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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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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, February 22nd 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 JANUARY 23, 2022



General	\$4,932.00
Plate	\$708.00
Building Maintenance	\$55.00
Direct Donation 01-20-22	\$1,632.00
Total	\$7,327.00

LECTIONARY READINGS

Readings for the week of January 30, 2021

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30: 16:5-13/Ps 3/Mk 5:1-20 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86/ Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/

Lk 2:22-40

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138/1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 5:1-11

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SANCTUARY CANDLES



The Sanctuary Candles burn the week of January 29– February 4 in memory of Jerome Strub & Parents **Bv Yvonne & Family**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

Religious Education 6:00-7:15 Wednesday

*Feb 2— Grades 1-9

*Feb 9—Grades 1-9

Confirmation Class: 7:20-8:30

*Feb 2—RE & ACS

*Feb 9—RE only

A Pro-Life Rosary will be said on Monday, February 14th at 4:00 pm along Eighth Street. All are welcome to join us. We will gather in Grace's parking lot at



The Mission Rosary Group will not be meeting during the month of January. Please watch the bulletin for further updates. Thank you.



Our Lady Queen of Heaven Picnic News

There will be a meeting on Thursday February 10th, at



6:00 PM to wrap up, report on, and discuss 2021's picnic, and then there will be initial discussion on the 2022 Our Lady Queen of Heaven Picnic. Anyone interested in making our picnic a continued success, please join us. Picnic Committee.

St. Ladislaus Parish, Bevent, invites you to our Green & Gold Raffle Event on Saturday, February 5 at 5 pm (after 4pm Mass). The evening includes complimentary beverages, finger foods, and bars. This event concludes our Green & Gold Raffle with the drawing for first prize of \$1,000 Cash and other great prizes, and our Basket Raffle Drawing including unique Packer items. We will also have a 50/50 Raffle. Three lucky attendees will win a \$30 gift certificate to Texas Roadhouse, plus the first 200 people will receive a free appetizer card to Texas Roadhouse - \$6.99 value.

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 on a shelf in the gathering area.

Jesus and The Dead Sea Scrolls is our current study on Thursdays. Anyone is welcomed to join us for that at 9:00 am and 5:30 pm. We are in week 3 & 4 of our study. It is on Formed.org and anyone can join on your computer and view the content. We are taking a look at the scrolls and observing the Essene community and their habits of prayer, worship, their asceticism and their connection to Jesus Christ. This week we will encounter John the Baptist and baptism as well as John the Apostle and Baptism. John the Baptist was a courageous person to lead the way for others to Christ. John as well was noted as standing with two of his disciples one day and seeing Jesus pass by, identified him as the "Lamb of God." (John 1:29). What a powerful statement indeed and what profound news to share!!! Join us. The remaining weeks are Feb. 3, 10, 17 & 24, March 3.

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 season of Lent will begin on Wednesday, March 2nd. We will again be doing the Mary's Mantle Consecration throughout Lent. It is a consecration for heaven's help. Forty parishioners will be needed to sign up for it to be a success. It is a 40-day retreat for Heaven's help. Each day during Lent a different person is scheduled to do a light fast with bread and water or 3 light meals for the day. All of the other people pray for the intentions of the person fasting. We also ponder on amazing daily excerpts from the "Mary's Mantle Consecration" book which we will order here at the parish. If you would like to join us in this most holy season of Lent by consecrating yourself to Mary, there is a sign-up sheet in the back of church. We will also be united by a daily email from the office where it will be noted who we are praying for and the meditation on the virtue for the day. Consecrating yourself to Mary's Mantle is powerful as is fasting. If we get 40 people to join in this exciting pilgrimage, we will all each have only one day to fast. Prior to the beginning of Lent, a schedule will be given to all and we will begin with a short introductory video on the consecration on Tuesday, February 1 at 9:00 am and 5:30 pm. You can also do this from home with us. If you don't have an email, I will just make a copy of the fasting schedule and give it to those people that can't join in person. There will also be videos here at the parish each week of Lent on Thursdays that go along with the consecration. If you need more information, please call the office at 423-1251. We will meet on Tuesday, March 1st and then the following Thursdays...March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7 & 14. The videos are available at QueenofPeaceMedia.com.as well. We at the parish encourage anyone who has many intentions to pray for, to join us. Prayer is powerful!

Children's Liturgy of the Word

It will now be two times per month during the 10:00 am Mass. The next dates are Feb. 6th and 20th. 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.

Joyn Do you enjoy singing?
Noise We are seeking new members for our choir at Our Lady Queen of Heaven.

No auditions are required. For more information, please contact the director, Mary Englert, at 715-570-7295 or menglert@our-lady.org

How does God speak to me? Have you ever wondered how God may be speaking to you? Perhaps you are waiting to hear a loud, booming voice come from the heavens to tell you what to do or which way to go. While this isn't completely out of the guestion. God often takes a much subtler approach. In 1 Kings, we have the account of the Prophet Elijah standing at the entrance of a cave, waiting for the Lord to appear. As he waits, he encounters a strong, violent wind, a powerful earthquake, and a consuming fire, yet God was not revealing Himself in any of those powerful examples. Finally, as Elijah waited, he heard a soft, quiet whisper. At that, he knelt to the ground and prayed. God often speaks to us, not in grand and impressive ways, but in the silence. When we can still our hearts, that's when we begin to hear His voice, calling us into relationship and to follow Him. Sometimes that invitation is to follow the Lord as one who lovingly serves others in the priesthood. If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about this call to the priesthood, please contact me at: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!

Our Lady Queen of Heaven is looking for a skilled pianist and/or organist with experience in accompaniment and familiarity with Catholic Liturgy. to join our team of church musicians playing for weekend Masses. Ability to lead congregational singing is a plus. If you are interested in sharing your gift of music, please contact Mary Englert at menglert@our-lady.org or 715-570-7295.

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.

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St. Vincent De Paul Elementary (3-5) 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.

SLEEC-JoAnn Wendels 715-422-0990 jwendels@assumptioncatholicschools.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.

UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS

MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2022 ST JOHN BOSCO 8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022

9:00 am Children's Mass † Poor Souls in Purgatory

<u>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2022</u> PRESENTATION OF THE LORD 8:00 am Collective Intentions

- † Pat McCarville by: Marion Young
- † Carol Freidel by: Tom & Joan Freidel
- † Peter D. Krause by: Pat O'Connor
- † Karl Wirtz by: Sue & Jerry Wirtz
- † Clarence & Mabel Behn by: Tom & Kathy Behn
- † Marvin, Beverly & Jon Huser by: Ken & Tammy Huser Special Intention of Ron & Don Borre

6:00 pm Religious Education Classes Grades 1-9 7:20 pm Confirmation Class RE & ACS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2022 STS BLAISE & ANSGAR 9:00 am and & 5:30 pm Bible Study 5:00 pm Mass † Eleanor & William Slattery by: Richard & Arlene Wren

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2022

8:00 am Mass † Sarah Strigel by: Kay Oesterreicher 8:30 am—9:30 am Adoration & Individual Confessions

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2022

8:00 am Mass † Ray Tomsyck by: Dan McCarville

8:30 am Confessions

3:00 pm Confessions

3:30 pm Rosary

4:00 pm Mass † Mike & Mary Walloch by: Mary Walloch

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2022

7:30 am Mass † Ann Marie Warmka by: Arnetta & Pat McClaine

10:00 am Mass † Zachary Wulf by: Mary Jo Gustafson

GREETERS



Saturday—February 5
4:00 pm Lucy Lawrence
Sunday—February 6
7:30 am Kay & Verlyn Ashbeck
10:00 am Liz Musch

LECTORS



Saturday—February 5
4:00 pm Therese Miller
Sunday—February 6
7:30 am Deb Eron
10:00 am Angela Peters



PASTORAL THOUGHTS...

Dear Friends in Christ,

On February 2nd, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas Day. The Feast of the Presentation is a familiar feast to many of us: it is the fifth joyful mystery of the Rosary and the Gospel passage for the feast is a



familiar one, often depicted in art and stained-glass windows. The action of the feast is simple: Joseph and Mary take the young Jesus to the temple to present him since he was the first-born son and offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Every Jewish family at the time would have done this same action with their first-born son. What is unusual in the Holy Family's visit to the temple are the people they meet there: the prophet Simeon and the prophetess Anna.

In both Simeon and Anna we see two people who wait patiently, day after day, in the temple for the coming of the Lord. They embody the service of God, which is the heart of the temple. We, like them, have heard the ancient prophets' encouragement to prepare for the coming of the Lord, to be repentant and compassionate. We are not waiting for the Lord's coming as they were but we are waiting for Christ's coming at the end of time. We are awaiting His return in glory, the second coming, the Parousia. As we wait for the second coming—or our entrance into Heaven when we will see God face-to-face—we are to help others know that the Lord has come and is coming again. The example of Simeon and Anna are there to help us—to give us encouragement in our waiting and preparation.

The sixth-century bishop of Jerusalem, Saint Sophronius, encourages us: Let us be shining ourselves as we go together to meet and to receive with the aged Simeon the light whose brilliance is eternal. Rejoicing with Simeon, let us sing a hymn of thanksgiving to God, the Father of the light, who sent the true light to dispel the darkness and to us all a share in His splendor.

Today's feast is also called Candlemas because the Church traditionally blesses candles on this feast day, remembering Simeon's canticle which proclaims Jesus as a light for revelation to the Gentiles. If you are attending Mass on February 2nd, please bring any candles you would like blessed at the beginning of Mass. We will have candles for home use blessed as well, available after Mass and through the weekend. These candles can be used for prayer at home, when calling upon a priest to administer the sacraments in the home, or when there is difficulty or danger at home, especially during bad weather. I plan on keeping a supply of blessed candles available for all parishioners throughout the year. God bless you!

—Father Guanella

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS

Catholic Schools Week Begins! 1/30-2/6

So excited for this week for our Royal Community. Please consider attending the Luminary Prayer Walk and Candle Blessing



St. Vincent de Paul

Wednesday, February 2 @ 6:00pm.
Hot cocoa and cookies available for donation.
Bring your candle from home and it will be blessed in church at 6:00. After that, walk with your family and friends around the grounds. Luminaries with intentions will be hung. Please pray for the intentions as you walk. If you would like to include a special intention please send/call the SV School Office 715-422-0960 or pfochs@assumptioncatholcschools.org

Assumption Catholic Schools Registration for the 2022-2023 School Year- Opens February 1st

At Assumption Catholic Schools, we strive to uphold our Mission-To inspire excellence and personal growth grounded in Catholic principles and tradition. Our curriculum provides a Christ-centered learning environment, using State and Diocesan educational standards. All ACS schools are Accredited. Class sizes are small, allowing us to give students the individual attention they deserve.

Call or email for a tour or check us out online: www.assumptioncatholicschools.org
Mrs. Kerry Meinel 715.422.0901
kmeinel@assumptioncatholicschools.org

Registration Opens for grades K-12 February 1st, 2022

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program: Did you know that your child could attend ACS tuition-free? The application period is February 1st – April 15th. Visit www.dpi.wi.gov/choice for more information and the online application.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration Night

Wednesday, 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
 Your child's immunization records

Our Lady Queen of Heaven School will be holding their book fair January 28- February 4. Come stop by after the OLQH weekend Masses or from 3:30-4:00 pm weekdays.



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