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Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parísh

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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!" - Lk 12:50



PARISH CLERGY

Fr. Alan M. Guanella, JCL • *Pastor* • fr.guanella@our-lady.org Fr. Steven Weller • *Parochial Vicar* • fr.weller@our-lady.org 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

Business Manager	
-	jsievers@our-lady.org
Director of Religious Education	Rebecca Zalar
-	reoffice@our-lady.org
Choir Director	Mary Englert
Maintenance & Grounds	Paul Richmond
Custodian	LuAnne Birkhauser
Sacristan	Karen Pagel

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.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN SCHOOL

Principal Shelley Bruley • Administrative Asst. Jenny Zacher Tel: 715-422-0982 • www.assumptioncatholicschools.org

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, August 25th 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 AUGUST 7, 2022

- Aller	General	\$10,028.00
70	Plate	\$957.00
	Building Maintenance	\$502.00
	Total	\$11,487.00

LECTIONARY READINGS

Readings for the week of August 14, 2022

- Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53 Monday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps/1 Cor 15:20-27/
- Lk 1:39-56 Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/D32:26-27ab,27cd-28, 30,35cd-36ab/ Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23/Mt 20:1-16 Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51/Mt 22:1-14 Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107/Mt 22:34-40 Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85/Mt 23:1-12 Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/ Lk 13:22-30

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SANCTUARY CANDLES

The Sanctuary Candles burn the week of August 13– August 19 in memory of

> Scott Lobner by: Mom



Please remember in your prayers Dennis McGurk Karen Konieczki

May God grant them eternal rest.

<u>A Pro-Life Rosary</u> will be said on Monday, September 12th at 4:00 pm along Eighth Street. All are welcome to join us. We will gather in Grace's parking lot at 3:45.

Mission Rosary Makers—The next date is Wednesday, August 17th. Please join us in the cafeteria from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. We will continue meeting through the summer. All are welcome to join us.



Knights of Columbus Calendar

Thursday, August 18: Neighborhood Table sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. No volunteers needed.

Chris Stefanick will be speaking about Living Joy virtually on Wednesday, August 24th from 5:30-7:30 pm. Chris Stefanick is an internationally acclaimed speaker and author, and will present simple Rules – based upon evidence, humorous real-life experiences and common sense – to help you rediscover and live Joy every day.

Cost is \$10 and the first 480 people who register will receive his new book "Living Joy", a \$23 value.

Parishioners may register at <u>diolc.org/catechesis/</u> <u>witness-joy</u> or download a brochure. (Having brochures available would be beneficial).

From Chris' book: *Living Joy* is an urgently needed message for a world grasping for joy but settling for short-lived pleasures. Joy isn't a luxury. It's a necessity. One reason that we need the power of joy is to remain steadfast in trials: both the large and small difficulties of everyday life.

Religious Ed Volunteers Needed ...Classes begin in September and are held on Wednesday evenings from 6-7:15 pm. We need catechists and classroom aids in various grade levels. We provide lesson plans and support for each catechist. Parents who are interested in teaching as a catechist, tuition will be waived for all of their children for 2022-2023 year. Please contact Rebecca at <u>reoffice@our-lady.org</u> or 715-423-1251.

Christian Initiation (RCIA)

In celebrating this month of Our Lady's final journey to God in her glorious Assumption, let us ask her motherly intercession to draw souls to the Sacred Heart of her Son. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a journey too - of conversion to God and what He intends for us. RCIA is the process by which persons who were never baptized, or were baptized in another Christian tradition, become members of the Church, a people on pilgrimage to our Heavenly Father. Please contact Rebecca Zalar at <u>reoffice@our-lady.org</u> or 715-423-1251.

Religious Education Grades 1-9

Registration for fall classes are available on the website <u>www.our-lady.org/youth-re-classes.html</u>

Grade 10/Confirmation

Registration forms for Grade 10/Confirmation are available on our website at

www.our-lady.org/youth-confirmation.html.

The Gift of Being a Catechist!

One of the greatest gifts we can give is to share ourselves and our faith. We are in need of catechists (teachers) and classroom aides in various grade levels. Classes begin in September and are held on Wednesday evenings, 6-7:15pm. We provide lesson plans and teaching support. Can you help this important ministry of our parish? Please contact Rebecca Zalar, <u>reoffice@our-lady.org</u> or 715-423-1251.

Adult Faith Formation

Join us for a viewing of the documentary *The Woman*. When: September 8 at 9am and 6:00pm. Where: Gathering Space Refreshments and a light snack will be provided. For more information and to check out future opportunities check out our website at / www.our-lady.org/adult-faith-formation.html.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is offered in the Wisconsin Rapids Deanery at the following locations and times:

LEVEL 1 - 3-6 year olds

Tuesdays from 10-11:30am at OLQH Fridays from 9-10:15am at SSPP Fridays from 9:30-11am at SP **LEVEL 1 - 3-6 year olds & LEVEL 2 - 6-9 year olds** Wednesdays from 6-7:30pm at SP **LEVELS 1, 2, and 3** are also offered during the school day at Assumption Catholic Schools

The programs will begin middle to late September, so we would like registrations by the end of August. If you are interested in more information or want to register your child, contact us at <u>cqs@acswr.org</u> Your email will be directed to the appropriate catechist who will respond from his or her personal email. If you are interested in more information about the Catechesis Program, you may find information at the national website: <u>https://www.cqsusa.org/</u>



Having a strong plan isn't just for the well-to-do, it's for everyone, and it's easier than you think. You are invited to an End of Life & Estate Planning Workshop sponsored by Catholic United Financial and Sales Representative Vicky Giacalone at Assumption Catholic High School on Aug 14th at 2:00 pm. Spend an hour with us to learn more on End of Life Planning from a Catholic Perspective. Typical questions about end of life issues: Must medical treatment always be continued? Are Catholics allowed to have Living Wills? What is Church teaching about "Death with Dignity"? How do I make my Catholic health care directive? Good estate plans provide peace of mind and are a blessing to those left behind. The presentation will cover the importance of having a plan. There's no hard-sell at this workshop, just practical advice about using proven, time-honored methods like wills, trusts and charitable giving plans.

Contact Vicky Giacalone for more information or to RSVP: 920-475-3196, vgiacalone@catholicunited.org.

Dollhouse Raffle \$2.00 a ticket***3 for \$5.00 It is on display by the cafeteria doors.



Donated in memory of Jesse Plante by: The Plante Family

Calling all Bakers...Baked goods are needed for the bake sale for our parish picnic. Items will be accepted on Saturday, August 20th all day and on Sunday morning, August 21st. Please mark any items that contain any major food allergens such as nuts or peanut butter. Thank you!!!



OLQH Knitting & Crocheting Group The knitting and crocheting group will meet again on **Friday morning September 2nd at**

9:00 AM in the gathering area at church. Due to Covid we have not met for the past year and it is time to get back to work. If you are not able to make the meeting, we will work on winter items such as hat or mittens and lap blankets for the nursing home. We will always be happy to receive prayer shawls to share with Father as he makes his rounds to the homebound of the parish. If those don't interest you, we can always use soft chemo hats. You may drop off any knitted or crocheted items in the bins at church and I will pick them up. Thank you to everyone who has been bringing hand made items to church. Hope to see you at the next meeting. New members welcome.

Serenity Grief Support Group Wisconsin Rapids Deanery "Serenity" Grief

Support Group will meet in the Gathering Space of St. Vincent de Paul Parish on the 3rd Monday of every month. The next meeting is Monday, August 15th from 1:00 to 2:00 pm.

If you or someone you know is grieving the loss of a loved one, please join us for an afternoon of listening and sharing. Free self –help materials are available.

Volunteers needed at the FOCUS food pantry

Our parish has the week of Aug. 29—Sept. 2 at the FOCUS (Feeding Our Communities with United Services) food pantry. The hours are:

11:45—4:00 pm—Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 3:45—7:00 pm —Tuesday

The food pantry has moved to 2321 West Grand Ave. If you can help one or more days with this worthwhile community program please call Cindy Holberg at 715-421-2311or email at holberggc@hotmail.com

UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS

Monday, August 15, 2022 Not a Holy Day of Obligation Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am Mass † Don & Lucille Cook & Linda Whitehead by: Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2022 ST. STEPHEN OF HUNGARY 8:00 am Mass † Poor Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2022

- 8:00 am Mass Collective Intentions
 - + Harry Richmond by: The Family
 - + Kilian & Caroline Ashbeck by: Ron & Julie Ashbeck
 - + Art & Jackie Ashbeck by: Ron & Julie Ashbeck
 - Francis Livernash & Ray Haas by: Ron Julie Ashbeck
 - **†** Patrick Ryan by: Family & Friends

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2022

5:00 pm Mass † Jeanne, Bob & Sue Brandl by: The Brandl Family

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2022 ST. JOHN EUDES 8:00 am **†** Alice Schuetz by: Family & Friends

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2022

8:00 Mass † Elizabeth Bymers by: Paul & Ellen Dachel
8: 30 am Confessions
3:00 pm Confessions
3:30 pm Rosary
4:00 pm Mass † Gail Seefeldt by: Mom & Dad

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2022

7:30 am Mass † Joe Hokamp by: Dale & Marcy Freeberg

10:00 am Mass † Colleen Cetnarowski

by: Mike & Karen Abbott

GREETERS



Saturday—August 20 4:00 pm Lucy Lawrence Sunday—August 21 7:30 am Andy & Joanne Dachel 10:00 am Zak King & Mary Joling

Lectors



Saturday—August 20 4:00 pm Doris Seifert Sunday—August 21 7:30 am Diane Moss 10:00 am Mike Mancl

TWO OPPORTUNITIES FOR MUSICIANS

We are excited to announce that the **choir** at Our Lady will be restarting in September! If you enjoy singing in a group, you are cordially invited to join us. We welcome new members to give us a try. You'll be glad you did.

We are also looking for adults or high school students who would be willing to **cantor** for weekend Masses. Cantors are musical leaders who sing with the congregation. Instruction would be provided to individuals who are interested in doing this.



For more information regarding both of these opportunities, please contact Mary Englert at menglert@our-lady.org

PASTORAL THOUGHTS...

Dear Friends in Christ,

On Monday, August 15th, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. It's not a holy day of obligation this year (more on why below) but we will have Mass at OLQH at 8:00AM nonetheless. What exactly are we celebrating in Mary's



life with this feast? The dogma of the Assumption of Mary is rather simple, in fact. It states that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. In other words, when Mary came to the end of her life, she was taken body and soul into Heaven.

Why was Mary taken up into Heaven body and soul? Mary was preserved free from all stain of original sin (that's the Immaculate Conception) so there was no need for her to have the separation of her body and soul and wait until the Last Day to have them reunited. For those of us who were born into original sin-and that's all of us-when we die our bodies will remain here on Earth until we are reunited with them when Jesus comes again in glory. Mary, having no original sin and no actual sin, was not subject to this separation and is able to exist wholly in Heaven.

Mary sits now in Heaven and is exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death. Mary is our example: we hope to one day be like her, seeing God face-to-face in Heaven with both our body and soul. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians. What has already happened to Mary-that is, her existence in Heaven body and soul-is the anticipation of all of us: that one day we too might live with God forever in Heaven, body and soul.

Now, the question from above: why is the Assumption not a holy day of obligation this year? There is always confusion about when certain feasts are or are not holy days. In the United States, the bishops have determined that the following days are holy days of obligation: January 1, Mary, Mother of God; Ascension Thursday; August 15, the Assumption; November 1, All Saints; December 8, Immaculate Conception; and December 25, Christmas. However, most dioceses in the United States, including our own, transfer the Ascension to Sunday, so there are really only 5 holy days of obligation in the United States (along with all Sundays).

However, whenever January 1, August 15, or November 1 falls on a Saturday or on a Monday, the precept to attend Mass (the "obligation" part) is removed since it is so close to Sunday. This removal does not happen with December 8, the Immaculate Conception, since this is our country's patronal feast day. In the end, the whole purpose of these days is to render worship to God, to celebrate the joy proper to the Lord's day, and the suitable relaxation of mind and body.

-Father Guanella

Casa Hogar Optical Mission is looking for volunteers for its January 2023 mission to Lurin, Peru. If you are interested, please contact Cindy Sjolander at casahogaropticalmission@outlook.com with any guestions and the application form.

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS

Summer hours:

St. Vincent de Paul School Monday-Thursday 8:00-12:00

Our Lady Queen of Heaven School Monday-Thursday 8:00-3:00





WE NEED THE PERFECT FIT:

- 1) Our 3rd graders are looking for a classroom teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. St. Vincent de Paul School is the 3rd-5th grade building within the Assumption Catholic Schools in Wisconsin Rapids. Our family atmosphere and passion for teaching children is strong. Our classrooms are self-contained, yet we often collaborate throughout the school.
- 2) A paraprofessional and aftercare person. This position is when school is in session. Please, if you are who we are looking for contact Pam Fochs at 715-422-0960.

ACS Schools start Wednesday, August 24.



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