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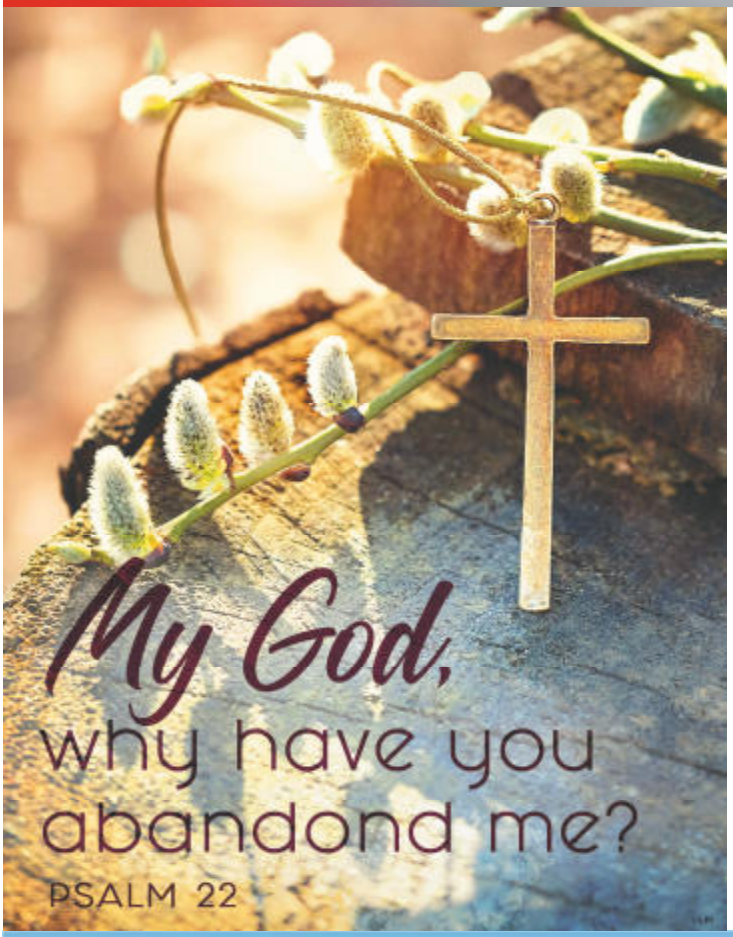

Mass Schedule

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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Friday open until noon
Bulletin Deadline: Monday at noon
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Parish Website: www.our-lady.org
Deanery Website: www.rc.net/lacrosse/rapidsdeanery
School Principal: Becky Gudelis
Phone: 715-422-0982

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 March 28, 2021

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/ Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/ Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39
Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: *Chrism Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [2a]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/ Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday: *Vigil:* Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/ Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/ Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/ Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/ Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/ Mk 16:1-7
Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

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, March 28, 2021 may be directed to Fr. Levi at 1-414-539-0380.

Sacrificial Giving for March 21, 2021

General	$4,955.00
Plate	$563.25
Building Maintenance	$110.00
Total	$5,628.25

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

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.

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.

A **Pro-Life Rosary** will be said on Monday, April 12th at 4:00 pm along Eighth Street. All are welcome to join us. We will gather in Grace's parking lot at 3:45.

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, April 20 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.

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/

Things to look at on FORMED.ORG...
Conversion Stories: That Awkward Moment When God Changed My Life by Paul J. Kim
Recently Added: Totally Toddlers
Lent: Stations of the Cross
St. Joseph: Novena to St. Joseph

An Easter Egg Hunt...will be held at the parish on Saturday, April 3rd at 9:00 am. Children in grades pre-K to 5th grade can come. The children can bring their own basket if they like.

Religious Education Grades 1-9

*__March 31st__ No Classes
*__April 7__ - Grades 1-9 (6:00-7:15)

__Confirmation__:
*__March 31st__ No Class
*__April 7__ – (7:20-8:30) RE only

__Mary, A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother__ by Dr. Edward Sri, from the Augustine Institute, will be our next bible study. It is an 8 week study and will begin Thursday, May 6th. Dr. Sri will journey through the biblical narrative of Mary's life and visit the places where key events in salvation history occurred. You will be introduced to the Blessed Mother on a personal level and will see how Scripture, history and Jewish culture reveal the sorrows, anxieties and joys Mary would have felt in her heart. If you have not attended a study in the past, join us. These studies will change your life. We will meet in the morning at 9:00 am and 5:30 pm on Thursdays. The cost of the workbook is $25. Call the office to order. All are welcome to join.

Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

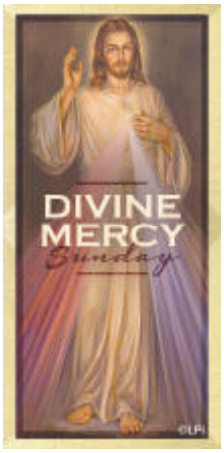
When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS.

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday

__FORMED.org__ is a gift to our parish from many generous parishioners. It is a one-year on-line subscription and if you haven't unpacked it and opened it up, do so sooner than later. There are amazing things to ponder, talks, biographies, movies, studies, sacramental understandings to name a few of the items there. Each week we will be highlighting things to look at. Just go to the FORMED.org website and enter our parish name and your email. Go there today. Amazing things are waiting for you.

__We are making out the new greeter schedule__ for the summer and are looking for more people to join that ministry. If you feel called to do so, please call the office so we can put you on the list. Just let us know which mass you would like to greet at. There is a short training as well at church here. Thank you!

Sacred Heart Parish
711 Prospect Ave. Nekoosa, will host the observance of **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11th**, beginning at 1:15 PM with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament / Confessions;
2:45 PM a Reflection on Divine Mercy;
3:00 PM Chaplet of Divine Mercy;
3:20 PM Benediction / Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament.



The Marian Center for Peace, sponsor of this event, reminds you to begin the Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena on Good Friday, April 2nd. For more information: (715)424-6279; mariancenterforpeace.org; find us on Facebook.

__Marian Center for Peace - Mother of America Adoration Chapel—241 Apricot St.__

Do you need a spiritual uplifting during this Lenten Season? Then spend an hour with JESUS! Go to this website: adorationpro.org/mother and sign up to be a substitute adorer. You can also sign up for one of our open hours: Sun 3am, 8am, 2pm (every other);
Mon 3am;
Tues 1am;
Thurs 1am;
Fri 12am,1am, 2am;
Sat 3am (every other), & Sat 4pm.

An easier way — call/text Dan (715-451-3180) or Marion (715-316-1285).

The only way you can visit the chapel during this time of Covid restrictions is to sign up as a scheduled adorer or substitute adorer. It will be the best decision you ever made!

St Michael's Parish—Junction City
Grilled Pork Chop Dinner
Sunday, March 28th Serving 11am to 1 pm
Drive-Thru only
Meal includes baked potato, green bean casserole, applesauce, fresh salad, bread and dessert
Sunday Mass at 9:30 am

A Healing Mass will take place during Holy Week on Tuesday, March 30th at 9:00 am here at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church.

* Anyone in the deanery can join us for this special occasion.
* Please arrive early for available seating.
* Please wear a mask and allow for social distancing.

We are purchasing a smart TV for multiple uses here at the parish. If anyone could help defray the cost, please contact the parish office at 715-423-1251. Thank you.

2021 Lenten Collections Thru April 4th (Easter)

Greetings from the Social Justice Committee. During Lent, in addition to giving up something, consider doing something extra. As we have done in the past, here are some ideas:

1) We are collecting for all Family Needs. This includes the infant needs pantry in town and Elderly needs. Bins are in the back of church.

2) Consider collecting hygiene items that will be taken to the food pantry & the family Center. Bins are in the back.

3)Stuffed animals and gently used infant and children's clothing for the children at the Shepherd's Loft.

Infant and Elderly Needs	
Diapers/Baby wipes	Depends-size large
Sleepwear/Clothing	Ensure
Bibs/spoons/bottles	Large print book
Bottles/sippy cups	Soft candy
Onesies/ Undershirts	Playing cards
Baby Bath/shampoo	Infant Books

Essential/Hygiene Needs	
Toilet paper/ paper towels	Garbage bags/ sandwich bags
Liquid hand soap/bar soap	Toothbrush/toothpaste
Laundry detergent	Comb/ hairbrush
Dish detergent	Kleenex/tissues
Shampoo/ Conditioner	Deodorant
Razors/shaving cream	Sanitary pads/tampons

Items the Shepherd's Loft will be sending to Zambia in the next shipping container.

Blankets in good condition
Any used eye glasses in good condition
Children's shoes in any size in good condition
Soccer balls or volleyballs in good shape

MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2021
8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service
5:00 pm Mass † Pat McCarville by: Jerry & Marie Joosten
5:30 pm Presentation on the Shroud of Turin

TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2021
9:00 am Healing Mass † Gerald & Dorothy Rosekrans by: Kelly & Jean Rosekrans
9:40 am & 5:30 pm ***"The Search"*** **Episode 7**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2021
8:00 am Mass † Roy Nathan by: Al & Janeen Sievers
NO Religious Education Classes
NO Confirmation Class

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021 ***MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER***
6:00 pm Mass †Doreen & Jim Dekarske by: Family & Friends

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2021
DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE
12:10 pm Good Friday Service

SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 2021 ***Vigil Mass***
9:00 am Easter Egg Hunt— School Playground
8:30 pm Mass † Howard Bymers & For The Health of Elizabeth Bymers by: Andy & Joanne Dachel

SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021 ***Easter Sunday***
7:30 am Mass † James Kolo by: The Family

10:00 am Mass † Joe Hokamp by: The Family

Greeters

Saturday—April 3
8:30 pm None Needed
Sunday—April 4
7:30 am Volunteers Needed
10:00 am Volunteers Needed

Lectors

Holy Thursday—April 1
6:00 pm Nick Marti
Good Friday—April 2
12:10 pm Tim Huebner
Saturday—April 3
8:30 pm See Schedule
Sunday—April 4
7:30 am Deb Eron
10:00 am Mike Mancl

A Presentation on the Shroud of Turin, the burial cloth that Jesus was wrapped in after his death, will take place here at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church on Monday, March 29th at 5:30 pm. All are encouraged to come and learn about this amazing artifact and what it reveals. The images of the Shroud will be displayed at our church from March 24th to the 29th.

We are missing two DVDs from the Lectio Eucharist series. If you borrowed them, could you please return them? Thank you so much.

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of March 27—April 3
In Memory of
Eleanor & William Slattery
By: The Family

School News

If you do not already have your child registered at your Catholic school, please contact our office and we will get you all set up for the 2021-2022 school year. We are always eager to share our school life with those in the community.

Sponsor the Sanctuary Candles…in memoriam, for a birthday, anniversary, for a special prayer intention or as a special gift. Five Sanctuary Candles will burn for six days and the 2 altar candles will burn at all Masses during that week. They are $25 for

Commissioned Eucharistic Ministers

Father Valentine is asking that we have one Extra Ordinary Eucharistic Minister at Sunday Mass beginning this month. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please call the office or email ministriesolqh@solarus.net. Please include your phone number.

EASTER TRIDUUM

Thursday April 1st Holy Thursday
6:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday April 2nd
Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
12:10 pm Good Friday Service

Saturday April 3rd Holy Saturday
****8:30 pm Easter Vigil** (incense used at this Mass)**

Sunday April 4th Resurrection of the Lord
7:30 am Easter Sunday Mass
10:00 am Easter Sunday Mass

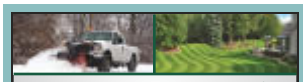
NO 5:00 pm Mass on Easter Sunday
At St Lawrence Parish

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

It is the day of Jesus' royal entrance into the city of Jerusalem. In those days, a king's entrance into their capital city was royal. Trumpets and dancing were common. They entered the capital cities in procession to celebrate their great victory over enemies and to establish power in a particular country. Here, Jesus enters royally to tell the people of his victory over the enemy of humanity—pride. Jesus has conquered the root of human bondage, pride, by his self-emptying and his humble obedience to the will of God.

The readings of Palm Sunday highlight the humility of Jesus in obeying God's will and call us to follow his example of humility; to die to self with him, that we may enter into eternal life with him. The first reading is taken from the servant poems of Isaiah and depicts the attitude of the servant of Yahweh in undergoing suffering. "The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced". The responsorial Psalm is the cry of the servant of God in the time of suffering "My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?" But this psalm ends with an expression of trust in God. The second reading is the hymn that expresses beautifully the obedience of Christ: "He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on the cross." The passion narrative that we read today from the gospel of Mark highlights the theme of our direct access to God himself through the obedience of Jesus unto death.

We are entering with Jesus royally into the kingdom of God. We overcome our pride by accepting the power of God in our life and obeying Him. We are asked to see in Jesus a model for our victory from the slavery of sin. In Jesus, we have the strength to overcome our pride. In accepting him, we enter with him into eternal life. I would like to share with you a small funny story that reflects pride: An attorney was on vacation in a small farming town. While walking through the streets, he noticed that a car was involved in an accident. As expected, a large crowd gathered. The attorney was eager to get to the injured, but he couldn't get near the car. Being a rather clever person, he started shouting loudly, "Let me through! Let me through! I am the son of the victim." The crowd made way for him. Lying in front of the car was a donkey!



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