. Conversely, if it does not see its shadow then spring will come early.

German immigrants started the holiday in Pennsylvania in 1887. Their inspiration for the day came from the Candlemas tradition in Europe. Candlemas was a major celebration in northern Europe, particularly in France, Germany, England, Scotland and Switzerland. Today, Candlemas is also known as the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord, or the Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It chiefly celebrates the presentation of Jesus Christ in the temple in Jerusalem, 40 days after his birth. The holiday is celebrated in the Anglican, Methodist, Orthodox, and Lutheran Churches.

Historically, it has been celebrated since the 4th Century in Jerusalem. Traditionally, Candlemas celebrations would begin in a darkened church with people lighting candles from a single flame.

Around the same date, pagans across northern Europe celebrated midwinter, and the gradual turn towards spring. These celebrations varied widely in their rites, but many of them had a common feature—weather would be predicted based on whether or not the sun was out. When these people adopted Christianity, they kept the holiday.

Candlemas became an important date to these Christians in the centuries following their conversion. Poems taught young people the importance of the holiday as a forecasting tool.

"If Candlemas be fair and bright,  
Winter has another flight.  
If Candlemas brings clouds and rain,  
Winter will not come again."

So, German immigrants to America invented the holiday to keep alive an old Candlemas tradition.

Today the largest Groundhog Day celebration is held in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, where as many as 40,000 people gather to see the groundhog.

—Catholic Online

# ★SUPER BOWL★

We still have squares remaining on our Super Bowl Board. Each square is \$100, and sixty percent of the money raised will go to the winners, with forty percent being donated to the church. Prizes: (1) \$2000, (3) \$1000, and (4) \$200. If you'd like to get a square, please call Drew Benson at 815-791-6148 or email him: [andrew.benson0206@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.benson0206@gmail.com).



Visit <https://icparishbraidwood.org/mystery-night> for more information and character info.

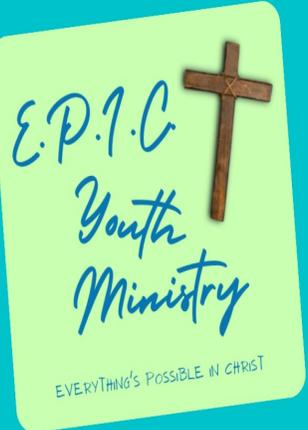
### A Murder Mystery Party

**YOU ARE INVITED** to try your luck at the Lady Lux Casino, owned by the wealthy Dona Mancini. The guest list includes a number of gambling enthusiasts – from high rollers to novices – as well as the performers, dealers, and other staff employed by Mrs. Mancini. Everyone is expecting an evening replete with games of chance, dinner, drinks, and maybe a show – they aren't expecting a power outage, murder, or a lockdown that prevents them from leaving the casino.

Join us for a night of fun! You will be assigned a part for the evening and you are encouraged to come dressed as your character! There'll be great food...laughs...suspense...and mystery solving! Spaces are limited so sign up fast!!! Must be at least 21 years old to participate. Advance sign up is required as each person is important in the mystery and to ensure we have enough food and beverages. Character Assignments will be sent out by 2/5/22.

**Date:** Saturday, February 12, 2022  
**Time:** 6:30 pm  
**Location:** Fr. White Hall, 110 S. School Street, Braidwood  
**Cost:** \$25.00/person  
 (includes food/drinks/ \$25 funny money)  
*Please R&VP no later than*  
 Wednesday, February 2, 2022

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



- Upcoming Dates**
- ★ YM Night  
Sun., 2/6 - 6-8 pm  
Braidwood
  - ★ Souper Bowl of Caring  
Sat. 2/12 & Sun. 2/13  
Coal City/Braidwood
  - ★ YM Super Bowl Party  
Sun., 2/13  
Braidwood



### E.P.I.C Youth Ministry

#### 2022 Winter/Spring Calendar

- Sun., January 23<sup>rd</sup> - YM Night (6:00 pm - 8:00 pm @ Coal City)
- Sun., February 6<sup>th</sup> - YM Night (6:00 pm - 8:00 pm @ IC)
- Sat. & Sun. Feb. 12/13 - Souper Bowl of Caring Collection
- Sun., February 13<sup>th</sup> - Super Bowl Party (TBD)
- Sun., February 20<sup>th</sup> - Living Stations (6:00 pm - 8:00 pm @ IC)
- Sun., February 27<sup>th</sup> - Living Stations (6:00 pm - 8:00 pm @ IC)
- Sun., March 6<sup>th</sup> - Living Stations (6:00 pm - 8:00 pm @ IC)
- Sun., March 13<sup>th</sup> - NO LIVING STATIONS PRACTICE
- Sun., March 20<sup>th</sup> - Living Stations (6:00 pm - 8:00 pm @ IC)
- Sun., March 27<sup>th</sup> - Living Stations (6:00 pm - 8:00 pm @ IC)
- Sun., April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Living Stations (6:00 pm - 8:00 pm @ IC)
- Sun., April 10<sup>th</sup> - Living Stations Presentation @ Coal City (9:45 am)
- TBD - Living Stations Presentation @ Coal City (6:15 pm)
- Fri., April 15<sup>th</sup> - Living Stations Presentation @ IC (11:30 am)
- Sun., April 24<sup>th</sup> - YM Night (6:00 pm - 8:00 pm @ Coal City)
- Sun., May 8<sup>th</sup> - YM Night (6:00 pm - 8:00 pm @ IC)
- Sun., May 22<sup>nd</sup> - YM Night (6:00 pm - 8:00 pm @ Coal City)

For questions: Sara Wollgast (815) 341-5946

### Murder Mystery Registration Form

Guest #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Top 3 Character Preferences: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Guest #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Top 3 Character Preferences: \_\_\_\_\_

# of guests: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: Immaculate Conception Church  
 Return to Parish Office (110 S. School St., Braidwood, IL 60408) by Wed., Feb. 2, 2022.  
 Must be 21 to attend.  
 Contact: Sara Wollgast, (815) 287-2036

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Win these friends of yours not with blows, but with gentleness and kindness. So begin right now to show them that sin is ugly and virtue beautiful.

**St. John Bosco**  
 19th-century Italian priest who devoted his life to educating poor boys. He founded the Salesian Order in 1859.

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January 31

# BE HEALED

*Encountering the Powerful Love of Jesus in Your Life*

## Catholic Men's Spiritual Retreat

Join other men for this Dynamic Retreat with Fr. Burke Masters, Fr. Dennis Spies, Fr. Steve Borello, and other leaders in the Joliet Diocese. "Be Healed" will be an engaging weekend based on the book by author Dr. Bob Schuchts. This two day retreat includes Spirit-filled talks, opportunities for faith-filled reflection, spiritual direction, mass, and confessions. The Carmelite Spiritual Center features a meditation garden for prayer and contemplation, as well as home-cooked meals. This will be a weekend to assist you in taking the next step in your faith journey. We look forward to seeing you there. Register early as spots are very limited. To maintain the safety and integrity of this event, only single-room accommodations will be available.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit: [dioceseofjoliet.org/layformation/](https://dioceseofjoliet.org/layformation/).



## Day of Recollection Retreat

**February 26, 2022**  
 Our Lady of Peace Catholic School  
 701 Plainfield Rd., Darien, IL 60561

Scouts K-12 with age appropriate sessions  
 RSVP Required. Visit [dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting](https://dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting)

*Save the Date!*

### Register now for the Day of Recollection

All Catholic Scouts are invited to attend the 2022 Joliet Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting (JDCCS) retreat on Saturday, February 26 at Our Lady of Peace in Darien from 9am - noon. This year's theme is "Trusting in God" and how to bring Him more fully into our lives.

The retreat is designed for scouts in American Heritage Girls, Scouts BSA, Girl Scouts of the USA, Campfire and others, ages K-12. (Children K-5 must be accompanied by an adult) and fulfills a requirement for Scouts who may be working on a religious medal. Scouts who have completed all other requirements may schedule a Boards of Review to receive final approval for their religious recognition. Participating scouts will receive a patch, a totem and/or participation beads.

Currently an in-person event is planned but the retreat will be moved to a virtual platform if needed.

Registration and permission slips are now available on the Joliet Diocese website (<https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting/>). Deadline for registration is Monday, February 21, 2022.



## CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

# NOW ACCEPTING APPLICANTS

### FOR 2022-2023 LOCAL GRANT

CCHD is now accepting applications for the Local Grant Program. Visit <https://bit.ly/3JSAAdF2> for more information and the next steps! All organizations applying must go through a multi-step review process.

Contact Alex Quezada with any questions  
 Email: [aquezada@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:aquezada@dioceseofjoliet.org)  
 Phone: 815-221-6255



## VALENTINES FOR SENIORS CARD DRIVE

### HOSTED BY SENATOR SUE REZIN

**JANUARY 3 - FEBRUARY 7, 2022**

State Senator Sue Rezin will be hosting a Valentines for Seniors Card Drive from January 3 to February 7, 2022 and we would like to formally invite you to participate!

Seniors are incredibly important to our community and I need your help by writing cards to those living in assisted living and long-term care facilities in the 38th Senate District. The hope is to bring joy to our community's seniors this Valentine's Day.

*Please drop off or mail your cards to my office and my staff will personally deliver those cards to our seniors.*

**WHAT:** Valentines for Seniors Card Drive  
**WHEN:** January 3 - February 7, 2022

**DROP OFF OR MAIL CARDS TO:**

Senator Sue Rezin's Peru Office  
 350 5th St., Ste 264, Peru, IL 61354

Senator Sue Rezin's Morris Office  
 1802 N. Division St., Ste 314, Morris, IL 60450



**DROP OFF INSTRUCTIONS:** If delivering cards in-person, place them in the marked mailbox located outside of both the Morris and Peru offices. After office hours drop off will also be available.

Please RSVP by scanning the QR code below so you can stay up to date on the Valentine's for Seniors drive and other Illinois Senate Republican Caucus happenings.

For questions, contact: [senatorrezin@gmail.com](mailto:senatorrezin@gmail.com)

**STATE SENATOR SUE REZIN**  
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 Morris, IL 60450  
 815-220-8720  
[senatorrezin.com](mailto:senatorrezin.com)




**Mass Intentions**

<b>SATURDAY January 29</b>	
4:00 PM Mass (AP)	†Karen Beery Kelley ( <i>John &amp; Teri Jo Boylan</i> ) †Juan Herrera Arambula ( <i>Juan, Maria &amp; Family</i> )
<b>SUNDAY January 30 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
7:30 AM Mass (AP)	†John ( <i>Mom</i> ) †Dan Doglio ( <i>Lewis Family</i> ) †Richard Marizza, Sr. ( <i>Laura &amp; Rick</i> )
9:30 AM Mass (IC)	†Herbert & June Tatroe ( <i>Family</i> ) †Les Heberer ( <i>Family</i> )
11:30 AM Mass (AP)	†Raymond Bono ( <i>Family</i> ) †Norman Hook ( <i>Family</i> )
<b>TUESDAY February 1</b>	
6:30 PM Communion Service (AP)	
<b>WEDNESDAY February 2</b>	
8:30 AM Communion Service (AP)	
<b>THURSDAY February 3</b>	
8:30 AM Communion Service (IC)	
<b>FRIDAY February 4</b>	
8:30 AM Communion Service (AP)	
<b>SATURDAY February 5 First Saturday</b>	
8:30 AM Mass (AP)	†Virgil Dryer ( <i>Glover Family</i> ) †Eugene Gelb ( <i>Jackie &amp; Rudy</i> ) †Michael Marizza ( <i>Laura &amp; Rick</i> )
4:00 PM Mass (AP)	†Chet Davito ( <i>John &amp; Teri Jo Boylan</i> ) †Mildred B. Lestina ( <i>Family</i> )
<b>SUNDAY February 6 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
7:30 AM Mass (AP)	†Bernard Giordano ( <i>Doris</i> ) †Jiacinta Boero ( <i>Cindi &amp; Curtis Grove</i> ) †Kenneth Bono ( <i>Kenna &amp; Ray</i> )
9:30 AM Mass (IC)	†James F. Creed ( <i>Connie Creed</i> ) †Joe Faletti, Sr. ( <i>Bill Gomora</i> ) †Peggy Tessler ( <i>Pam &amp; Family</i> )
11:30 AM Mass (AP)	†Paul & Mildred Hook ( <i>Family</i> ) †Alan Riley ( <i>Riley Family</i> ) †George Fisher ( <i>Judi Fisher</i> )

**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 January 30**

No Events

**Monday January 31**

8:30 am - Communion Service - IC  
4:30 pm - St. Vincent Table - New Hope Presbyterian - Coal City

**Tuesday February 1**

8:30 am - Communion Service - IC  
Braidwood Community Food Pantry Open - 815-955-0146

**Wednesday February 2**

Assumption Food Pantry Open - 815-518-2000

**Thursday February 3**

9:30 am - 11:00 am - Bible Study - Madonna Room/Berst Hall

**Friday February 4**

No Events

**Saturday February 5**

No Events

**Sunday February 6**

Youth Ministry Night - Braidwood

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



Tom Chasensky (*Husband of Cheryl*)



*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 - Feb. 5/6

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](http://stmaryassumptionparish.org). If you prefer, you may also call Laura at the parish office at 815-674-4171, or you may email her at [secretary@stmaryassumptionparish.org](mailto:secretary@stmaryassumptionparish.org).

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, February 5 - 4:00 p.m.

- Cleaner - Teri Jo Boylan
- Extraordinary Ministers - Deacon Bill, **One volunteer needed**
- Greeter - Teri Jo Boylan
- Lector - **One volunteer needed**
- Ushers - Bob Jacovec, Ron Henke, Doug Letterly, Bob Schmitt

#### Sunday, February 6 - 7:30 a.m.

- Extraordinary Ministers - Deacon Bill, **One volunteer needed**
- Greeter - Teri Jo Boylan
- Lector - Nancy Bonomo

#### Sunday, February 6 - 11:30 a.m. (no Deacon Bill)

- Extraordinary Ministers - Terry Halliday, **One volunteer needed**
- Lector - John Buell

#### Immaculate Conception Church - February 6

- AS - Harper & Eamon Roberts, Ben Wollgast
- EM - Deacon Greg, Lee Roberts
- GRE - Bob Dragovan, Eric Tessler, Dave & Sara Wollgast
- LE - Tamra Cieslak

Assumption Weekly Offering + E-Giving	
Annual Offering Budget (7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022)	\$292,411
YTD Offering Budget	\$168,690
YTD Actual Offering	<b>\$172,426</b>
Last Week's Mass Offering	\$2,974
Last Week's E-Giving Offering	\$935
Last Week's Total Offering	\$3,909
<b>Weekly Goal</b>	<b>\$5,623</b>

Assumption Church Building Loan Balance As Of December 2021	
Original Note Amount	<b>\$796,607</b>
Monthly Loan Payment	\$3,574
Current Loan Balance	\$519,931
Principal Reduction	\$85,676
Additional Principal Reduction	\$191,000
Interest Applied to Date	<b>\$72,280</b>

Immaculate Conception Weekly Offering+ E-Giving	
Annual Offering Budget (7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022)	\$104,500
YTD Offering Budget	\$60,270
YTD Actual Offering	<b>\$66,843</b>
Last Week's Mass Offering	\$1,262
Last Week's E-Giving Offering	\$75
Last Week's Total Offering	\$1,337
<b>Weekly Goal</b>	<b>\$2,009</b>

#### Please help us reach our Sunday Sweeps Goal!

We are now at 70 percent and need to sell 250 tickets before beginning our weekly drawings.

*Please return your ticket stubs today!*



The Women's Giving Circle, a fund of the Catholic Education Foundation, is hosting an afternoon event on Saturday, February 26th from 1-3pm, to sip, savor and be spiritual with other like-minded Catholic women.

Tickets may be purchased online and include 2 glasses of wine and charcuterie: [givecentral.org/cefwgcwinter2022](http://givecentral.org/cefwgcwinter2022)

Virtual attendance is also an option.

Please email Emily at [ESpray@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:ESpray@dioceseofjoliet.org) for more information about the event or for more information on the Women's Giving Circle.



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Office hours vary; please call Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

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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.**EUCCHARISTIC 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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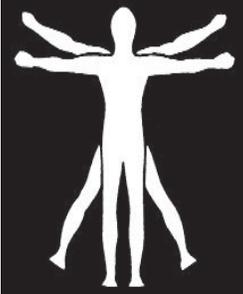
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