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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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 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 FEBRUARY 13, 2022



General	\$8,042.00
Plate	\$814.91
Building Maintenance	\$275.00
Direct Donation 02-10-22	\$7,644.00
Total	\$16,775.91

LECTIONARY READINGS

Readings for the week of February 20, 2022

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103/
1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23/Mt 16:13-19

Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49/Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103/Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141/Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

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SANCTUARY CANDLES



The Sanctuary Candles burn the week of February 19– February 25 in memory of
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By: Jane Draper

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

Religious Education 6:00-7:15 Wednesday
*Feb 23—Grades 1-9

*March 2—Ash Wednesday Mass
Grades 1-10 attend with their families

Confirmation Class: 7:20-8:30

*Feb 23—RE only

*March 2—Ash Wednesday Mass
Students attend with their families

A **Pro-Life Rosary** will be said on Monday, March 14th at 4:00 pm along Eighth Street. All are welcome to join us. We will gather



The **Mission Rosary Group** will not be meeting until further notice. Please watch the bulletin for further updates. Thank you.



In sympathy

Please remember in your prayers

Christine Bushmaker
Colton Siegler
Thomas Endemann Sr.

May God grant them eternal rest.

OFFICE NOTES: If you have a change of address, phone number, or other change in status, please be sure to contact the parish office so that your parish record can be updated. You may telephone the office or e-mail at parishoffice@our-lady.org with the update.

Did you know that OLQH offers all parishioners the opportunity to set up automatic deposits of your monthly church contributions directly from your bank account? Many parishioners find this to be a convenient, safe, and efficient method of conducting their parish support. Even when you fly south for the winter or vacation in summer, you can be sure that the parish will receive your monthly contributions on time. Please pick up a Payment Authorization Form from the rack outside the parish office or download one at www.our-lady.org/contact

Lent is a time for prayer, fasting, almsgiving and drawing closer to God. It is also a time to grow in the faith and if you want to do that we have the opportunity for you. We will be sharing a program "**No Greater Love**" by Dr. Edward Sri. It is a biblical walk through Christ's passion. Dr. Sri will take us on a journey to the Holy Land and Christ's journey to the cross. It is a pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. It will take place on Thursdays at 9:00 am and 5:30 pm. All are welcomed to join us. Workbooks are available if you want to purchase one. Please call the office and let us know if you would like one. They will cost about \$15. The dates will be March 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7. Again... all are welcomed.

The Consecration to Mary's Mantle will begin on March 2nd (Ash Wednesday). We are still looking for people to join the group from a distance. If we have 40 people we will each have only one day to fast. The books are available for \$12. The books are for people to read the daily virtue and ponder on that. Let the office know if you still need a book. This consecration is powerful. Mary will take your prayers and hold them in her mantle. The consecration will be done throughout Lent. The schedule of fasting and people to pray for will be made next week and given to all participants. We will have videos that go along with the consecration on Tuesdays after the children's Mass. They are testimonies to the powerful intercessor that Mary is. If you want to view them on a computer at home, you can go to queenofpeacemedia.com. Otherwise the dates for viewing will be Tuesday, Feb. 22nd, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5 & 12 at 9:30. Hope to see you there. All are welcomed.

Jesus and the Dead Sea Scrolls is our current study with Fr. Dave Pivonka and Dr. John Bergsma. We are in week 7 and will be looking at St. Paul and the scrolls... what they tell us about works, faith, justification and why the church was part of Jesus' plan from the beginning. We only have 2 weeks left and will wind down on March 3rd. Anyone can join us on Thursdays at 9:00 am and 5:30 pm.



Do you enjoy singing? 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

Formed.... If anyone is interested in donating for Formed, we are still in need of funds. We are halfway there. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

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

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	Paper Towels		Body Lotion		Dental Floss

We will be collecting NEW hygiene items for local crisis agencies through The Family Radio's annual "Help for the Homeless" hygiene drive, Feb. 13—March 6. Please place your donations in the *Help for the Homeless* collection box by March 6. Or make a financial donation for the purchase of supplies for our community at TheFamily.net. Supplying these items to local shelters will help them direct their limited funds to providing qualified staff, counseling, food and shelter to those they serve. Most urgently needed items are laundry soap, shampoo and toilet tissue. Your donations will remain in this community. Note: Food Share (formerly Food Stamps) does not cover the cost of non-food items such as soap and diapers.

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530-10th Ave N, WR.

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St. Mary's in Auburndale 3:30p-7:00p
CARRY OUT ONLY
Shrimp and beer-battered fish fry
Friday February 18, March 4 and 18, April 1 and 15
Please call St. Mary's Church basement at 715-652-2747 to place an order after 2:00p on Friday. Thanks for your support! The menu will include: beer-battered or baked fish, shrimp, potato salad, french fries or baked potato, bread, cheese, and coleslaw. Homemade desserts available for \$2.

UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2022 ST PETER DAMIAN
8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022 THE CHAIR OF ST PETER
9:00 am Children's Mass † Gail Seefeldt by: Suzy & Kurt
5:30 pm Baptism Class

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2022 ST POLYCARP
8:00 am Collective Intentions
† Sarah Strigel by: Phyllis Gardner
† Art & Russ Lobner by: The Family
† Wayne Wesenberg by: Shirley & Fran Eron
† Al Sievers by: The Family
† Jill Zellmer by: Annette Engel
† Edward Klemmer & Lorraine Burclaw by: Grace Wanta
† Our Lady Queen of Heaven School Staff by: Shelley
† Lt. Col. Frank & Frances Andringa & Eileen O'Connor by: Pat O'Connor

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022
9:00 am and 5:30 pm Bible Study
5:00 pm Mass † Jack Gardner by: Jim & Cindy Boyd

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2022
8:00 am Mass † Robert Kell by: Margaret Nash

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2022
8:00 am Mass 65th Wedding Anniversary of Ron & Jean Borre
8:30 am Confessions
3:00 pm Confessions
3:30 pm Rosary
4:00 pm Mass † Clem & Diane Skiba by: Ed & Pam Skiba

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2022
7:30 am Mass † John Ritchay Sr. by: Tom & Mary Anderson
10:00 am Mass † Scott Lobner by: Mom

GREETERS



Saturday—February 26
4:00 pm John & Peg Wasshausen
Sunday—February 27
7:30 am Statz Family & Sue Basler
10:00 am Volunteers Needed

LECTORS



Saturday—February 26
4:00 pm Doris Seifert
Sunday—February 27
7:30 am Mary Benbow
10:00 am Mike Hittner

New Lector schedules are available for pick up in the gathering area.

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.

PASTORAL THOUGHTS...

The Lamb of God

In the Mass, before entering into communion, we sing "***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.***" Unfortunately, this verse, like many parts of the Mass, can become routine. There is a rich depth to this phrase, though, as we see in the pages of the New Testament.

John the Baptist, as he was standing at the River Jordan, once said to his disciples: "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:26). This statement, which, incidentally, the priest says while he holds the host over the chalice, is a powerful confession. At the altar we also make a confession—this host that looks like thin bread, is God's Lamb. But what does that mean?

In the story of the Israelites in Egypt, God sent his tenth plague, the Angel of Death, against Pharaoh and his people to slay their first-born children. The Israelites, meanwhile, by placing the blood of sacrificed lambs on their doorposts, escaped the danger. The feast of Passover, which commemorates this event, was what Jesus and His disciples celebrated at the Last Supper. Christ, as the slain Lamb of God, sacrificed Himself on the Cross. It is the Blood of Jesus, signed over the doorpost of our hearts, that saves us from the experience of sin's death but also blesses us with the promise of the Resurrection after our physical death.

The last book of the Bible, Revelation, reveals a marriage that is to follow after the Resurrection; a marriage between the Church and the Lamb, who sits upon His throne. This scene which John the Apostle was able to see in vision, is something that we all hope to see in the Kingdom of Heaven. It is also something that we see humbly hidden in the Eucharist. In a sense, when we gaze upon the host and chalice, we are gazing into eternity, gazing into the victory of Christ, who is our Lamb of Sacrifice. ***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world...grant us peace.***
By: Fr. Levi Schmitt

Pope Francis has asked all parishes to host a listening session in preparation of the 2023 Synod of Bishops. This Synod is a process of journeying together by listening, dialoguing, praying, and discerning for the purpose of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pope Francis is asking each local diocese to listen to each other's joys and hopes, griefs and anxieties. Our Lady Queen of Heaven's listening session will be held on March 1, 2022 at 4:30 PM. If you are interested in participating along with members of the parish pastoral and finance councils, please contact the parish to register and to receive the preparatory materials.

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.

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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.

Mrs. Schoff's kindergarten classroom was the recipient of a Clevertouch Interactive Display thanks to the generosity of the Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative's Operation Round-Up program. Mrs. Schoff and her students are enjoying the many benefits of having this interactive display in their classroom! OLQH school is very grateful to Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative.



Volunteers Needed for Funeral Dinners

The parish is going to resume funeral dinners. If you are interested in helping with the dinners, or have any questions, please contact the parish office at 715-423-1251. Thank you.

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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