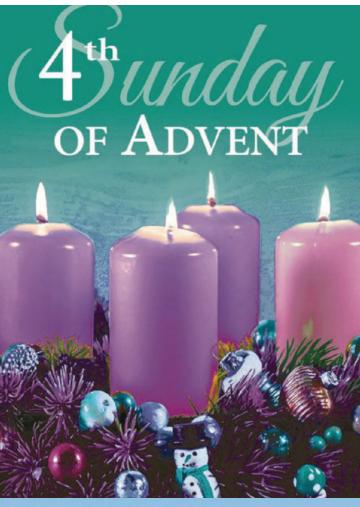


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Saturday: 8:30am–9:30am and 3:00pm–3:50pm First Friday: 8:30am–9:30am • Any time by appointment.

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 19 and Monday, December 20 may be directed to **Fr. Nathan** at 608-863-6762.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING FOR DECEMBER 12, 2021

Will be in the next bulletin because of an early bulletin deadline.

LECTIONARY READINGS

Readings for the week of December 19, 2021

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

Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33/Lk 1:39-45 Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/

Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25/Lk 1:57-66

Friday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89/Lk 1:67-79

Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/

Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 / Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84 /

1 Jn 3:1-2. 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

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The Sanctuary Candles burn the week of December 18-December 24 For the Living & Deceased Children of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

Religious Education 6:00-7:15
*Dec. 22—No Classes
*Dec. 29—No Classes

Confirmation Class: 7:20-8:30

*Dec. 22—No Class *Dec. 29—No Class

A Pro-Life Rosary will be said on Monday, January 10th 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 January 5th 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

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Televised Mass on Spectrum Ch. 985 or Solarus Ch. 3. OLQH Mass at 9:00 PM on Sunday and 9:00 AM on Wednesday. Diocesan Mass at 6:00 AM on Sunday and 6:00 PM on Wednesday.

ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE

Holy Rosary-Sigel | Wed | Dec. 22 | 6:30 pm

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.

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.

The Shepherd's Loft takes donations of clothing on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:00 to noon. They are located on Baker Street in the Wesleyan Church. Please do not bring items to our church, take directly to Shepherd's Loft.

The Homebound Ministry Group takes communion to people who are unable to come to church. If you know someone that is Catholic and homebound and would like to receive communion weekly, please call the office and we can arrange for someone to take communion to them.

Are you attracted to Carmelite spirituality or the writings of St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, or St. Therese, the Little Flower? Do you have a desire to deepen your prayer life? Do you want the support of a Community? The Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites in Marshfield meets once a month. Please call Lori Slattery at 715-213-2732 for more information.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Children's Mass 9:30 pm Mass Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass

Saturday, December 25th No Vigil Mass for Sunday

Sunday, December 26th 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

December 31st— No Vigil Mass January 1st—8:00 am Mass

December 24th Children's Nativity & MassWe are in the planning stages for this years 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.

Helping aging religious. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care and more. Please give generously.

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.

The Dead Sea Scrolls will be our next topic for discussion on Thursday mornings at 9:00 am and Thursday evenings at 5:30 pm. There is a book by Dr. John Bergsma that would be a great resource for all attendees. It is titled "Jesus and the Dead Sea Scrolls." It is available online. We will not be putting in a bulk order. You do not need to order the book to come to the study. The study is on FORMED.org if you want to take a look at it. We will begin on January 13. it will be a 10-week study. Join us. It will be very exciting as these scrolls were just recently discovered in 1947. There is so much to learn!

DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe environment/reporting. dividuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.

UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2021

8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2021 ST PETER CANISIUS 9:00 am Children's Mass † Poor Souls in Purgatory 9:30 am & 5:30 pm Advent Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2021 COLLECTIVE INTENTIONS 8:00 am Mass

- † Pat McCarville by: Sharon & James Schmutzer
- † Kris & Tony Statz by: Bea Statz
- † James L. Schuerman by: The Family
- † Gordon Boerner by: Dee & Family
- † Anne, W.L. & Eileen O'Connor by: Pat O'Connor
- † Margaret & Dennis Pichler by: John & Pat Dekarske

No Religious Education Classes

No Confirmation Class

6:30 pm Communal Penance—Holy Rosary, Sigel

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2021 ST JOHN OF KANTY 5:00 pm Mass † Scott Lobner by: Mom

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021 Christmas Vigil Parish Offices Closed

4:00 pm Children's Mass Living & Deceased Children of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish

9:30 pm Mass † Wayne Wesenberg by: The Family **Midnight Mass †** Al Sievers by: Jerome & Tabitha Hasenohrl

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2021 NATIVITY OF THE LORD 7:30 am Mass † Joe Hokamp by: Dale & Marcy Freeberg 10:00 am Mass † Jim, Bridget & Susan Bord by: The Family

No Saturday Evening Vigil Mass for Sunday

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021 The Holy Family 7:30 am Mass † Joe Hokamp by: Dale & Marcy Freeberg

10:00 am Mass † Beverly O'Donnell by: The Family

GREETERS



Friday—December 24
4:00 pm Volunteers Needed
9:30 pm Volunteers Needed
Saturday—December 25
7:30 pm Volunteers Needed
10:00 am Volunteers Needed
No Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday—December 26
7:30 am Andy & Joanne Dachel
Kelly Rosekrans

10:00 am Jim & Mary Krause

LECTORS



Friday—December 24
4:00 pm Children's mass
9:30 pm Carol Dean
Saturday—December 25
7:30 am Diane Moss
10:00 am Mike Mancl
No Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday—December 26
7:30 am Mary Benbow
10:00 am Tim Huebner

PASTORAL THOUGHTS...



A wise woman traveling in the mountains found a precious stone. The next day as she met another traveler who was hungry, she opened her bag to share her food. The hungry traveler saw the precious stone and asked the woman for it, knowing it would

give him security for a lifetime. Without hesitation, she gently handed it to him. The traveler left, rejoicing in his good fortune. A few days later, he came back to return the stone to the wise woman. "I've been thinking," he said, "I know how valuable the stone is, but I want to return it in the hope that you can give me something even more precious. Give me what you have within you that enabled you to give me the stone."

During Advent and Christmas, we celebrate Mary being filled with grace. Mary, one of us, knew and deeply lived the reality of Emmanuel, God-withus, always. Her awareness of that gift (which we all have) enabled her to radiate a peaceful and generous presence that was obvious to all around her—just like the woman in the story.

The English monk, the Venerable Bede (673–735) wrote in one his Christmas homilies that "it is indeed fitting in every respect that when God decided to become incarnate for the sake of the whole human race none but a virgin should be his mother, and that, since a virgin was privileged to bring him into the world, she should bear no other son but the son who is God."

May Jesus Christ fulfill his saving task by saving us from our sins; may he discharge his priestly office by reconciling us to God the Father, and may he exercise his royal power by admitting us to his Father's kingdom, for he is our Lord and God, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen. Merry Christmas to you all. Safe travels for those traveling and I hope to see many of you at one of our Christmas Masses. God bless you all this Christmas.

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