

January 24, 2021

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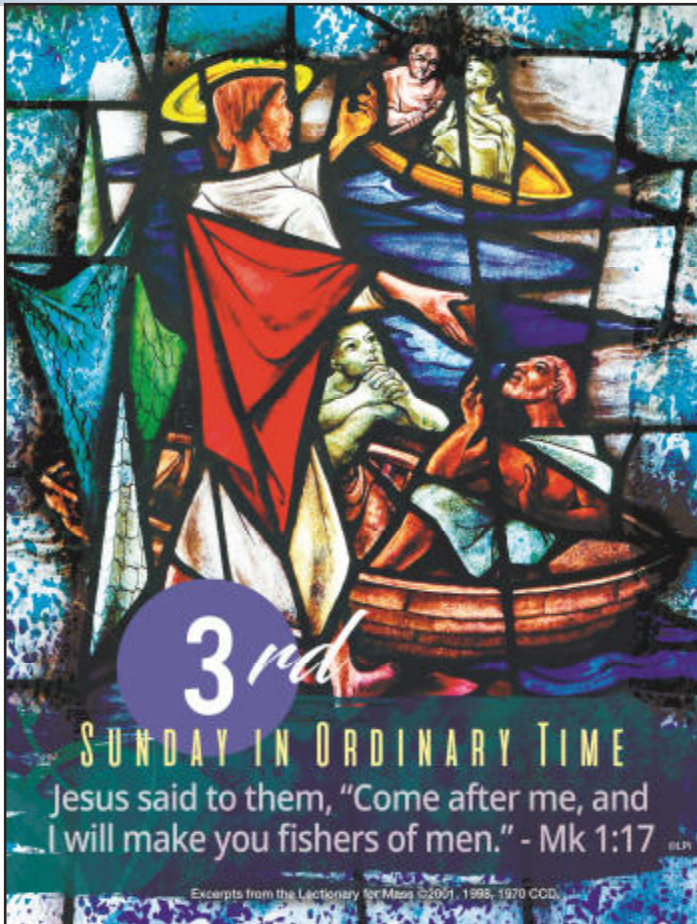
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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil.....4:00 pm
Sunday.....7:30 & 10:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation—OLQH

Saturday.....9:00 am & 3:00 pm
or by appointment

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New Parishioners...All new families are most welcome to the Parish and are kindly asked to register at the Parish Office as soon as possible. Please inform the office of any address or phone number changes.



Readings for the Week of January 24, 2021

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/
1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc,
2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3,
7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/
Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/
Mk 4:21-25
Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/
Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75
[cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/
1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL Prayer petitions may be written in our Book of Petitions which is located in the gathering area by the offices. The petition book is carried to the altar and the petitions are offered at each Sunday Mass.

PRAYER CHAIN Please call **Mary Kobza** at 715-421-0447 with your intentions.

All emergency calls for Sunday, January 24, 2021 may be directed to Fr. John Swing at 715-886-3422.

Sacrificial Giving December 17, 2020



General	\$7,586.00
Plate	\$445.20
Building Maintenance	\$50.00
Direct Donation 01-10-21	\$8,544.00
Total	\$16,625.20

Parish Office Hours (open over noon hour)
Mon-Thurs. 8:00 am to 3:30
Fridays 8:00 am to Noon.
Scrip is available during office hours

Baptisms...Parents should be registered in the parish. Practice of the faith by parents is expected. A preparation class is required. **The next class is Tuesday, March 2nd at 5:30 pm.** The class fee is \$20. Please call the parish office at 715-423-1251 if you have any questions.

Wedding Preparation...Please contact the parish office at least six months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding. Anyone wishing to marry at Our Lady Queen of Heaven must be active participating members.

Palms

We are now collecting last year's blessed palms to be burned for Ash Wednesday. You may bring them to church and place in basket provided. It will be near the holy water font. Please don't use twisty ties.



We welcome to the family of God:



Barrett Brian Ritchay
Son of Joe and Hallie (Brock) Ritchay

Communion at the drive up doors

Since the obligation to attend Mass has not been reimposed, we will continue to have Communion after the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire You with all my heart. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already in my heart and unite myself to You completely. Please do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen

A Pro-Life Rosary

will be said on Monday, February 8th at 4:00 pm along Eighth Street. All are welcome to join us. We will gather in Grace's parking lot at 3:45.



FORMED.org is the Catholic Faith on Demand on-line. It includes a host of great information to view or listen to on your computers, iphones or most every device. "The Search" will be part of our programming for Lent that is on FORMED.org. The book was given out at Advent and now you can view the series on **where you are going in life.** We hope to get a one-year subscription going and are asking families or parishioners to give \$100, if you can, so we can get this up and running. We will have a two-week trial beginning January 25 where we would have FORMED.org free. We only need 16 families or parishioners to make this happen. Please call the office if you can help us with this most needed endeavor. Thank you for your generous donations!

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***January 27** – Grades 1-9

***February 3** – Grades 1-9

Confirmation:

***January 27** –RE only (7:20-8:30)

***February 3** – RE & ACS

We have **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during the 10:00 am Sunday Mass. Children age preschool through 3rd grade can take part. Children are called forth for a blessing and then sent on their way to hear the Gospel message, discuss it, recite the creed and share prayer intentions. Next dates Feb 7th and 21st.

We are in our 3rd week in the study of 1 Corinthians...

All are welcome to join us in this 10-week study. Reading ahead is helpful. We will cover chapters 3:5-4:21. The Corinthians were used to following human philosophers and joining the group who followed a particular philosopher's teaching. Paul is clear; he is not just another philosophical teacher, trying to get a following for himself. He is an Apostle of the one true God and baptism isn't in Paul's name but in the name of Jesus, who is God himself. Paul confronts the Corinthians' obsession with earthly wisdom and knowledge, and reminds them that it was not "wisdom," but rather "the power of the cross" that brought salvation and knowledge of God. **Paul reminds them that the basis of their faith cannot be the wisdom of the world; rather their faith and their lives must be rooted in the cross of Jesus Christ.**

We meet on Thursdays at 9:00 am and 5:30 pm. Materials are provided. You can bring your own RSV version of the bible, if you like. We provide bibles for the study.

Save the Date! January 30 – Pro-Life Virtual Afternoon of Reflection: "Walking with Mom's in Need" Some people accuse pro-lifers of caring only about the child in the womb and not women in need. Not true at all, as you will see from this virtual afternoon of reflection on January 30, 2021, with keynote speaker Bob Perron, Executive Director of JMJ Pregnancy Center in Orlando, FL. You will also hear about the fourteen Pregnancy Care Centers in the Diocese of La Crosse and what you can do to help one near you. This afternoon of reflection will have broad appeal for families, adults and teens. More details coming soon!

On Line Giving...With churches being closed, here is a link that you can use to make donations to the parish. This is a link for Our Lady Queen of Heaven. It's very easy to use. You can make a one time donation or make recurring donations.

<https://diolc.org/our-lady-queen-of-heaven-wi-rapids/>

NCEA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SNAPS

A quick take on issues and statistics

A Gift to the Nation

Based on the average public school per pupil cost of \$12,756, Catholic schools provide \$22 billion in savings each year for the nation.



Source: U.S. Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools 2019-2020: The Annual Statistical Report on Schools, Enrollment and Staffing (NCEA).



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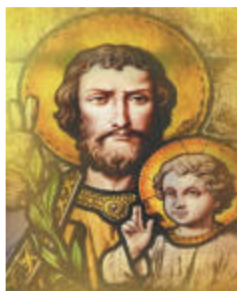
The 2021-2022 application period is February 1 thru April 15th, 2021.

Please visit the ACS website for more qualifications: www.assumptioncatholicschools.org

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**Restoring St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral,
the Mother Church of our Diocese**

*As Christ is the cornerstone of our faith,
our Cathedral is the cornerstone of our Diocese.*

We are excited to continue the launch of our Christ Our Cornerstone campaign to restore the steeple and facilitate other restorations to our beloved St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral. The impact of the Cathedral is diocesan wide and beyond and stands as the iconic cornerstone of our faith which radiates as a place of prayer and worship to all our people. This structure, our faith in stone, was gifted to us by the hard work and sacrifices of generations past. It is now our time, our turn to honor our faithful patron St. Joseph the Workman and preserve this historic and magnificent Cathedral. In an unprecedented act of generosity, St. Ambrose Financial Services has offered to match \$2 for every \$1 generously pledged to this initiative up to \$3 million. That doesn't just double your gift to the Cathedral, it triples it! Now is the time to act! All families within our Diocese are invited to participate. Please know that while one-time gifts are appreciated, we are encouraging everyone to consider making a pledge. There are several pledge plans available in the brochures available at the church or by visiting cathedralsjworkman.org/cornerstone. Pledges can be made online or by using the pledge cards found within the brochures provided at church. We thank you for your kind assistance in this historic endeavor. It is only together as one that we can truly do great things!

COVID-19 VACCINES

U.S. Bishops' Statement on Ethics of COVID-19 Vaccines
There are currently three vaccines that are likely to be made available in the coming months, those from Pfizer, Moderna, and AstraZeneca. Neither Pfizer nor Moderna used morally compromised cell lines in producing the vaccine. A confirmatory test, however, employing the commonly used, but morally compromised HEK293 cell line (from kidney cells taken from an aborted child in the Netherlands in 1972) was performed on both vaccines. Thus, while neither vaccine is completely free from any connection to morally compromised cell lines, in this case the connection is very remote from the initial evil of the abortion. The AstraZeneca vaccine is more morally compromised. The HEK293 cell line was used in the design, development, and production stages of that vaccine, as well as for confirmatory testing. Where possible, then, the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are to be used instead. Where that is not possible or would mean significant delay, the AstraZeneca vaccine may be used, in the same way that the Rubella vaccine is used because there is no alternative. To read the full statement on the vaccines, visit usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccine

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021 CONVERSION OF ST PAUL
8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021 STS TIMOTHY & TITUS
9:00 am Children's Mass † Jim Hahner
by: OLQH School Staff

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2021 ST ANGELA MERICI
8:00 am Mass † Vivian & Irene by: Mary Gokey
6:00 pm Religious Education Classes Grades 1-9
7:20 pm Confirmation Class (RE only)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021 ST THOMAS AQUINAS
9:00 am & 5:30 pm Bible Study
5:00 pm Mass † Janice Stublaski by: Andy & Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2021
No Mass-Adoration only

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2021 Vigil Mass
8:30 am Confessions
9:30 am Benediction
10:00 am Mass † John Cetnarowski by: OLQH Parish Staff
3:00 pm Confessions
3:30 pm Rosary
4:00 pm Mass † Grant Fenlon by: Pam & Kevin Fenlon

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 am Mass † John Ritchay Sr by: Tom & Mary Anderson
10:00 am Mass † Denis Virnig by: Carole Virnig

Lectors Saturday—January 30
4:00 pm Doris Seifert
Sunday—January 31
7:30 am John Benbow
10:00 am Deanna Probandt

Greeters Saturday—January 30
4:00 pm Volunteers Needed
Sunday—January 31
7:30 am Gary & Kathi Wierzbicki
10:00 am Volunteers Needed

Praying for a seminarian daily is a wonderful habit to get into. They need our prayers. Books are available with a listing for the seminarian of the day. They are on a shelf in the gathering area.

Heroic Men Website

If you haven't done so, check out the Heroic Men website and let the Catholic men in your parish know about this great site. It is a 100% FREE Catholic streaming platform designed especially for men who want to discover (or re-discover) the truth, beauty and goodness of the Catholic faith. Offering more than 100 feature-length films, TV shows, documentaries and short films, Heroic Men seeks to source the best Catholic media available and bring it all to you, all in one place.

Mass on Public Access Channel—Time & date have changed. It will now be on Wed. morning at 9:00 am and Sunday evenings at 9:00 pm.



SANCTUARY CANDLES
 Week of January 23—January 29
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Scott Lobner
 By: Mom

School News

You are very welcome to join our school family at any time. If you would like to visit our schools and see what a day in the life of a Catholic school student entails. Please call the ACS Enrollment office at 715/422-0900 to make a reservation.

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated from January 31 to February 5. Please join us in our excitement and spread the word about what a great school we have here. Invite another family to experience what goes on in our schools.

St. Vincent de Paul School Staff and students are looking for an afternoon para-educator/ aftercare person to join them. Please contact Pam Fochs @ 715/422-0960 or pfochs@assumptioncatholicschools.org if you or someone you know would be a perfect fit for our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders.

Mission Statement-To inspire excellence and personal growth grounded in Catholic principles and tradition

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

By: Fr. Levi Schmitt

There's a distinctive rumble in our Scripture readings this Sunday. Jonah marches through the city of Nineveh, and, before even making it a third of the way, news has spread so fast that the citizens immediately put on sackcloth and begin fasting. St. Paul, meanwhile, in the letter to the First Corinthians, has an urgency in his voice: "I tell you brothers and sisters, the time is running out." Jesus, similarly, tells us in the Gospel: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel." Urgent repentance is the theme.

The message of these readings might come as a bit of a shock to us. We have already finished Advent, and Lent is still several weeks away. We are in Ordinary Time, right? Why are we getting this message now? Well, traditionally, this particular Sunday was referred to as *Septuagesima Sunday*. It is exactly seventy days out from Easter. We are invited to begin preparations for the Lenten fast, today.

When it comes to Lent, often times our focus never rises above "what to give up," as if our Lenten practice, whatever it is, is the only key. Practices are important; what we do is important. But *where* these "doings" come from is more important. Jesus uses the word "repent" in our Gospel. In the original Greek this word, *metanoéō*, literally means to "change one's thinking." If there is anything that we need to be concerned with "doing," it is this. It is an inner transformation that Jesus is looking for, not a place in our schedules (if our Lenten plan is to read more Scripture, volunteer or pray more) or a place in our diet plan (if we plan on taking on fasting or giving up a favorite food) or a place in our bank accounts (if we plan on almsgiving). To prepare for Lent, we must identify, with the Holy Spirit, where in our lives, where in our thinking we need to be changed. Once we know that, the "doings" of Lent will become clear.

40 HOURS FOR LIFE

Our Lady Queen of Heaven parish will be hosting 40 hours of Eucharistic Adoration for the legal protection of the unborn beginning after the 5:00 PM Mass on Thursday, January 28th, and continuing through to 10:00 AM Mass on Saturday the 30th. Adorers are needed! Consult the sign-up sheet in the parish vestibule or contact the parish office to sign up for an hour.

You are called to stand up for life! To respect and defend the mystery of life always and everywhere, including the lives of unborn babies, giving real help and encouragement to mothers in difficult situations. You are called to work and pray against abortion.



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