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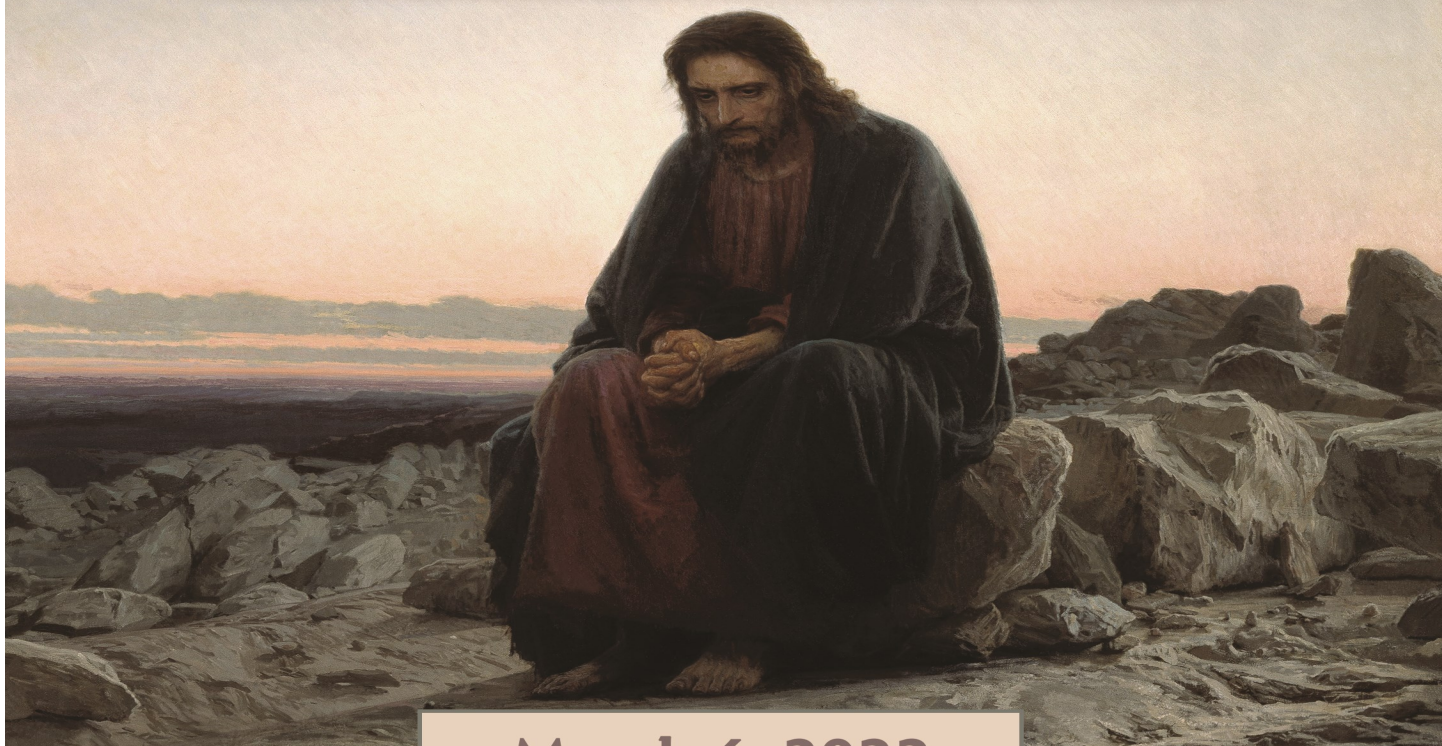
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# First Sunday of LENT

Filled with the Holy Spirit,  
Jesus returned from the Jordan  
and was led by the Spirit into  
the desert for forty days,  
to be tempted by the devil.

Luke 4:1-2



March 6, 2022

## *Putting God to the Test*

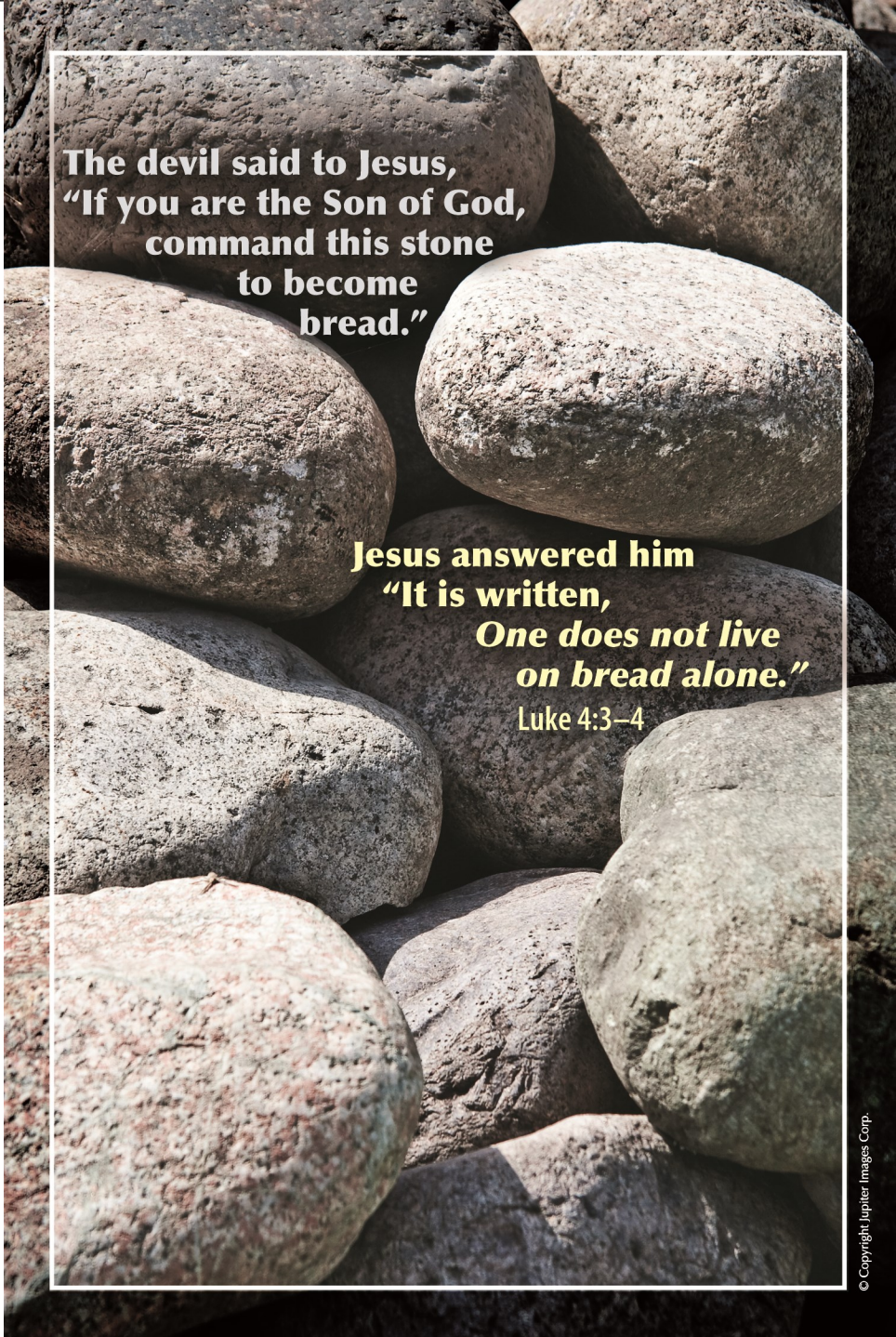
I always thought of the temptations in the desert as part of Jesus' growth in "wisdom, age, and grace" (Luke 2:52). They show how Jesus was tempted to be a Messiah in a way that matched human expectations--those of Jews waiting for a messiah--instead of doing what his Father wanted. So he could have provided for all our needs (turn stones into bread,) brought peace to the world as a great leader (worship the devil,) or been a superhero (jump off the temple without harm). But I also wonder if these temptations are what we expect of God.

Do we expect God to provide for our needs by turning stones into "bread" (i.e., money)? When we ask God to help us by doing everything for us, we are tempting the Lord. God does help us with our troubles, but usually by giving us the strength to get through them with our God-given abilities. This might mean finding a better job that uses more of our talents. It might be forgiving us, if we are the cause of our own troubles, and giving us the courage to start over. It might be a friend who helps us find the right doctor for a medical problem.

Or do we expect God to bring peace to the world by instantly removing all nuclear weapons or capturing all terrorists? When we pray for peace, we could pray that God show us what we can do to bring about that peace. We could follow Jesus' command to love those around us, so that peace spreads from our actions. We could be generous in giving to the poor, especially where poverty is the cause of war.

Maybe we expect God to be a superhero for us, curing diseases, stopping hurricanes or earthquakes, and strengthening our faith with spectacular miracles. Jesus would tell us the same thing he told the devil: "Don't put the Lord your God to the test" (see Luke 4:12). Instead, as we take time to pray over the scriptures, read spiritual books, and share our faith with others, we will find our faith growing and know that the Lord has been with us all along the way.

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**The devil said to Jesus,  
"If you are the Son of God,  
command this stone  
to become  
bread."**

**Jesus answered him  
"It is written,  
One does not live  
on bread alone."  
Luke 4:3-4**

# JESUS was Led BY THE SPIRIT

## *Family Faith Formation*

On the First Sunday of Lent, we see Jesus tempted by Satan after praying and fasting for 40 days. Of course, Jesus does not succumb to Satan. Jesus prevails and sends him on his way. But there is a lingering question. Why did Jesus spend 40 days in the desert?? This journey into the desert after being baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River was an intentional act of detachment from the world and the ways of the world. Stepping away from the world, Jesus could focus more easily on the disciplines of prayer and fasting and so prepare Himself for the ministry that God the Father willed Jesus to enter into.

This time in the desert was a time of preparation. Whenever we encounter the number 40 in the Sacred Scriptures, you can be quite certain that something or someone is about to change. In the case of Jesus, after living a life of anonymity with Mary and Joseph for thirty years, He was getting ready to proclaim the Good News throughout Judea. He was preparing to announce that the coming of the Kingdom was at hand. This journey of Jesus would culminate in His saving action, the Paschal Mystery of His Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension into Heaven, that we might have life eternal.

This Season of Lent, which lasts forty days, is our opportunity to change. The Church tells us that this should be a period of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving (supporting the needy). It is a time to detach ourselves from our worldly ways, to turn away from sin, and to be faithful to the Gospel. Let us pray that this Lenten Season will be a time which brings each of us plentiful graces. May we prepare ourselves well for the coming joys of Easter!

In Christ,

Deacon Bill



# INTO The DESERT

**“YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD, YOUR GOD, TO THE TEST.”**

LUKE 4:12

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## RELYING ON GOD

Face it, the last couple of years have worn us all down. Sometimes we don't know how to pray, or we don't seem to find the words we want. It is easy to falter and waver. Lent is a time to get back to the basics. There is much hope and strength in our readings as we begin our Lenten journey. The letter to the Romans tells us today that “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved,” and this is an idea we hear throughout the scriptures. Psalm 91 shows us exactly how to cry for help, “Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.” In Deuteronomy, Moses teaches the people to bring their firstfruit offerings to God, and put their faith and trust in God, and Jesus teaches us in today's Gospel that we find our life in the word of God.

## GOOD ZEAL AND TEMPTATIONS

In the chapter of Luke preceding today's Gospel, Jesus was baptized in the Jordan and began his adult ministry. Immediately afterward he was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tested. While this might seem almost surreal as we imagine the devil taking Jesus from place to place, it is really much more simple and common than that. For many of us, as we strive to live our lives, we deal with many temptations. Sometimes it is a matter of having the zeal and desire, but not the practical experience or knowledge to carry out a goal. Other times, we are afraid to ask for the assistance that we need to carry a project through to completion. Or we might think that we deserve more, or that our results should be happening more quickly. Our egos can be destructive.

## KNOWING YOUR TOUCHSTONES

When Jesus found himself tested by the devil, he was given several different scenarios. The devil brought up situations that he knew could specifically test Jesus, but similar situations would test any of us. Physical hunger is a real need, and many of us might yearn for success, or better paying jobs, or power, or the like. The difference is that when Jesus was tempted, he had some strong “touchstones” to hold onto, secure answers to lead him. He went to simple, basic scriptures that he could call upon in his time of need. For many, one of those basics would be Jeremiah, “I know the plans I have in mind for you—plans for peace and not disaster.” For another it might be the Beatitudes or the twenty-third Psalm. Whatever it may be, have ready those touchstones, those “go to” prayers or phrases that you can hold onto during the times when you are sorely tested in your life. Let those stones be your firm foundation.

## TODAY'S READINGS

Deuteronomy 26:4–10

Psalm 91:1–2, 10–11, 12–13, 14–15

Romans 10:8–13

Luke 4:1–13

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**MARCH 6, 2022**



## *Readings for the Week*

### *Today's Readings*

**First Reading** — The Israelites show their faith by offering the LORD first fruits of the products of their new land (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

**Psalm** — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

**Second Reading** — All who express faith in the risen Christ and confess that he is Lord will be saved (Romans 10:8-13).

**Gospel** — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and was tempted (Luke 4:1-13).

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

**Sunday:** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

## Prayer of the Week

### First Sunday of Lent



Grant, almighty God,  
through the yearly observances of holy Lent,  
that we may grow in understanding  
of the riches hidden in Christ  
and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.  
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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### Pledge your gift to the CMAA

Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support our annual appeal and help our parishes reach their goal of \$32,300 for Assumption and \$9,300 for Immaculate Conception.

This year's CMAA theme is *Devoted to the Works of the Lord*. The many ministries we fund with our gifts serve people across the Diocese of Joliet. Our parish alone could not provide the services we can when we work together, as a community of faith, to help the poor and vulnerable, form our children in the faith, strengthen vocations, and do so much more.

Seventy percent of the amount we raise over our goal will be returned to our parish, for our needs. Please make a commitment to the CMAA today by completing a pledge envelope available in the pews. Our parish is counting on you for your support. Thank you for making the most generous pledge possible to this year's CMAA.

## In the Desert

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, and then the devil tested him. Moses and the Israelites had been in the desert for forty years before being led to the land of milk and honey. There were times when they called out to God, sure that, as Saint Paul wrote to the Romans, "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." We sometimes spend time in the desert as well. Not a literal desert most of the time, but a desert in which it seems difficult to perceive God's presence, times when we face difficulty and are tempted to leave God's ways behind. On this First Sunday of Lent, Jesus shows us what to do in these moments: stand firm and trust in God.

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### Reflection Question:

**What Lenten observances do I intend to keep this year?**

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### CHARACTER

A simple judge of my character is how I treat a person who can do absolutely nothing for me.  
—Anonymous

### CLOSER THAN YOU THINK

Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.  
—Thomas Edison

## Saints and Special Observances

**Sunday:** First Sunday of Lent; Girl Scouting Sunday

**Monday:** Ss. Perpetua and Felicity; Julian calendar Lent begins

**Tuesday:** St. John of God

**Wednesday:** St. Frances of Rome

**Friday:** Abstinence



When we use Eucharistic Prayer I at Mass, we ask God for the ability to emulate a litany of saints. Sure, we recognize the apostles' names, but the others are less certain: Cosmas and Damian, Cyprian, Cornelius, Chrysogonus, Alexander, Marcellinus, and so on. Who were these people?

Two of them were Felicity and Perpetua, North African women martyred very early in the third century. While their story isn't conventionally exciting, their quiet confidence and trust in Christ and their steadfastness in their faith can teach us much about living a Christian life today.

The Acta (or Acts) of Saint Perpetua tell us that she was a 22-year-old, well-born, well-educated mother of an infant who lived in the Roman province of Africa, in the city of Carthage, which today is near Tunisia's capital. Saint Felicity was a pregnant slave who, along with Perpetua and four others, was rounded up in the persecutions of Emperor Septimius Severus (193–211). We know about these two remarkably brave women because Perpetua kept a diary of their imprisonment and trial. Hers is the oldest surviving writing by a Christian woman.

Today we have the impression that persecution under the Roman emperors was unrelenting. In reality, though, it waxed and waned—sometimes it was terrible, sometimes not so bad, sometimes hardly evident at all. Life had been quiet for Carthage's Christians for several years. Around 197, however, Severus decreed that no imperial

citizen could convert to Judaism or Christianity. This affected only recent converts, which explains why Perpetua's mother and brother, both longtime Christians, were not arrested.

Because she was still a catechumen, however, authorities eventually arrested Perpetua, separating her from her son, who had not yet been weaned. Some deacons bribed a jailer to allow Perpetua's mother to bring her son to her, and she kept and nursed him for the remainder of her imprisonment. "Straightway," Perpetua wrote, in words at which many mothers will smile, "I became well and was lightened of my labour and care for the child; and suddenly the prison was made a palace for me."

The palace would be short lived, however. Perpetua had a vision of a dragon's head, bronze ladders, and beautiful vistas. She interpreted this to mean that she and the others would soon receive martyrdom.

Her pagan father didn't need a vision to understand this. He tried every means possible to get his little girl to apostatize—that is, to renounce the faith. He cried, he begged, he beseeched, he yelled, he manipulated. But Perpetua held her ground. The two obviously loved one another, and their discord must have been hard on the saint.

At the trial the procurator, Hilarianus, got right to the point: Apostatize, or die. The soldiers then let Perpetua's father into the court, and in his arms he held her son. For the sake of your child, he admonished her, save your life. She was resolute, however. Her father became so distraught that bailiffs had to forcibly remove him. The other Christians likewise stood firm. All were found guilty and sentenced to die while fighting beasts at games held in honor of the birthday of Septimius Severus's son, Prince Geta.

After the sentencing, Perpetua had another vision. It was similar to her first: Once again the dragon, now a serpent, tried to prevent Christians from climbing the heavenly ladder. Perpetua took this to mean that she would fight not beasts but Satan himself, and that she would emerge victorious.

Felicity was now eight months pregnant. While many may find this hard to appreciate, she had more concern about being allowed martyrdom with her companions than about her impending delivery. Roman law prohibited the execution of a pregnant woman. Two days before the scheduled execution, Felicity gave birth to a daughter, whom a Christian woman adopted. Now Felicity was free to receive the martyr's crown along with the rest.

On the day of the games, the prisoners were scourged per the crowd's wishes. Then a leopard, boar, and bear were loosed on the men, and a wild bull on the women. When the beasts had savaged them, the saints gave each other the kiss of peace, and all were put to the sword.

Last to die was Perpetua. Her Acta state that her swordsman was new to the job. When he thrust his sword into her, he pierced her bones rather than her flesh. Seeing the bloodied woman screaming in pain but not felled by his thrust, he became unnerved and began impotently flailing his sword. Recalling her vision, this incredible woman then grabbed his arm and put the weapon to her own neck. Her Acta say this is the only way she would have died that day, such was her strength.

—Franciscan Media



STATIONS  
of The Cross

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Every Friday  
during Lent  
at 6:30 p.m.

Assumption Church

Please join us!

## Girl Scouting Sunday



Girl Scout Week is celebrated each March, starting with Girl Scout Sunday and ending with Girl Scout Sabbath on a Saturday. It always includes Girl Scouts' birthday, March 12. During Girl Scout Week, Girl Scouts of all ages celebrate by demonstrating courage, confidence, and character in ways that have a real impact on their communities.

—National Day Calendar



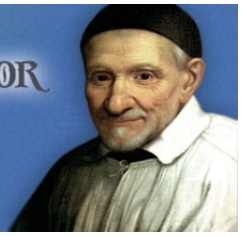
St. Vincent's Table is returning to Immaculate Conception for the months of March and April. We are in need of plastic grocery bags for our carry outs. They can be brought to Fr. White Hall on Mondays after 2pm or left in the back of the church. We are also in need of volunteers who can help cook and plan the meals. Anyone who would like to help can call or talk to Dave Wollgast (815) 705-6229 or Maria Zobel (815) 545-0701.

### Immaculate Conception Braidwood



**"...TO SERVE THE POOR  
IS TO GO TO GOD..."**

St. Vincent de Paul



*In March and April, the St. Vincent Monday Night Meals will be served from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church in Braidwood. 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!*

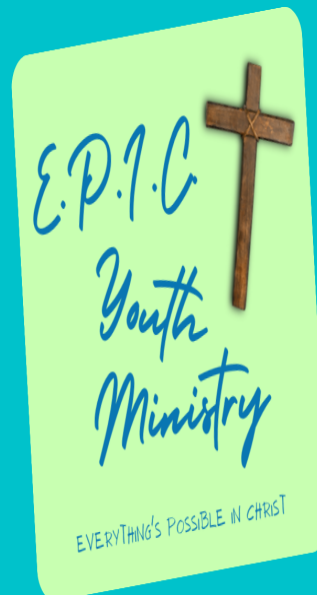
*Thank you, and God Bless you!*



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

Sharee Beeler, Tonya Best, Charlie Boyd, Tom Buban, Jadira Carraznc, Pete Collins, Ryan Collins, Renell Douglas, Lucille Edgar, Melissa Fasig, Katie Hakey, David Hiller, Sue Kelleher, Susan Kuykendall, Emily Larson, Frank Lestina, Suzanne Lissy, Jeff Mahaffey, Jessica Malkowski, James Meyers, Colleen Michalowski, Kathryn Monbrum-Vint, Tom & Mike Motta, Mary Passafiume, Jean Peters, Brian Pope, Jack Riley, Kimberly Ritze-Heinz, Divya, Deepa, & Teresa Sathyan, Marilee Schaefer, Theresa Slanicky, Arlette Testa, Dev Torel, Charlotte Shelly Woodyard, John Zentmyer

### YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



#### Upcoming Dates

- ✦ Sun., 3/6, YM Night  
6-8 pm Braidwood
- ✦ Sun., 3/20, YM Night  
6-8 pm Coal City
- ✦ 3/27- 4/3 - Living  
Stations Practice Week

## Sunday Sweeps Update

We are getting closer to our Sunday Sweeps ticket sales goal! We have 33 tickets remaining to sell.

*Please return your ticket stubs today!*



Congratulations to **Shaela O'Keefe** who is our recipient of the 2021 Silver Presidential Volunteer Service Award. Shaela dedicated 229 hours of her time in service this past year to her community, most of which was in assistance to Help for Hope ministering to those in need. She also volunteers her time as an altar server at Assumption, which is not included in those hours. Join us in congratulating Shaela on the recognition by the President Biden for her service to better her community.



## Little Black Books



*Have you noticed the Little Black Books on the table in the narthex? We are offering these small books this year in the hopes that you will find their short daily entries to be a nice way to spend some quiet time with our Lord each day during the Lenten season.*

*Be sure to pick one up for yourself and any others who may be interested in exploring Scripture and deepening their relationship with Christ during this time of year.*

*A free will offering of only \$1 is suggested for each book.*

**March 17**

## Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner



4-7PM

Corned beef, cabbage, carrots & potatoes.

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

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



## Volunteer Awards



If you know of anyone who deserves recognition for their dedicated service to their community, we would be happy to work to certify their hours through the President's Volunteer Service Award to get them the appreciation they deserve. Please provide a list of organizations your nominee volunteers for that are over the minimum number of hours.

Age	Minimum Hours
Kids (5-10)	26
Teens (11-15)	50
Young Adults (16-25)	100
Adults (26+)	100

Please contact Dave Wollgast (815)705-6229 [kofcbraidwood@gmail.com](mailto:kofcbraidwood@gmail.com)



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Diocese of Joliet

## Crafting Connections

### Leprechaun Wreath

**When:** Monday, March 14, 2022

**Where:** Wilmington Park District  
315 N Water St., Wilmington, IL 60481

**Time:** 1:00PM-3:00PM

Join Catholic Charities for an afternoon of St. Patrick's Day fun! We will make a Leprechaun wreath using a foam wreath form, orange tulle, and a festive hat! All supplies are FREE and registration is required.

Masks and social distancing are required at this event.



**to reserve your spot by Monday, March 7th, 2022. To register, please call Kelli Coy at 815-933-7791 ext: 9910.**

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet is a faith-based organization providing service to people in need and calling others of good will to do the same.



## Mass Intentions

<b>SATURDAY March 5</b>	<b>First Saturday</b>
8:30 AM Mass (AP) †Eugene Gelb ( <i>Jackie &amp; Rudy</i> )	
4:00 PM Mass (AP) †Chet Davito ( <i>Family</i> ) †Richard Marizza ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Richard Marizza, Jr.</i> )	
<b>SUNDAY March 6</b>	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b>
7:30 AM Mass (AP) †Earl & Barbara Grove ( <i>Cindi &amp; Curtis Grove</i> )	
9:30 AM Mass (IC) †Alice Faletti ( <i>Bill Gomora</i> ) †Bill Scheer ( <i>Family</i> ) †Pat Scubic ( <i>Pam Tessler &amp; Family</i> )	
11:30 AM Mass (AP) †Mary Bono ( <i>Family</i> ) †Lucille Quayle ( <i>Tim O'Keefe Family</i> )	
<b>TUESDAY March 8</b>	
6:30 PM Mass (AP) †Robert M. Watson ( <i>Roberta Watson</i> ) †Juan Fehr ( <i>Noma</i> )	
<b>WEDNESDAY March 9</b>	
8:30 AM Mass (AP) †Darlene Biniak ( <i>Jackie Vero</i> )	
<b>THURSDAY March 10</b>	
8:30 AM Mass (IC) †Esther Knorr ( <i>Bruce &amp; Melissa [Knorr] Radtke</i> ) †Nancy Skowronski ( <i>Pete &amp; Rita Blackwell</i> )	
<b>FRIDAY March 11</b>	
8:30 AM Mass (AP) †John Lukancic ( <i>Peter &amp; Carmelita Collins</i> )	
<b>SATURDAY March 12</b>	
4:00 PM Mass (AP) †Michael Marizza ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Richard Marizza, Jr.</i> ) †Don Henke ( <i>His Brother, Ron</i> ) †James Watters ( <i>Family</i> )	
<b>SUNDAY March 13</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>
7:30 AM Mass (AP) †Mary Ann Lukancic ( <i>Peter &amp; Carmelita Collins</i> )	
9:30 AM Mass (IC) †Fred & Betty Nahas ( <i>Kay Heberer</i> ) †Herbert & June Tatroe ( <i>Family</i> ) †Nancy Skowronski ( <i>Richard &amp; Patricia Crotteau</i> ) †Richard Ritze, Brother of Bill Ritze ( <i>Family</i> )	
11:30 AM Mass (AP) †Robert Allen, Sr. ( <i>Ray &amp; Ruth Dillon</i> ) †Richard Friddle ( <i>Mike Yerkes</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 March 6

12:30 pm - First Reconciliation Practice - AP  
 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Youth Ministry Night - Braidwood

### Monday March 7

8:30 am - Communion Service - IC  
 9:00 am - 10:00 am - Stations of the Cross Rosary - IC  
 4:30 pm - St. Vincent Table - Immaculate Conception/Braidwood

### Tuesday March 8

8:30 am - Communion Service - IC  
 9:00 am - 10:00 am - Stations of the Cross Rosary - IC  
 Braidwood Community Food Pantry Open - 815-955-0146

### Wednesday March 9

Assumption Food Pantry Open - 815-518-2000

### Thursday March 10

9:00 am - 10:00 am - Stations of the Cross Rosary - IC

### Friday March 11

6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross - AP

### Saturday March 12

10:00 am - First Confession - AP

### Sunday March 13

No Events



### 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. The stipend for each Mass intention is \$10. Please use your church envelope or call the parish office to schedule your intention.



There will be no meetings from February 24 through March 10. Regular weekly meetings will resume on Thursday, March 17.



## Ministry Schedule



### Assumption Church - Mar. 12/13

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, March 12 - 4:00 p.m.

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

#### Sunday, March 13 - 7:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - Deacon Bill, **One volunteer needed**  
 Greeter - Teri Jo Boylan  
 Lector - Sandra Snyder  
 Server - Ron Marketti

#### Sunday, March 13 - 11:30 a.m. (no Deacon Bill)

Extraordinary Ministers - Julie Micetich, **One volunteer needed**  
 Lector - **One volunteer needed**

#### Immaculate Conception Church - March 13

AS - Trong Nguyen, Ben Wollgast  
 EM - Deacon Greg, Fred Hejna  
 GRE - Andy Scheer, Dan Wilson, Dave & Sara Wollgast  
 LE - Cheryl Chasensky

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH  
 BRAIDWOOD, ILLINOIS

## CHRIST'S PASSOVER Reflection and Prayer Wednesday, April 13, 2022 6:30 PM in Fr. White Hall

We will explore the connection between the Jewish Passover meal and the Last Supper that Jesus shared with His Apostles, and how it relates to Mass and the Holy Eucharist today.

For questions or further information please call (815) 390-6048

\*This is a sampling of food items shared at the Last Supper.  
 Sandwiches will be available right after this event. Free will donation.



## Assumption Weekly Offering + E-Giving

Annual Offering Budget (7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022)	\$292,411
YTD Offering Budget	\$196,805
YTD Actual Offering	<b>\$199,855</b>
Last Week's Mass Offering	\$3,335
Last Week's E-Giving Offering	\$1,100
Last Week's Total Offering	\$4,435
<b>Weekly Goal</b>	<b>\$5,623</b>

## Assumption Church Building Loan Balance As Of January 2022

Original Note Amount	\$796,607
Monthly Loan Payment	\$3,574
Current Loan Balance	\$517,603
Principal Reduction	\$88,004
Additional Principal Reduction	\$191,000
Interest Applied to Date	\$73,527

## Immaculate Conception Weekly Offering+ E-Giving

Annual Offering Budget (7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022)	\$104,500
YTD Offering Budget	\$70,315
YTD Actual Offering	<b>\$77,347</b>
Last Week's Mass Offering	\$1,613
Last Week's E-Giving Offering	\$75
Last Week's Total Offering	\$1,688
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**Farewell Open House  
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George and Judith will be leaving Illinois to make a new home in St. Augustine, Florida at the end of April. Because of their years of dedication to our parish and friendship to the parishioners of Assumption Church, we feel it is only fitting to host an open house to wish them the very best and tell them they will be missed.

Please save the date and plan to join us at Berst Hall on Sunday, April 3 from 2 to 4 p.m. to wish them well in this new chapter in their lives!

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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.**ANOIDTING 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.

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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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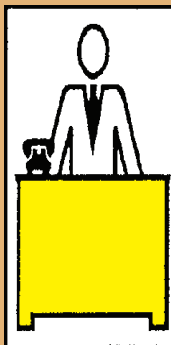
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