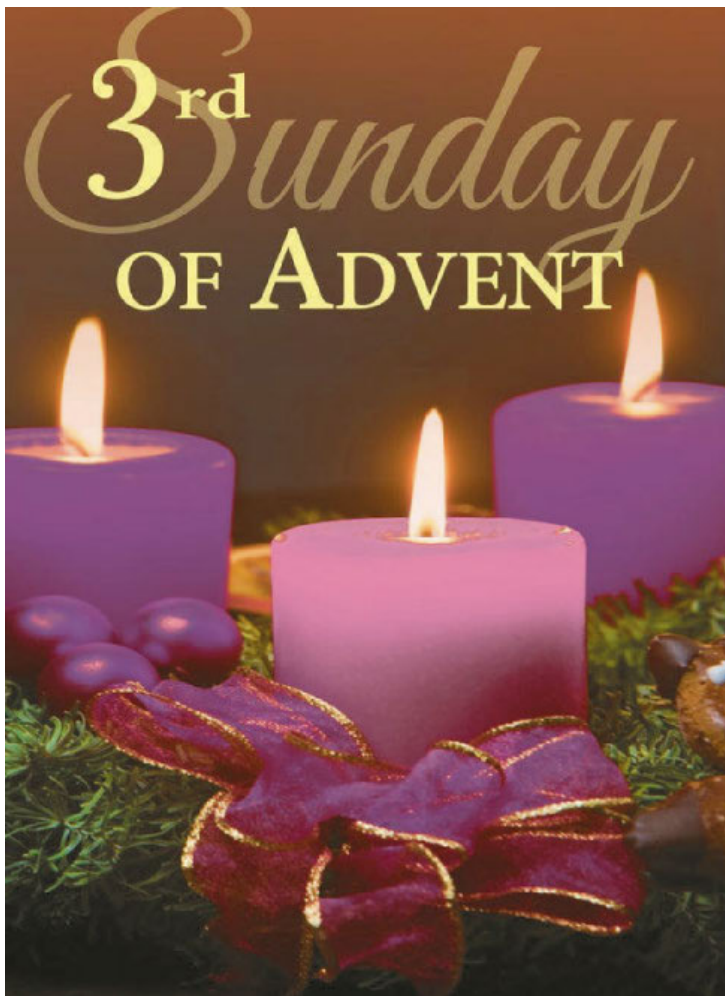




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Monday–Thursday: 8am–3:30pm • Friday: 8am–12:00 noon
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CONFESSION

Saturday: 8:30am–9:30am and 3:00pm–3:50pm
First Friday: 8:30am–9:30am • Any time by appointment.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Please contact the parish to schedule a baptism meeting and request a date for the celebration of baptism. Parents are encouraged to attend before the birth of their child.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Couples requesting the celebration of Marriage should contact the parish at the time of formal engagement or at least six months prior to the anticipated date of marriage.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Those who are seriously ill or have been sick for a long time should receive the Sacraments. Please call the parish to make arrangements or to schedule a non-emergency visit for those who are sick or homebound.

In case of emergency, please call the pastor's emergency line at 715-629-9952. On Sunday afternoon through Monday evening, a deanery priest is on-call. Please look inside the bulletin for the name and number of the on-call priest.

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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. A registration form may be downloaded at www.our-lady.org/contact. Current parishioners are kindly asked to inform the office of any address, telephone, or family status changes.

UPCOMING BAPTISM CLASS

The next baptism preparation class will be held on **Tuesday, January 18th at 5:30 pm**. The class fee is \$20. Parents should be registered in the parish. Practice of the faith by parents is expected. Please contact the parish office to register.

PARISH BOOK OF PRAYER

Prayer requests may be written in our Parish Book of Prayer which is located in the gathering area by the offices. A general petition for all prayer requests written in the book is offered at all Sunday Masses.

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

EMERGENCY CALLS

All emergency calls for Sunday, December 12 and Monday, December 13 may be directed to **Fr. Schaller** at 715-423-1351.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING FOR DECEMBER 5, 2021



General	\$19,818.00
Plate	\$798.05
Building Maintenance	\$587.00
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Total	\$21,553.05

LECTIONARY READINGS

Readings for the week of December 12, 2021

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/
Lk 3:10-18

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30/Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72/Mt 1:1-17

Saturday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72/Mt 1:18-25

Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

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The Sanctuary Candles burn the week of December 11–December 17 in memory of the **Wayne Wesenberg**
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

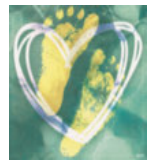
Religious Education 6:00-7:15 Wednesday
***Dec. 15—Christmas Program & Social**
Parents are invited to attend.
***Dec. 22—No Classes**

Confirmation Class: 7:20-8:30

***Dec. 15—RE only**

***Dec. 22—No Class**

A Pro-Life Rosary will be said on Monday, December 13th at 4:00 pm along Eighth Street. All are welcome to join us. We will gather in Grace's parking lot at 3:45.



The Mission Rosary Group will meet on the First & Third Wednesday of every month. The next meeting is December 15th at 1:00 pm. Please meet in the cafeteria. All are welcome to attend.



Calling all singers! It's time to bring our choir back to life! We are happy to announce that the choir at Our Lady will be restarting in January 2022. We are excited to be back together and are looking for new members, both men and women. Please consider joining our choir! No auditions are required. Our choir sings for 10:00 Mass. High school students and adults are all welcome to join us. For more information, please contact the director, Mary Englert, at 715-570-7295 or menglert@our-lady.org

Memorials for Christmas flowers need to be submitted to the parish office by Tuesday, December 14th. Thank You.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sunday, December 19: Council Christmas Party at Our Lady Queen of Heaven cafeteria. Social starts at 2:45 pm with Chowder at 3:15 pm and bingo starting at 4:15 pm. Please call Bill Plante at (715) 421-1698 by December 10th for reservations.



Happy Birthday Fr. Guanella
December 14th

ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE

SS Peter & Paul	Sun	Dec. 12	1:00 pm
Sacred Heart	Tue.	Dec. 14	6:30 pm
St. Joachim	Wed	Dec. 15	6:30 pm
St. Lawrence	Thurs.	Dec. 16	6:30 pm
St. Vincent de Paul	Thurs	Dec. 16	6:30 pm
Holy Rosary-Sigel	Wed	Dec. 22	6:30 pm

[FORMED.org](https://www.formed.org) is calm in this busy time of the year. Our parish has a free subscription. Log on today. It is so easy to do and there is so much to listen to, watch, learn and be refreshed. **Begin by going to the webpage**; click on sign up; click on sign up as a parishioner; Type in our parish; Click on our parish name; click on next; Put your name and email in and click on sign-up. It is so easy. **Some things to look at include** the section on Advent (there are many great Advent movies, meditations, etc.) The Chris Stefanick Show; a great movie to watch is St. Giuseppe Moscati... Doctor or the Poor. Begin the journey today.

50th Jubilee Wedding Anniversaries

If there are any couples celebrating their 50th Jubilee Wedding Anniversaries in the year 2022 please submit your names to the parish office by December 27, 2021. The hope for 2022 is to return to in-person Jubilee Masses and dinners, and the diocese will continue to look into the state of things as it relates to COVID to determine the best course of action or a virtual Mass depending on the state of COVID.

ASSUMPTION HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION FALL SWEEPSTAKES

First Prize - \$2000.00

Second Prize - \$1000.00

Third Prizes (2) - \$500.00 each

Fourth Prizes (5) - \$200.00 each

Drawing will be held Sunday, December 12, 2021 at 4:00 pm at Assumption High School.

Donation – one (1) entry ticket - \$50.00 /

Three (3) entry tickets - \$100.00

Contact Bob Birkhauser – for entry form

(715) 213-4387 (M) or (715) 886-3158 (H) or

Athletic Department (715) 422-0915

Donations for Casa Hogar

A group of students from Assumption and Pacelli High Schools will be traveling to Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II in January and they are collecting donations to take with them on their trip to Peru. Monsignor Hirsch has specifically mentioned the need for vitamins and multivitamins for children and adults: Vitamin B 12, Vitamin D and Zinc. In addition, they are in need of NEW white socks and underwear in children's sizes small, medium and large. Donation boxes can be found by the doors of church.

At the weekend Masses on December 18-19, we will celebrate "Bambinelli Sunday" ("bambinelli"—"little baby" in Italian). Families are requested to bring the baby Jesus from their home nativity scene or crèche to Mass where they will be blessed at the end of Mass. Children are especially encouraged to bring up the little baby Jesus at the end of Mass for the blessing.

*Feast of
Our Lady
of
Guadalupe*



*Fiestas de
Nuestra
Senora de
Guadalupe*

Monday, December 13, 2021
Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church
750 10th Avenue South, Wisconsin Rapids, 54495

4:00 pm Confessions offered in English & Spanish

5:30 pm Las Mañanitas Serenade / Procession
Flowers, Candles, Hymns and Veneration of the Sacred Relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:00 pm SPANISH MASS

Reverend John Swing, Deacon Tom Anderson

The celebration will continue with a meal in the cafeteria following Mass.

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December 24th Children's Nativity & Mass

We are in the planning stages for this year's Children's Mass at 4:00 pm on Dec. 24th. There will be assignment of parts and costume pick-up. If your child age 5 and older, would like to participate in the entrance procession, contact Karen Abbott at 715-423-1251.

There will also be a sign up sheet outside the parish office.



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Year End Contributions

As the end of the calendar year approaches we wanted to remind you that charitable contributions must be applied to the year in which they are received. The only exception would be that when a check is mailed: it is applied to the year the check is postmarked, even if it is received in the next calendar year

If you wish to claim your contribution as a charitable deduction for income tax purposes for 2021, you must have your contribution to the parish office by Dec. 31. If you mail it to the office it must be postmarked on or before Dec. 31st. **This also includes any donations for the Diocesan Annual Appeal.** Thank you

Sunday Evening Deanery Mass
5:00 pm at St. Lawrence Parish

Christmas will soon be here. Join us as we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Christ. Our study is "Rejoice" advent meditations. There will be 2 more weeks of study which will include a very brief video to meditate on and discussion to follow. The dates are on Thursdays (Dec. 16 and Tuesday Dec. 21st.) In order to fully enjoy the Christmas season, you need to encounter the Holy Family and walk in their shoes. All are welcomed.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

will now be two times per month during the 10:00 am Mass beginning in January. The dates are Jan. 2 & 16. Children ages preschool to 4th grade can take part. Children are called forward for a blessing and then are accompanied to a classroom where they hear the readings, have a discussion about the readings, recite the creed and share prayer intentions. Parents can accompany their children if the children are apprehensive. Please encourage your children to take part.

"KEEP THEM WARM" TREE



During this Advent season our familiar bare tree, located across from the Parish office, anxiously awaits new children and adult mittens, hats, slippers, clothing, etc.; or any new items that will keep our less fortunate friends warm during the cold winter months. If you prefer, new toys for children or useful items for adults are also welcome.

Items will be collected now through December 19th and provided to area families in time for Christmas

Let us also keep our Parish family and those in need in our prayers. We are living in uncertain times and want everyone to stay safe and healthy.

Christmas Blessings to our Parish family!

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Council of Catholic Women (CCW)

"So let us be one heart full of love in the heart of God, and so share the joy of loving by sharing, helping, loving and serving each other." ~**Blessed Mother Teresa**

thank you

2022 Catholic Calendars
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UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021 *St Lucy*
8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service
Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
4:00 pm Individual Confessions
5:30 pm Serenade & Procession
6:00 pm Spanish Mass
Meal in Cafeteria following mass
6:30 pm ACS/Immanuel Lutheran Christmas
Band Concert @ Assumption Gym

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021 *ST JOHN OF THE CROSS*
9:00 am Children's Mass † Gail Seefeldt & Francis Cherney
by: John & Pat Dekarske
6:30 am Communal Penance—Sacred Heart, Nekoosa

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021 *COLLECTIVE INTENTIONS*
8:00 am Mass
† Janice Stublaski by: Andy & Family
† Richard & Mary Armagost by: Laura Richmond
† Ralph Aschenbrenner by: Ardyce Jones
† Wally & Janet Anderson by: The Family
† Jeanne Brandl by: Terry & Denise Reese
† Harry Richmond by: Cathy & Mike Grotefend
† Ray Tomsyck by: Dan McCarville
6:00 pm Religious Ed. Christmas Program & Social
Parents are invited to attend.
6:30 pm Communal Penance—St. Joachim, Pittsville
7:20 pm Confirmation Class RE only

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2021
9:00 am & 5:30 pm Advent Bible Study
5:00 pm Mass † Doreen & Jim Dekarske by: Family & Friends
6:30 pm Communal Penance — St Lawrence
6:30 pm Communal Penance—St Vincent de Paul

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2021
8:00 am Mass † Barb Schenk by: Mary Gokey

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2021
8:00 am Mass † Parents of Ken & Joyce Minch
8:30 am Confessions
3:00 pm Confessions
3:30 pm Rosary
4:00 pm Vigil Mass † Mike & Mary Walloch by: The Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021 *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
7:30 am Mass † Scott & Gloria Bathke by: Gerry & Mary Bathke
10:00 am Mass † Beverly O'Donnell by: The Family

GREETERS



Saturday—December 18
4:00 pm John & Peg Wasshausen
Sunday—December 19
7:30 am Fran, Shirley & Deb Eron
10:00 am Mark and Jeri Ann Reichl

LECTORS



Saturday—December 18
4:00 pm Therese Miller
Sunday—December 19
7:30 am John Benbow
10:00 am Cindy Holberg

PASTORAL THOUGHTS...

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations; declare it to the distant lands: Behold, our Savior will come; you need no longer fear. Advent is a time when we pay particular attention to the way in which the first coming of the Son of God occurred. The readings leading up to the birth of the Christ Child contain many prophetic details, and give us so many reasons to believe that God really did become man.



Jesus was born into a human family; Mary is His mother and St. Joseph, the father given to Him here on earth. This year we have been studying St. Joseph, and his role in Salvation History. St. Joseph bears many titles, most notably "Pillar of Families." It was St. Joseph who provided for Mary, well before Jesus was born. It was St. Joseph who trusted the message of the angel, despite the uncertainties involved. And it was St. Joseph who protected Jesus and Mary, nurturing and caring for Jesus and watching over Him as he grew.

It was fitting for us to conclude this year, dedicated to St. Joseph, on December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Joseph loves Mary and together their love surrounded Jesus throughout his time here on earth. Joseph is a model for all men, he is a model for all husbands and he is a model for all fathers. His examples and mighty deeds, his justice and integrity lead us to become better followers of God and better believers in Jesus.

This Advent, take time to ponder what it must have been like for St. Joseph as he waited for the birth of Jesus. Keep close to St. Joseph despite the many tempting reasons to doubt; pray through his intercession for the gift of fortitude to stay firm in your Faith. Make this Advent a time of preparation and be ready, as St. Joseph was, to welcome Jesus into your heart and home in a new and powerful way. And may this Advent season fill you with a sense of wonder and stir up your desire for Heavenly Joy. Blessed Advent to you; St. Joseph fill our hearts with your love of Jesus.

+Bishop William Patrick Callahan
Bishop of La Crosse



Congratulations to the second grade children who made their First Reconciliation on Saturday, December 4, at our parish. We pray that you will always turn to the Lord and remember his mercy

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS

UPCOMING ACS CHRISTMAS CONCERTS



12/13/2021 ACS/Immanuel Lutheran
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*bake sale before and after the concert

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Do you have a couple hours or more that you would like to fill? We are looking for custodial help at each of our buildings. Please contact any of the school offices if you are the person we are looking for. Come and play with the kids. It's good for your soul.

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