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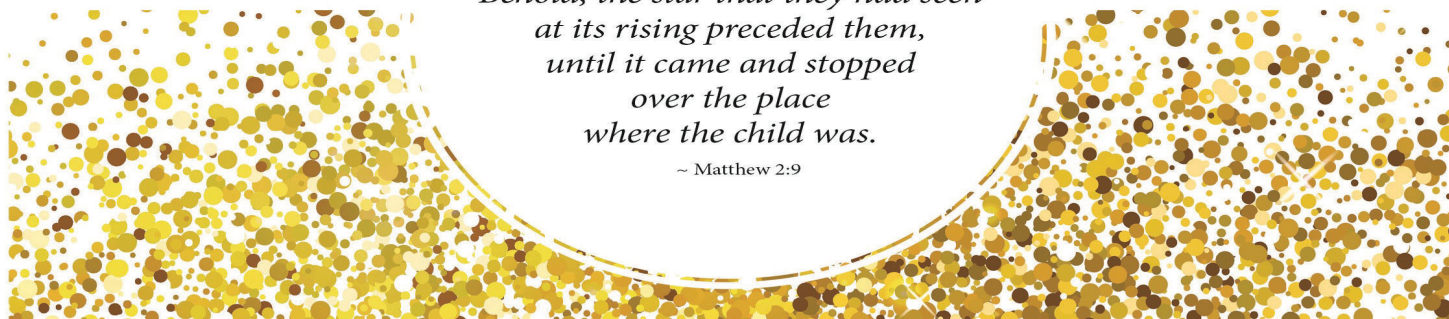
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JANUARY 8, 2023 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



*Behold, the star that they had seen
at its rising preceded them,
until it came and stopped
over the place
where the child was.*

~ Matthew 2:9



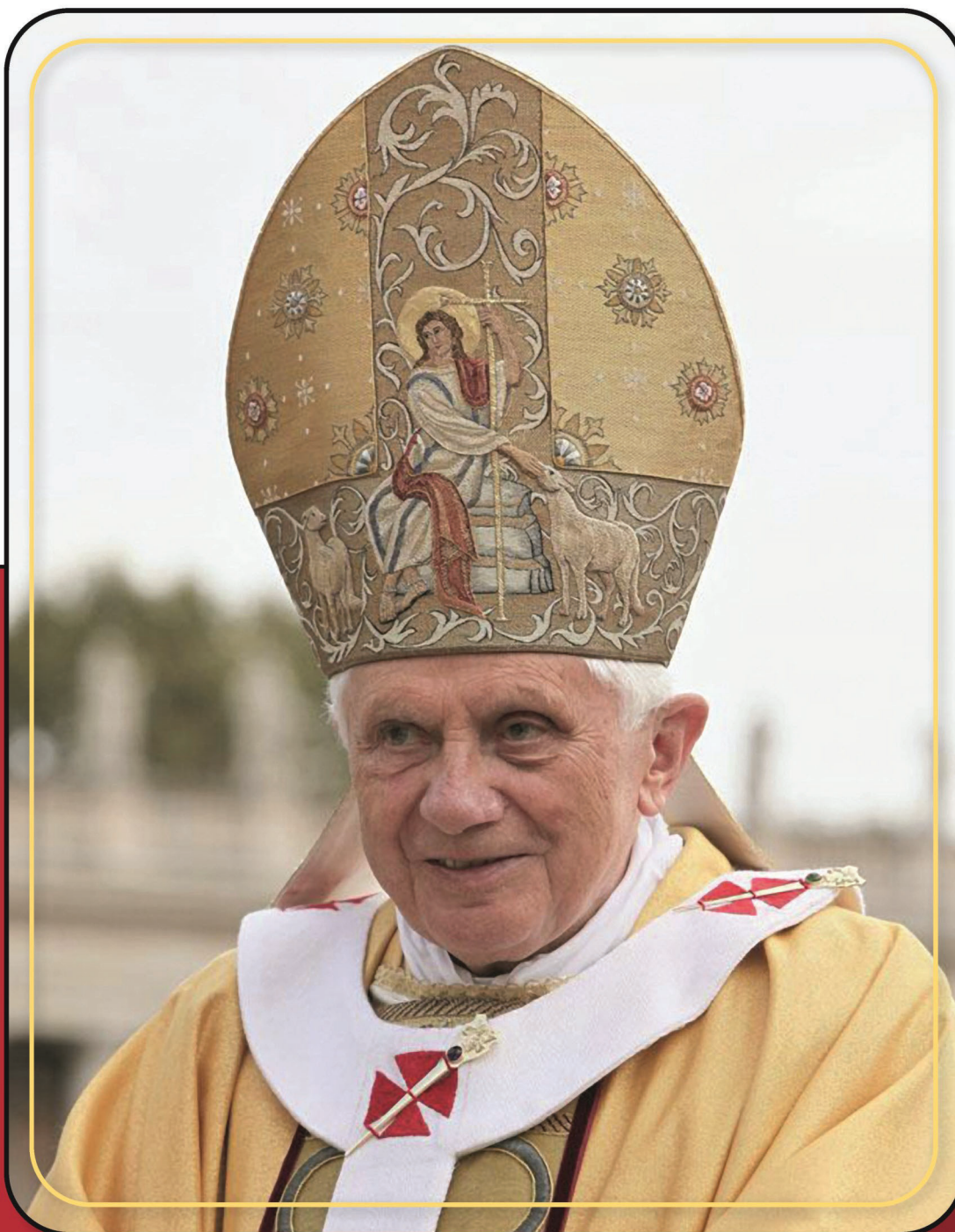


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POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI

APRIL 16, 1927 – DECEMBER 31, 2022

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IN MEMORIAM

In Memoriam
POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI

April 16, 1927 – December 31, 2022

Papacy:
April 19, 2005 – February 28, 2013



Joseph Alois Ratzinger was born in Marktl am Inn, Bavaria, on April 16, 1927—Holy Saturday—and baptized that same day—the first person baptized in the new Easter water. It was a sign of blessing, he wrote in a memoir, that his life from the beginning was thus immersed in the Easter mystery. He entered the minor seminary in 1939 at the age of twelve, but his studies were interrupted by World War II, when the seminary was closed and Joseph, along with most of his class, was drafted into the army at the age of sixteen.

After the war he resumed his education in philosophy and theology, and together with his brother, Georg, was ordained a priest in 1951. During the course of a twenty-year career as a professor of dogma and theology at several German universities, he earned a reputation as a gifted lecturer and learned scholar, and was present as a *peritus*, or theological advisor, at all four sessions of the Second Vatican Council.

He was ordained an archbishop in May of 1977 and elevated to the College of Cardinals a month later. He settled in Rome in 1981 and went on to become one of the most influential men in the Roman curia. Of the many offices he held, he was best known as the Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, an authoritative advisor on doctrinal issues during his predecessor's pontificate. When he was elected the 265th successor of Peter in 2005 at the age of seventy-eight, he became the first German pope since Victor II in the eleventh century. A central theme of his papacy was the staunch defense of core Christian values against what he saw as moral decline across much of Europe. At the same time, he sought to improve relations with other religions, trying to determine if a “cultural synthesis” was possible without losing the identity of the faith while engaged in discourse with the Lutheran World Federation, Judaism, Islam, the Anglican Communion, and Christian Orthodox Churches. He also spoke out against human rights abuses and ongoing political conflicts and warfare, and advocated better protection of the environment. He called for a radical rethinking of the global economy, criticizing the growing divide between rich and poor, and pressed for a “true world political authority” to oversee the economy and work for the common good.

Ever true to his episcopal motto, “Fellow Worker in the Truth,” Pope Benedict XVI's teaching and prolific writings always defended traditional Catholic doctrine and values.

On February 11, 2013, Pope Benedict XVI announced that on February 28, 2013, he would resign as supreme pontiff due to his advanced age and deteriorating health and that a conclave would be convened shortly thereafter to elect a new pope. He returned to Rome and remained there as Pope Emeritus after Jorge Bergoglio succeeded him as Bishop of Rome.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.



Bishop Hicks' Column



January 2023: Peace be with you

Recently, while visiting a parish, I noticed a "peace pole" on the property, surrounded by beautiful landscaping and benches. The pole had four sides, with each side displaying an inscription about peace. The expressions of peace moved from the general to the specific:

Peace on Earth
Peace for our Nation
Peace within our Church
Peace in our Hearts

As I contemplated that simple yet beautiful peace pole, I realized that peace is something we all long for, and yet can seem so unattainable. St. Augustine captured the unreachable nature of peace when he said, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in you, O Lord." Even though peace may be elusive, we know the source of true peace. It is therefore with great faith and hope that we as a Church never stop seeking it through Mary, the Queen of Peace, and her son, Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

As we begin 2023, we remember that St. Paul VI in 1967 established the World Day of Peace to be celebrated on January 1, which is also the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. In 1972, Pope Paul VI coined his famous phrase, "If you want peace, work for justice."

Popes since then have carried on this tradition of issuing messages of peace on this day, with their communications usually associated with the social doctrine of the Church. Hence, popes have made declarations on January 1 regarding the United Nations, human rights, the right to life, economic development, international diplomacy, wars, peace in the Holy Land, globalization, terrorism, etc.

For 2023, Pope Francis writes about our current global condition, as we cope with the long-term effects of the coronavirus pandemic and the impact of the war in Ukraine. He stresses the need for an all-inclusive approach to peace: "We can no longer think exclusively of carving out space for our personal or national interests; instead, we must think in terms of the common good, recognizing that we belong to a greater

community, and opening our minds and hearts to universal human fraternity. We cannot continue to focus simply on preserving ourselves; rather, the time has come for all of us to endeavour to heal our society and our planet, to lay the foundations for a more just and peaceful world, and to commit ourselves seriously to pursuing a good that is truly common."

Peace is not just something that we should all work for; it is also something we should constantly be praying for. The next time you are at Mass, I invite you to listen to just how many times the word "peace" is used. Specifically in the Communion rite, immediately after the "Our Father," the priest prays that the peace of Christ will fill our hearts, our families, our Church, our communities, and our world as we extend a sign of peace to those around us. These prayers explicitly follow Jesus' message throughout the Gospels, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." (John 14: 27)

As we begin this new year, I urge you to pray for peace every Sunday when you attend Mass, and to also try to do so daily. If we get into the habit of praying for peace each day, it becomes even more important to disconnect from the noise and busyness of our world and intentionally to find a "peaceful" place to reflect and contemplate.

During this initial year of the National Eucharistic Revival, I encourage you to take some time before the eucharistic Lord in adoration. It is a beautiful and powerful way to connect our minds, hearts and souls to the peace of Christ. Another possibility is to find a consistent, quiet spot in your home or a sacred space to sit, be still and pray. It is in these serene moments that the Holy Spirit may gently whisper into our ears the ways that God may want us to be an instrument of peace.

As a people of peace, let's begin this new year by praying for and working for peace on Earth, peace for our nation, peace within our Church, peace in our hearts and wherever it is needed most. For ultimately, at the very end of every Catholic Mass throughout the world, we are mandated to "go in peace." And to that, we boldly affirm by responding, "Thanks be to God!" ✝



The Epiphany of the Lord January 8, 2023

They opened their treasures
and offered him gifts
of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

— *Matthew 2:11b*

Today's Readings

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — All the nations will worship you, Lord (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrive looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

December 31, 2022



Statement of Bishop Ronald A. Hicks of the Diocese of Joliet on the death of Pope Benedict XVI

I pray for the soul of Pope Benedict XVI, who today joined our Lord in eternal life. He served God as a priest, archbishop, cardinal and pope, and enlightened Catholics worldwide with his thoughtful theological writings. May he rest in peace.



2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Update (as of January 1, 2023)

Assumption Parish

Goal: \$32,300

Amount Pledged: \$35,620

Amount Paid: \$34,725

Number of Donors: 173

Immaculate Conception Parish

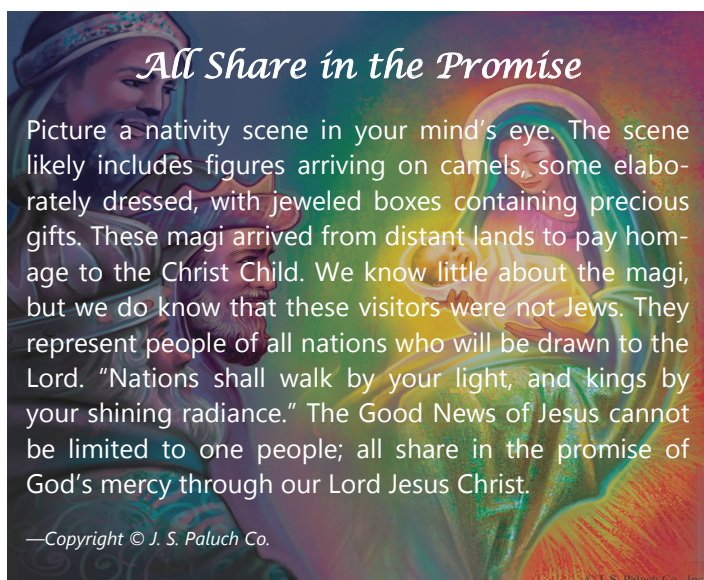
Goal: \$9,300

Amount Pledged: \$22,682

Amount Paid: \$22,067

Number of Donors: 62

Thank you to the many people who are *Devoted to the Works of the Lord* and responded to the 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal. Your financial support is an essential part of these ministries. Thank you for your generosity!





Then they opened their treasures and offered him

GIFTS OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, AND MYRRH.

Matthew 2:11

January 8, 2023 • The Epiphany of the Lord

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS

Epiphany is a day when popular customs mostly overshadow scriptural accuracy. Matthew's Gospel never refers to kings coming to see Christ, nor to their number (only the gifts are enumerated), nor to their names. Matthew tells us only that some "magi" came with gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Magos referred to members of the Persian priestly class; later it had the connotation of magicians and astrologers. Matthew's magi report that they have seen a star rising; its light was visible to them far beyond the boundaries of Israel, an early and significant symbol for Jesus, the Light of the World. At the end of Matthew's Gospel (chapter 28), the followers of Jesus worship him, an act foretold in the actions of the Magi today. The eleven are told to make disciples of "all nations," nations symbolized by the Magi. Today we hear our own mission: to worship Jesus Christ, and to spread his Good News everywhere, every day.

STAR OF WONDER

In our day-to-day lives, we can experience epiphanies: new perceptions, unexpected insights, sudden changes in direction. In the liturgical year, Epiphany celebrates the appearance of a star in the heavens, a remarkable star followed by the Magi to Jesus, Mary and Joseph. They are not so different, our daily epiphanies and the Epiphany celebrated today. The arrival of the Magi certainly changed Mary and Joseph's perceptions of the world, the same way a helpless, tiny baby likely altered the Magi's insights as to what a star in the heavens would reveal. The story of the Magi—and the story of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—is filled with unexpected changes in direction, as God's plan continues to vary when it encounters people who cooperate with it, and others who attempt to thwart it. A deep and long reflection on this day we call Epiphany will uncover numerous epiphanies.

STAR OF LOVE

Like all of the Christmas season, Epiphany celebrates God's eternal and infinite love. In a special way, this day shows how God's love is truly all-inclusive. The magi were not Jews, not part of the Chosen People who expected that the Messiah was coming to save only them. Early on in his Gospel, Matthew tells us that God's love will not be limited by our human presumptions or boundaries. We still struggle with the fact that God is constantly epiphanizing us to grow beyond the limits of our experience or expectations, to move beyond the boundaries of the world around us. Let us pray that we might be given epiphanies to help us find grace where we didn't believe it existed, to aid us in understanding that God's love is most often shown by who is included, not who is excluded. May we open our eyes and hearts to know that the Christ-light shines everywhere.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 60:1–6

Psalms 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–11, 12–13

Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6

Matthew 2:1–12



Our Fascinating Faith

Epiphany House Blessing

If you wish, you can celebrate Epiphany at home with a blessing using the initials of the magi's traditional names (Casper, Melchior, Balthasar), four crosses, and the new year's numerals.

Materials: a piece of chalk and a small container of holy water. Gather with family members, friends, and perhaps some neighbors at the front door.

Leader: In the (+) name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. We sign this doorway with four crosses and the numerals of the new year [20 + C + M + B + 23]. Let us pray: May Christ bless this house!

ALL: Amen!

Each room of the house is sprinkled with holy water.

Living room: Where two or three are gathered in your name, Lord, you are present. Bless this room, O Lord.

ALL: Amen!

Kitchen: Give us this day our daily bread. Bless this room, O Lord.

ALL: Amen!

Dining room: Prepare us for the heavenly banquet. Bless this room, O Lord.

ALL: Amen!

Bedrooms: Stay with us Lord, when night has come. Bless this room, O Lord.

ALL: Amen!

Bathroom: Cleanse us from all sin. Bless this room, O Lord.

ALL: Amen!

All return to the front door to pray together.

Leader: Let us pray as Jesus taught us: Our Father... The leader sprinkles all present with holy water. Bless this household through all days to come, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

ALL: Amen!

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Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

Monday: The Baptism of the Lord

Tuesday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins

Friday: St. Hilary

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary;
Julian Calendar New Year

saint snippets

The more I do God's will,
the more he will prove
his love for me.

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys
French religious sister who devoted her life to
educating young girls and the poor in Canada

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January 12

TRUE HAPPINESS

Abandon yourself utterly for the love of God,
and in this way you will become truly happy.

—Blessed Henry Suso

SELFLESSNESS REWARDED

Help another's boat across, and lo!
thine own has reached the shore.

—Old Hindu proverb

Catholic Prayer Corner

Prayer at the Manger: With the Magi



Let your light shine on us, O God,
as the star showed the way
to those who searched for Christ.

Fill us with wisdom;
help us walk in your ways,
now and forever. Amen.

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The Star of Bethlehem

Almost every year at Christmastime, you can find a newspaper article or TV documentary about the star of Bethlehem. Astronomers give various theories about whether the magi saw a new star, perhaps a supernova, or a comet, or a conjunction of two or more planets. Since the magi are generally believed to be astrologers, the conjunction seems most likely.

More important is the meaning of the star. In Matthew's Gospel, light is used as a symbol of the good news of Jesus coming into the world. Jesus is the light of the world, so the magi follow that light to get to Jesus. That's why verse 9 of the Gospel has the image of the star preceding the wise men and stopping over the house where Jesus was. By following the star, they become followers of Christ. So what do the magi show us about following Jesus?

First, they take the initiative. They saw the star, figured out what it meant, and made their journey. As followers of Jesus, we can look for what needs to be done (in our family, parish, or community) and do it. We don't have to wait for the pastor to call us and beg for help--there are probably articles in this bulletin asking for help.

Second, they expressed their faith in Jesus by the gifts they brought: gold--a gift for a king, who is worthy to be followed; frankincense--Jesus is worthy to be worshiped as Son of God; and myrrh--Jesus becomes king by dying for us all. We can express our faith in many ways. We can volunteer to help the poor, the elderly, or the disabled. We can teach our children how to pray and tell them about all that God has done for us.

Third, they were not afraid to take risks for Jesus. When they went back home without telling Herod where they found the child, Herod was furious (Matthew 2:16). For all they knew, he could have come after them. How often do we take risks for the Lord, by openly speaking about our faith or giving God credit for the good that we do? Let the star of Bethlehem remind us that Jesus is the star of our lives.

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**The magi were overjoyed at seeing the star,
and on entering the house they saw the child
with Mary his mother.**

Matthew 2:10-11



Diocese of Joliet

Join the Diocesan Mission Trip to the Navajo Nation in June

The Diocese of Joliet is pleased to announce its U.S. mission program in June with a two-week trip to the Navajo Nation located near Chinle, Arizona. The June 3 - 16 trip will focus on construction projects for residents of the reservation, with volunteers helping with such jobs as framing a house, tearing down dilapidated buildings, repairing fencing, etc. "It's not just going to work for the people, but to be with them and experience their life and culture," said diocesan missions coordinator Bruce Carlson.

The diocese has organized mission trips to the reservation since 2002, but paused the annual expeditions during 2020 and 2021 because of the coronavirus pandemic. The trip resumed this past summer.

Interested individuals are invited to attend an informational meeting at 7 p.m. on Jan. 10 or Jan. 18 at the Blanchette Catholic Center, 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill. For more information, email missions@dioceseofjoliet.org or call 815-221-6256.



Snowman Painting

When: Friday, January 13th, 2023

Time: 1:30-3:30PM

Where: Morris Area Public Library

604 Liberty St., Morris, IL

Please join us for snowy day fun! We will paint the cheerful snowman pictured here. To re-create this painting, we will use acrylic paints, paint brushes, and a canvas. All supplies are FREE. This class is available for aging adults 60 and older.

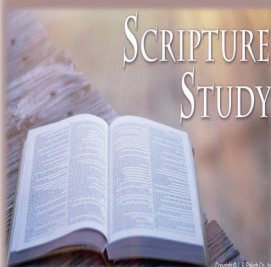
To reserve your spot, please contact the Morris Area Public Library at 815-942-6880 OR Kelli at 815-933-7791 ext: 9910 by Wednesday, January 11th!



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.



Scripture Study Resumes



Our regular weekly sessions resume this week on Thursday, January 12 at Berst Hall at our usual meeting time of 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. We hope you can join us for another friendly discussion! Your friends are also welcome to join us!



FOR ALL MARTHAS AND ANYONE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MARTHA

There will be a Marthas' meeting on Monday, January 23, at 9:00 a.m. in the Madonna Room. New members are welcome to join us! We hope to see you there!



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Navigating Our Faith: Follow Me!

2023 JDCCS Winter Day of Recollection

February 25, 2023

Our Lady of Peace Darien

9am - 12 pm

for Scouts grade K-12

Learn more at jolietdiocesecatholicscouts.org



Thank You For Your Decorating Help

A big thank you to the many volunteers who helped decorate Immaculate Conception Church for Christmas! The sharing of your time and talents was greatly appreciated!

Peace be with you in the New Year!



SAVE THE DATES in 2023!

**Celebrate the
National Eucharistic Revival
With these special
Diocesan Celebrations**

DIOCESAN-WIDE FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

FEBRUARY 8, 9, 10

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. RAYMOND NONNATUS, JOLIET

AND

PRAYER SERVICE with NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PREACHER

MARCH 23, 24, 25

AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE

Watch for more information in the upcoming bulletins

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



Upcoming Dates

- ★ YM Night
Sun., 1/8- 6-8 pm
Braidwood
- ★ YM Night
Sun., 1/22 - 6-8 pm
Coal City
- ★ YM Night
Sun., 2/5- 6-8 pm
Braidwood

As we prepare for the Epiphany, we encourage your household to adopt the "Chalking the Door" tradition.

- Gather by a prominent door in your home
- Write with chalk or create a sign to place above your door
- Use the message 20+C+M+B+23

"CMB" is an abbreviation for the Latin Christus Mansionem Benedicat, "May Christ bless this home." It also represents the names of the three Wise Men: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. The "+" signs represent the cross, and the numbers to the left and right are the year.

Prayer:

Visit, O Blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and for ever. Amen.



For questions: Sara Wollgast (815) 341-5946

**SATURDAY January 7** **First Saturday**

8:30 AM Mass (AP)
 †Larry & Judy Zaccaria (*Bill & Nancy Endrst*)
4:00 PM Mass (AP)
 †Arlette Testa (*Riley Family*)

SUNDAY January 8 **The Epiphany of the Lord**

7:30 AM Mass (AP)
 †Ray Onsen (*Mary Punke*)
 †A. J. Manietta (*Jerry & Janice Unger*)
 †Marge Wills (*Jerry & Janice Unger*)
9:30 AM Mass (IC)
 †Jo Sullivan (*CCW*)
11:30 AM Mass (AP)
 †Dan Doglio (*Lewis Family*)
 †Babe & Ida Zaccaria (*Bill & Nancy Endrst*)

TUESDAY January 10

6:30 PM Mass (AP)
 †Don Phillips (*Richard Zelinko*)

WEDNESDAY January 11

8:30 AM Mass (AP)
 †Earl Grove (*Cindi & Curtis Grove*)

THURSDAY January 12

8:30 AM Mass (IC)
 †Ronald Brown (*Joan Senko*)

FRIDAY January 13

8:30 AM Mass (AP)
 †Dorothy "June" Hedgecock (*David & Colette Hiller*)

SATURDAY January 14

4:00 PM Mass (AP)
 †Don Henke (*Ron Henke*)

SUNDAY January 15 **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 AM Mass (AP)
 †Ann M. Watson (*Roberta & Mary*)
 †Teresa Unger (*Jerry & Janice Unger*)
 †Carol Wills (*Jerry & Janice Unger*)
9:30 AM Mass (IC)
 †Theresa Slanicky (*Joan Senko*)
 †Tom Chasensky & Alice Faletti (*Cheryl Chasensky*)
11:30 AM Mass (AP)
 †John Zentmyer (*John & Teri Jo Boylan*)
 †Megan Riley (*Riley Family*)

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 8**

9:45 am - 11:15 am - Family Faith Formation - Berst Hall
 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Youth Ministry Night - IC

Monday January 9

4:30 pm - St. Vincent Table - Immaculate Conception

Tuesday January 10

6:15 pm - 7:45 pm - Family Faith Formation - Berst Hall
 Braidwood Community Food Pantry Open - 815-955-0146

Wednesday January 11

Assumption Food Pantry Open - 815-518-2000

Thursday January 12

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

Friday January 13

No Events

Saturday January 14

No Events

Sunday January 15

10:30 am - 11:30 am - Baptism - IC

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

Tom Buban, Ryan Collins, John Crumrine, Charlotte Curtis,
 Anna Ison, Katie Hakey, Sue Kelleher,
 Tom Pavur, Brian Piasse, Brent Rose

All names will remain on the prayer list for six months. If you would like your name to remain on the list, please contact us.

**Need a 2023 Calendar?**

We now have 2023 calendars available which feature beautiful photos of our church! They can be found in the narthex or picked up for free at the parish office at Assumption Church and are available while supplies last. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Matt Baskerville from Reeves & Baskerville Funeral Homes for graciously providing us with such a lovely calendar for the year.

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

Dr. William F. Bevan, III, Deacon





Ministry Schedule



Assumption Church - Jan. 14 & 15

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. 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.

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, January 14 - 4:00 p.m.

Extraordinary Minister - **Volunteer needed**

Greeter - Teri Jo Boylan

Lector - **Volunteer needed**

Servers - **Volunteers needed**

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

Sunday, January 15 - 7:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Minister - **Volunteer needed**

Greeter - Teri Jo Boylan

Lector - **Volunteer needed**

Servers - Pete Collins, Ron Marketti, Jim Micetich

Sunday, January 15 - 11:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Minister - Tim O'Keefe

Lector - Marla O'Keefe

Server - **Volunteer needed**

Immaculate Conception Church - January 15

Sunday, January 15 - 9:30 a.m.

AS - Eamon, Harper, & Jake Roberts

EM - Fred Hejna

GRE - Bob Dragovan, Angie Kelleher, Kevin Kennedy, Mike Molloy

LE - Mary Tatroe

Have You Purchased Your Super Bowl Square Yet?

Each square is \$100, and there will only be 100 squares sold. There will be 18 chances to win on this board as follows: (1) \$1,500, (3) \$800, (4) \$200, and (10) \$100. Sixty percent of the money raised will go to the winners, with the remaining 40% donated to Assumption Church. If you would like to purchase a square, please contact Drew Benson at 815-791-6148, or you may email him at: andrew.benson0206@gmail.com.

Congratulations to Our Sunday Sweeps Winners:

Week 40

Amy Giordano

Week 41

Nancy Micetich



Assumption Weekly Offering + E-Giving

Annual Offering Budget (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023)	\$305,512
YTD Offering Budget	\$158,625
YTD Actual Offering (9/4/22)	\$163,993
Last Week's Mass Offering	\$4,464
Last Week's E-Giving Offering	\$1,595
Last Week's Total Offering	\$6,059
Weekly Goal	\$5,875

Assumption Church Building Loan Balance As Of November 2022

Original Note Amount	\$796,607
Current Loan Balance	\$492,294

Immaculate Conception Weekly Offering

Annual Offering Budget (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023)	\$114,400
YTD Offering Budget	\$59,400
YTD Actual Offering	\$61,105
Last Week's Total Mass Offering	\$1,499
12/25/22 Sunday Offering	\$260
Christmas Offering	\$3,358
Weekly Goal	\$2,200

Assumption Church December 25, 2022 Offering

12/25/22 Mass Offering	\$5,558
12/25/22 E-Giving Offering	\$1,075
12/25/22 Total Offering	\$6,633



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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**

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