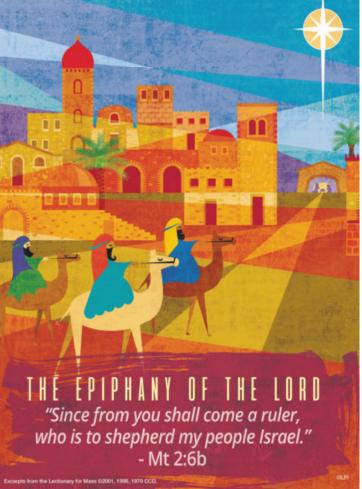


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Monday-Thursday: 8am-3:30pm • Friday: 8am-12:00 noon Scrip is available for purchase during parish office hours.

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CONFESSION

Saturday: 8:30am–9:30am and 3:00pm–3:50pm First Friday: 8:30am–9:30am with Eucharistic Exposition • Any time by appointment by contacting the parish office.

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

In case of emergency only, when someone is dying, please call the pastor's emergency line at 715-629-9952. This number is for emergencies only. 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.

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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.

SUNDAY EVENING MASS

A deanery-wide Sunday evening Mass is held each Sunday night at 5:00 PM at St. Lawrence Parish.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING FOR DECEMBER 19, 2021



General	\$9,682.00
Plate	\$912.00
Building Maintenance	\$125.00
Direct Donation 12-20-21	\$982.00
Total	\$11,701.00

LECTIONARY READINGS

Readings for the week of January 2, 2021

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1/Mk 6:34-44 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72/Mk 6:45-52 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72/Lk 4:14-22a Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147/Lk 5:12-16 Saturday:1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29/Acts 10:34-38/

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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SANCTUARY CANDLES



The Sanctuary Candles burn the week of January 1–January 7 in memory of James L. Schuerman

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

*Jan 5—No Classes Evening for teachers
*Jan 12-Religious Ed Grades 1-9

Confirmation Class: 7:20-8:30

*Jan. 5—Confirmation RE only -7:20 pm *Jan 12-Confirmation RE & ACS-7:20 pm

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 only meet on the third Wednesday for January. The next meeting is January 19th at 1:00 pm. Please meet in the cafeteria. All are welcome to attend.

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.

CCW would like to thank everyone who helped with the Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration. It was greatly appreciated.

The AHS Athletic drawing took place as scheduled on Sunday, Dec.12, 2021 at 4:00pm at Assumption High School. If you have any questions, contact an individual whose name is at the bottom of this letter. The drawing of tickets was recorded, drawn by Father Bill Menzel, and witnessed by Mr. Marv Walloch and Mr. Al Villeneuve.

First Prize Sylvia Sigler \$2000.00 Port Edwards, WI Second Prize Carol Brey \$1000.00 Wi. Rapids, WI Third Prize Carol Brey \$500.00 Wi. Rapids, WI Third Prize Ted Feenstra \$500.00 Wi. Rapids, WI Fourth Prize Vic & Kathy Kopacz \$200.00 Wi. Rapids Fourth Prize Mike Meinel \$200.00 Wi. Rapids, WI Fourth Prize Bill & Diane Reitz \$200.00 Wi. Rapids, Fourth Prize Bernadine Ladick \$200.00 Wi. Rapids, Fourth Prize John Galbreath \$200.00 Wi. Rapids, WI Thank you to everyone who entered the drawing and supported AHS Athletics.





Our Lady Queen of Heaven Council of Catholic Women (CCW) is so grateful of our Parish family's continued support of the annual "Keep Them Warm" tree. Many area families had a warmer Christmas thanks to your thoughtfulness and generosity. We also give you our heartfelt thanks to those who offered their prayers for the less fortunate.

"We're a little pencil in the hand of a writing God, who is sending a love letter to the world."

~Blessed Mother Teresa

Greetings from the Social Justice Committee:

- Thank you for your generosity for the elderly parishioners of our sister parish. The dollar collection, held the weekend of December 5th and 6th, allowed us to send approximately \$1800.00 to our sister parish. They are struggling with Covid 19 as well as we are. We are so lucky to live in this country. Thank you for helping individuals that you will never meet.
- Thank you to all who participated in the Giving Tree. As a parish we supplied gifts to 150 adults and Children in south wood county that would otherwise not receive any gifts this Christmas. Thank you for spreading God's love in our community,

Merry Christmas and God's richest blessings to you in 2022.



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

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.

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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

It 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.

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First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center, 4011 8th Street South, Wis. Rapids, gives free ultrasounds to women who

are pregnant. You can call them at 715-345-0280.

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.

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.

<u>Praying for a seminarian</u> 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.

Do you know who your child is texting?

There are many excellent online resources such as: virtusonline.org, kidsafenetwork.com and netsmartz.org. Increase your knowledge and awareness and control access to the "virtual door" of your home. Learning to make the right choices can make a profound difference in protecting yourself and your children.

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 Jan. 13. it will be an 8-week study. Join us. It will be very exciting as these scrolls were just recently discovered in 1947. There is so much to learn!

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Assumption Catholic Middle School (6-8) 715-422-0950

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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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UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS

MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022 MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS 8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022 ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON
9:00 am Children's Mass † Sarah Strigel
by: John & Marilyn Rehberg

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022 ST JOHN NEUMANN 8:00 am Collective Intentions

- † Poor Souls in Purgatory
- † Don & Bette Sedall by: Bill & Diane Czlapinski
- † Jeanette Gross by: John Gross
- † Earl & Louise Armagost by: Edna Armagost
- † Francis Livernash & Howie Weinfurter by: Ron & Julie Ashbeck
- † John Cetnarowski by: Mike & Karen Abbott
- †W. L., Anne & Eileen O'Connor by: Pat O'Connor
- † Kilian & Caroline Ashbeck by: Ron & Julie Ashbeck

No Religious Education Classes – Evening for Catechists 7:20 pm Confirmation Class

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022 ST ANDRE BESSETTE 5:00 pm Mass † Jim Schmutzer

by: Charleen (Swetz) Moscinski

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 2022 St Raymond of Penafort 8:00 am Mass † Jeanette Gross by: John Gross 8:30 am Adoration & Individual Confessions

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022

8:00 am Mass † Dan Kluck by: Doug & Karen Pagel

8:30 am Confessions

3:00 pm Confessions

3:30 pm Rosary

4:00 pm Mass † Jack Gardner by: Yvonne Koenig

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022 Baptism of the Lord 7:30 am Mass † Sarah Strigel by: Dan McCarville

10:00 am Mass † Grant Fenlon by: Pam & Kevin Fenlon

GREETERS



Saturday—January 8
4:00 pm Lucy Lawrence
Sunday—January 9
7:30 am Mark & Jeri Ann Reichl
10:00 am Liz Musch

LECTORS



Saturday—January 8 4:00 am Doris Seifert Sunday—January 9 7:30 am Diane Moss 10:00 am Nick Marti

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Christmas Bake Sale The profit from our bake sale this year was \$1,807.50. We wish to thank all of the bakers and everyone who purchased items. We especially wish to thank

Carol Wesenberg and Janet Hohl, who organized it.



Pastoral Thoughts...



IMPORTANT UPDATE: I want to bring to your attention a change in deanery policy about the availability of priests for the anointing of the sick that began on January 1, 2022. Please cut out and save this column for future reference.

Beginning on January 1, 2022, there is no longer a deanery priest "on call" Sunday afternoons through Monday

evenings for emergency anointing of the sick when someone is dying or in a life-threatening situation. Rather, in an emergency situation, family members should call their parish priest(s) for administration of the sacrament. Here at Our Lady Queen of Heaven, please call my emergency line at 715-629-9952 whenever an emergency anointing is required regardless of the time. This number is only for emergencies. If you get the voicemail, please leave a message and I will return the call immediately upon availability. Please note that if I am out-of-town, the number may be forwarded to another priest of the deanery. If there is no response after some time, please call the parish office if it is during business hours.

Families should know that it is better to call early before an emergency anointing is required. There are times where it may take some time before a priest is able to attend to a dying person. If you or your loved one is on hospice, nearing death, or seriously ill, please call the parish to schedule an anointing. Such visits can be scheduled to everyone's benefit. It is better to schedule such anointings during the week rather than during the weekend; nonetheless, call the emergency line at any time day or night if there is an emergency.

A change in deanery policy has also been implemented at the Aspirus Riverview Hospital and the major nursing homes in the area. If someone is in emergency need of the sacraments, that person's proper pastor is to be called first. If he is unreachable, the hospital or facility will try other priests until one is found. While not everyone knows when they will be in a life-threatening situation, any anointings that can take place before one is in danger is certainly the best course of action. Family members should call the parish or priest whenever someone is in need of the sacrament rather than to wait until it is too late.

One does not need to be actively dying to receive anointing of the sick. Anyone who begins to be in danger due to sickness or old age should receive the sacrament. This sacrament can be repeated if the sick person, having recovered, again becomes gravely ill or if the condition becomes more grave during the same illness. These non-emergency visits to the sick or homebound can be scheduled through the parish office. Do not call the emergency line for these situations. The parish office staff will be happy to schedule a time for a visit that is convenient for all concerned. Non-emergency anointings are best scheduled during the week rather than on the weekend. Thank you for understanding these deanery changes. Please do not hesitate to contact the parish if you have any questions or concerns. God bless you.

—Father Guanella

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS 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 30 to February 6. 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.

A New Year's Prayer for Our Family

GOD, THANK YOU FOR A NEW YEAR. MAY EVERYONE IN OUR FAMILY BE WILLING TO BEGIN ANEW WITH A CLEAN SLATE. WE KNOW THAT YOU ARE ALWAYS READY TO FORGIVE US. HELP US TO BE WILLING TO FORGIVE OURSELVES AND TO FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER.

AS WE BEGIN A NEW YEAR, REMIND US OF OUR TRUEST VALUES AND OUR DEEPEST DESIRES, HELP US TO LIVE IN THE GOODNESS THAT COMES FROM DOING WHAT YOU WANT US TO DO, HELP US TO PUT ASIDE ANXIETY ABOUT THE FUTURE AND THE PAST, SO THAT WE MIGHT LIVE IN PEACE WITH YOU NOW, ONE DAY AT A TIME.

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1-877-922-HOPE (4673) All calls are fully confidential. The next program begins on February 18-20, 2022. Space is limited. Early registration is recommended!





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