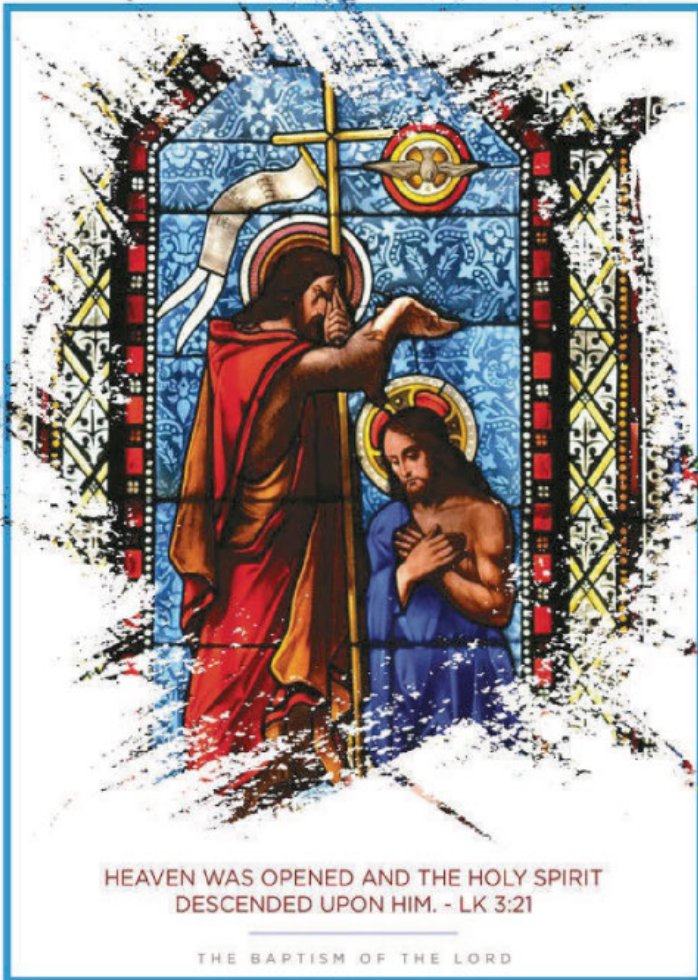




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HEAVEN WAS OPENED AND THE HOLY SPIRIT
DESCENDED UPON HIM. - LK 3:21

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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Deacon Thomas C. Anderson • dcn.anderson@our-lady.org

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

PARISH STAFF

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jsievers@our-lady.org
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reoffice@our-lady.org
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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 26, 2021



General	\$26,634.24
Plate	\$806.70
Building Maintenance	\$316.00
Christmas	\$13,816.80
Total	\$41,573.74

SACRIFICIAL GIVING FOR JANUARY 2, 2022



General	\$9,007.00
Plate	\$730.95
Building Maintenance	\$387.00
New Year	\$210.00
Total	\$10,334.95

LECTIONARY READINGS

Readings for the week of January 9, 2021

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29/Acts 10:34-38/Lk3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

SANCTUARY CANDLES



The Sanctuary Candles burn the week of January 8– January 14 in memory of

Gail Seefeldt

By: The Weiler Family

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

Religious Education 6:00-7:15 Wednesday

*Jan 12-Grades 1-9

*Jan 19-Grades 1-9

Confirmation Class: 7:20-8:30

*Jan 12-RE & ACS

*Jan 19-Re & ACS



Congratulations & God's Blessings to:

Philip & Emma (Voelker) Grygleski

For entering the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony January 1, 2022



We welcome to the family of God:

Genevieve Kayann Holloway

Daughter of Craig & Brittany (Hohl) Holloway

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.

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Volunteers Needed at the Food Pantry

Our parish has the week of Jan. 31 to Feb. 4 at SWEPS (Food Pantry). The hours are 11:45 am to 4:00 pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Tuesday the hours are 3:45 pm to 7:00 pm. If you can help one or more days with this worthwhile community program please call Cindy Holberg at 715-421-2311 or email at holberggc@hotmail.com



The Dead Sea Scrolls will be our study for the next weeks on Thursdays. We invite everyone in our parish to attend these incredible talks. They will be streamed off of the FORMED.org website. We will begin **January 13. Make it a new year's resolution to try something new and different.** Dr. John Bergsma will be leading the talk with Fr. Dave Pivonka. The Dead Sea Scrolls will help us to encounter the Essene community and their life. They were a humble service-oriented group. They believed that service and fasting allowed one to confront the beast or evil in their own heart. With the aid of grace, one could seek and find the truth of God's Way on earth through service and sacrifice. **In episode 1** we will look at the rule of the community and how it governed their daily life, the theology of the movement and their practices. Join us on Thursdays at 9:00 am and 5:30 pm. For eight wonderful weeks of growing in the faith.

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/>



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 next date is Jan. 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.

Pregnant and in need? Help is available at OptionLine.org, 1-800-712-HELP\

Homeless and pregnant?

Call Good Counsel Homes 1-800-723-8331, www.goodcounselhomes.org

Hurting from an abortion?

Visit www.AbortionForgiveness.com

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.

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.

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.

Collective Intentions:

Wednesday Mass Intentions: The Wednesday Mass intention will be a "collective intention." This means that there is no limit to the number of Mass intentions for the Mass. Anyone can add to the collective intention. The \$10 stipend is still requested (the priest only receives one, however). Everyone who submits an intention must be informed that the Mass will have a collective intention. Since open Mass intentions are few, this is a good way to have a Mass said for your loved ones. Please see Father Guanella if you have any questions.

WANTED: Substitute Teachers

Have you thought about becoming a substitute teacher for Assumption Catholic Schools?

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715-422-0960

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

Assumption Catholic High School (9-12)
715-422-0910

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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jwendels@assumptioncatholicchools.org

OLQH-Shelley Bruley 715-422-0980
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SVDP-Pam Fochs 715-422-0960
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AMS/AHS-Jimmy Lynch 715-422-0950
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ACS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

OLQH Christmas Concert @ OLQH 01/11/2022—6:30 pm

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UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS

MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022

8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022

9:00 am Children's Mass † Vivian Heidmann by: The Family

2:30 pm OLQH School Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal

6:30 pm OLQH School Christmas Program

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022

8:00 am Collective Intentions

† Pat McCarville by: John & Kathy Gronski

† Kris, Tony & Sherry Statz by: Bea Statz

† Al Sievers by: The Weiler Family

† Dave Bubolz by: Rose Bubolz & Family

† Helen & Ed Shebelski, Vi & Bill Cepek

by: Jack & Joan Cepek

6:00 pm Religious Education Classes Grades 1-9

7:20 pm Confirmation Class

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2022 ST HILARY

9:00 am and 5:30 pm Bible Study

5:00 pm Mass † Barb Schenk by: Carolyn Hanneman

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2022

8:00 am Mass † Loretta Aschenbrenner by: Joan & Tom Freidel

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 2022

8:00 am Mass † Douglas Borre by: Mom & Dad

8:30 am Confessions

3:00 pm Confessions

3:30 pm Rosary

4:00 pm Mass † Henry & Mary Ann Ehlers
by: Chris & Joe Ehlers

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022

7:30 am Mass † Sarah Strigel by: Dan McCarville

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

GREETERS



Saturday—January 15

4:00 pm Mary Joling

Sunday—January 16

7:30 am Statz Family & Sue Basler

10:00 am Marge Gee

LECTORS



Saturday—January 15

4:00 am John Wasshausen

Sunday—January 16

7:30 am John Benbow

10:00 am Angela Peters

We offer our sincerest *thank you* to everyone who offered us Christmas cards, gifts, treats, and other items this past Advent and Christmas Seasons. While we are unable to offer individual thank yous to everyone, we are humbled by your kindness and generosity. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we pray for all of you. God bless you!

—Fr. Guanella and Fr. Schmitt

Thank You!

PASTORAL THOUGHTS...

As we make our way through the festivities associated with Christmas, try to take time to ponder the very action that we are celebrating; God became man. Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World, came into the world as a baby born of the Virgin Mary and was cared for by St. Joseph. We remind ourselves each year at Christmas of how much God loves us, what He has done for us and how much He wants us to be happy with him in Heaven. Find some quiet time this season and think about the very action of our salvation, how it came about and how it's meant to be lived out.



The mystery of Christmas depends on God. We believe that God became truly man while remaining truly God. Every time we pray the Nicene Creed, we proclaim that Jesus Christ is true God and became man! He came as a baby and we look with new reverence and amazement each and every time we see a manger scene. Our Christian perspective understands that His coming opened up for us the possibility of eternal happiness, and that we are now children of God.

There are so many external distractions, especially at Christmastime, vying for our attention: glitter and glamour, goodies and gadgets; it's so easy to get carried away. This year, I'm asking you to look inside your heart, consider how much God loves you and what you're worth in the eyes of God. Ponder these words from Psalm 8 "God made man a little less than the angels, crowning him with glory and honor." When God created humanity, he knew what he was going to enter into humanity through the Incarnation, He knew Jesus would come to lead us to the Father and He knew we would need to be reminded of His love so many times.

My dear sisters and brothers, God loves you! He shows His love at Christmastime and, He shows His love every other day of the year too. Help me to bring the love of Christ into the world not only at Christmas, but every day of this coming year.

My prayer for you during this Christmas Season is that you will experience the love of God in a new and profound way. Blessed Christmas to you – May the love of Christ reign in your hearts all year long!

+Bishop William P. Callahan

All Knights of Columbus Meetings for the month of January have been canceled. This includes both Council and Assembly meetings.

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS

- You are very welcome to join our ACS 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 involves, please call the ACS Enrollment office at 715-422-0900 to make a reservation.
- OLQH Christmas Pageant- 01/11/2022 @ 6:30 pm OLQH church
- Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated from January 30 to February 6. Please join us in our excitement and spread the word about our wonderful ACS schools!



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration Night

Thursday, February 2, 2022

from 4:00-6:00 PM

at Our Lady Queen of Heaven School

You will need to bring a few items with you on

Registration Night:

- Your child's birth certificate
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