

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish

750 10th Avenue South • Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin • 54495-4100 Telephone: 715-423-1251 • Facsimile: 715-423-9407 parishoffice@our-lady.org • www.our-lady.org

Please submit bulletin notices to bulletin@our-lady.org by noon on Monday.



3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you." - Mt 11:10

upts from the Lectionary for Mass #2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



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	Janeen Sievers		
· ·	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**, **January 10th 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 6:00 PM at SS Peter & Paul.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING FOR DECEMBER 4, 2022



General	\$18,256.00
Plate	\$984.80
Building Maintenance	\$635.00
Total	\$19,875.80

LECTIONARY READINGS

Readings for the week of December 11, 2022

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11 Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30/Lk 7:24-30 Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67/Jn 5:33-36 Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72/Mt 1:1-17

Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

Thank you for supporting our parish!

SANCTUARY CANDLES



The Sanctuary Candles burn the week of December 10– December 16 in memory of

Richard Vetter By: Lisa Falk



A Pro-Life Rosary will be said on Monday, January 9th at 4:00 pm along Eighth Street. All are welcome to join us. We will gather in Grace's parking lot at 3:45.

Religious Formation Program 6:00—7:15 pm

December 14 Grades 1-8

Safe Environment 6:00—7:15 pm

Grade 9 6:00-7:15 pm

Confirmation—6:00-7:30 pm

December 17 Confirmation Retreat 8:00-5:00 pm (Includes Mass)

December 21 NO CLASS — Christmas Break **December 28 NO CLASS**—New Year's Break

Rite of Christian Initiation

The preparations for Christmas include buying or making gifts for those whom we love. You can give no better gift than the gift that God has given to us: His Son, Jesus. Invite someone who is not Catholic to attend Mass with you at Christmas. For information about RCIA/RCIC, contact Rebecca at reoffice@our-lady.org or call the parish office at 715-423-1251.

Parish Advent Series from the Diocese of La Crosse

Parishioners are invited to participate in the Advent Series that will help to prepare for Christmas, with a special focus on the Eucharist, in light of the Eucharistic Revival. The following are the titles and presenters of these recordings. The recordings will be 45 minutes, with discussion questions provided. People may be part of an organized group at the parish or watch virtually from home. Videos will be available on Our Lady's Facebook page and website.

- 1st week of Advent: Jesus' True Presence in the Eucharist with Msgr. Joseph Hirsch.
- 2nd week: Receiving and Adoring Jesus -Communion & Thanksgiving with Fr. Justin Kizewski
- 3rd week: Offering ourselves with Jesus to the Father with Msgr. Richard Gilles
- 4th week: "Source and Summit" of the Church's Life with Father Steven Weller



KEEP THEM WARM" TREE

During this Advent season our familiar bare tree, located across from the Parish office, anxiously awaits new children and adult mittens, hats, slippers, clothing, etc.; or any new items that will keep our less fortunate friends warm during the cold winter months. If you prefer, new toys for children or useful items for adults are also welcome.

Items will be collected now through December 19th and provided to area families in time for Christmas

Let us also keep our Parish family and those in need in our prayers. We are living in uncertain times and want everyone to stay safe and healthy.

Christmas Blessings to our Parish family!

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Council of Catholic Women "So let us be one heart full of love in the heart of God, and so share the joy of loving by sharing, helping, loving and serving each other." ~Blessed Mother Teresa

ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE			
SS Peter & Paul	Sun	12/11/22	1:00 pm
Sacred Heart	Tues	12/13/22	6:30 pm
St Joachim	Wed	12/14/22	6:30 pm
St Lawrence	Thurs	12/15/22	6:30 pm
St Vincent de Paul	Thurs	12/15/22	6:30 pm
Holy Rosary, Sigel	Wed	12/21/22	6:30 pm

FORMED Daily Reflections with Dr. Tim Gray

Grow closer to our Lord this Advent season with Dr. Gray as he leads you through the Mass readings every day during the Advent and Christmas season. Signup at Daily.Formed.org

Advent Resources for children

Nicolas: The Boy who Became Santa - Based on historical facts and traditions, Nicholas: The Boy Who Became Santa, is the beautifully animated film to teach your children about St. Nick.

Brother Francis: The Days of Advent - Brother Francis leads us on a daily journey in this special seasonal celebration of the coming of the Lord! Featuring meditations, prayers, and suggested activities to keep our focus on Christ this Christmas.

Advent Resources for Teens

Saint Nicholas: The Real Story - Host Mark Wilson, a distinguished historian and archeologist travels not to the North Pole but to modern day Turkey and Italy. There he uncovers clues that lead to the truth about the man behind the legend.

Advent - "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas," What does that look like at your house? Most of us anticipate the great sales at the mall on the day after Thanksgiving, stringing lights on the outside of our house, and decorating the inside of our homes. But how exactly are we preparing our hearts for the greatest gift we've ever been given? Through an exploration of the mystery of the Incarnation, the Virgin Birth, and the events surrounding the arrival of Jesus, this Advent study offers an opportunity to experience the joy of the true meaning of Christmas.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve/Saturday

4:00 pm Children's Mass 9:30 pm Mass Midnight Mass

Christmas Dav/Sundav

7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Regular Sunday Mass Times)
Saturday, December 31st—4:00 pm
Sunday, January 1st—7:30 & 10:00 am

December 24th Children's Nativity & Mass

We are in the planning stages for this years Children's Mass at 4:00 pm on Dec. 24th. If your child age 5 and older would like to participate in the Gospel Narrative, call the church office to sign up (715-423-1251). Practice will be on Saturday, December 17th at 11:00 am

Assumption Catholic Schools Food Service URGENT NEED

We are in need of 2-3 part time food service workers. For details and to apply contact Joe Anne Cephas – food service director 715-422-0922 or Jcephas@assumptioncatholicschools.org

ACS Employment Openings

Saint Vincent de Paul contact Pam 715-422-0962 pfochspfochs@assumptioncatholicschools.org AM Paraprofessional and before school care Grade 3 teacher

Assumption Food Service – contact Joe Ann Cephas, 715-422-0996 jcephas@assumptioncatholicschools.org Head cook St. Lawrence ECC

St. Lawrence ECC contact JoAnn Wendels 715-422-0990 jwendels@assumptioncatholicschools.org

4K aide/paraprofessional PT morning

System Wide – Substitutes for classrooms, offices and more – contact Michele Haas, 715-422- for a packet mhaas@assumptioncatholicschools.org

For teaching positions please send letter of interest, resume and 3 letters of reference to the associated contact. For all positions please contact the associated contact.

DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe environment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.

Christmas Flower Donations

Please turn in Christmas flower donations by Dec.13th, if you wish to donate in memory of a loved one.

UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE 8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

4:00 pm Individual Confessions

5:15 pm Serenade & Procession-Mariachi Band

5:45 pm Spanish Mass

Meal in Cafeteria following Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022 ST. LUCY **9:00 am Children's Mass**

† Janice Stublaski by: Andy Stublaski & Family 6:30 pm Communal Penance—Sacred Heart, Nekoosa

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022 ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS 8:00 am Mass Collective Intentions

- † Janice Stublaski by: Andy Stublaski & Family
- † Jesse Plante by: Tom & Teresa Plante
- † Harry Richmond by: The Family
- † Gail Williamson by: Fran & Shirley Eron
- † Barb Tork by: The Family
- † Betty Jirschele by: Mary Gokey
- † David Zieher by: Gladys Bringham

6:00 pm Religious Education Classes 1-10 6:30 pm Communal Penance—St Joachim, Pittsville

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022

5:00 pm Mass † Jeanne Brandl by: Elaine Wolfe 6:30 pm Communal Penance—St. Vincent de Paul 6:30 pm Communal Penance—St. St Lawrence

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2022

8:00 am Mass † Don & Diane Slattery by: The Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2022

8:00 am Mass † Theresa (Falkosky) Burns by: Mom & Dad

8:30 am Confessions

3:00 pm Confessions

3:30 pm Rosary

4:00 pm Mass † Gail Seefeldt by: Mom & Dad

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 7:30 am Mass Clarence & Mabel Behn by: Tom & Kathy Behn

10:00 am Mass † Beverly O'Donnell by: The Family

GREETERS



Saturday—December 17
4:00 pm John & Peg Wasshausen
Sunday December 18
7:30 am Confirmation Class
10:00 am Confirmation Class

LECTORS



Saturday—December 17
4:00 pm Brenda Walczak
Sunday—December 18
7:30 am Deb Eron
10:00 am Elaine Skibba



Assumption High School Gym Sunday December 18 Doors open at noon Play starts at 1:00 pm

PASTORAL THOUGHTS...

Dear Friends in Christ,

During Mass, at the Lamb of God, the priest breaks a piece of the consecrated host and places it in the chalice. During this action, he says a prayer quietly: "May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it."



One meaning of this commingling of the Body and Blood of Jesus was expressed by the liturgical scholar Dom Prosper Guéranger (died 1875) when he wrote: "Its object is to show that, at the moment of Our Lord's Resurrection, His Blood was reunited to his Body; by flowing again in his veins as before."

Another meaning comes from an early Church practice called *fermentum*. This practice involved bringing a particle from the consecrated host at the bishop's Mass (called a *fermentum*, from the Latin word for *leaven* or *yeast*) to the parish church and mingled in the priest's chalice as a sign of the unity of the priest's Mass with the bishop's. The fermentum was used and brought from the bishop of one diocese to the bishop of another diocese. The receiving bishop would then consume the species at his next celebration of the Eucharist as a sign of the communion between the churches. The fermentum then is a sign of unity: between the bishop and the parish; between dioceses; and between Christ and his Church.

Now you might be asking why I am talking about this during the season of Advent and in our preparation of Christmas. St. Alphonsus Liguori gives an explanation about this commingling. He wrote: "This mingling of the holy species represents, too, the unity of divinity with humanity, which was at first effected in the womb of Mary through the incarnation of the Word, and which is renewed in the souls of the faithful when they receive him in the Eucharistic Communion."

At the preparation of the gifts (the offertory), the priest or deacon pours a little water into the chalice filled with wine and says quietly: "By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity." This prayer comes from an ancient Christmas prayer that we still use today as the Collect (opening prayer) for Christmas Mass on Christmas Day. As we prepare for Christmas this Advent, we recall the unity of the divinity and humanity of Jesus—a unity shown through the mixture of water and wine and the unity that is the Eucharist. Holy Communion is the sacrament of unity.

That Christmas Collect is a good preparation for us this Advent: "O God, who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and still more wonderfully restored it, grant, we pray, that we may share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity. Amen."

—Father Guanella

PS—As Christmas falls on a Sunday this year, we will not have a Sunday after Christmas and therefore we will lose one collection this year. Thank you for your continued generosity in helping the parish this Christmas Season.

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS





ACS CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

*AMS/AHS Christmas Choral Concert @ Assumption 12/12/2022 6:30 pm *OLQH Christmas Concert @ OLQH 12/13/2022 6:30 pm *SVDP Christmas Concert @ SVDP 12/15/2022 6:30 pm



HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER FOR ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS?

GUEST TEACHERS NEEDED FOR GRADES K-12

Flexible schedule, fabulous coworkers, and fantastic kids... what more could you ask for? Come join the family at Assumption Catholic Schools. You choose the grade level and the days you are available. Contact Michele Hass at 715-422-0904 for an application packet.



Reading with our high school friends. Thank you, AHS students, for helping us grow!

Formed Pop-up Movie

Join us on Thursday, December 15 for the showing of 'The Story of the Nativity: The Truth of Christmas' at 9:00 am. Movie is roughly around 60 minutes. The story of the birth of Jesus is often misunderstood. But this fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity clears away widespread misunderstandings of Jesus' origin. Join top scholars, inspirational speakers, and popular authors as they explain the story behind the story of the birth of Jesus. The Story of the Nativity also includes stunning works of art depicting the biblical story, from Fra Angelico to Rembrandt, and footage from the Holy Land showing the places where the Christmas story actually took place.









(715) 422-0900 | WPCP Parti

Live. Learn &

Lead in Faith





Quality Conoco Motor Oil. Hydraulic Oil & Grease "Serving Your Area"

Oualit

Foods

652-2380 County Hwy P · Blenker (Conoco)



423-8350

Baker Drive

NICK MICHELS AND SONS INC

Established in 1946

Commercial • Industrial • Roofing Contractors

886-3551 • Fax: 886-3966

PO BOX 127- NEKOOSA

DODGE

Jeep

www.johnsonsons.com

Union Member • Member NRCA - MRCA Johnson & Sons Co Inc.





FDIC (715) 423-8100 www.papercitysavings.com



715-423-5460 2201 Chestnut Street, Wisconsin Rapids www.taylorfuneralhome.net



423-9750

West Grand Ave.





Parish Family

CONTACT ME Kena Owen

kowen@4LPi.com (800) 950-9952 x5876

Bertram-Junemann Well Drilling Inc.

Complete Water Systems Installed 7117 County Road S Rudolph, Wisconsin 435-3379



Free In-Home **Design Service** WI Rapids Plover 423-4460

Parish Member I A-7-BOY® GALLERY



WE BUILD FUTURES

Municipal/Government Manufacturing Commercial Educational Health Care

(715) 421-2550 altmannconstruction.com



345-1992

Ameriprise 🕄

Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc. 400 Daly Avenue, Suite 107 • Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494 T: 715.421.2250 • C: 715.459.9600 shanon.g.moon@ampf.com ameripriseadvisors.com/shanon.g.moon



Combine Home & Auto. Save & Smile

STATE FARM ® INSURANCE AGENT Kari Van Ert

478 E Grand Ave, Suite 100, Wisc Rapids, WI 54494 (715) 424-4181 StateFarm

Électrical Contractors 715-423-8440 econ@econelectric.com

4610 Plover Rd. Wisconsin Rapids

or email:

Ritchay Funeral Home

Arndt's Trees

Christmas Trees, Wreaths & Garland

New Location: 9410 80th St S (3 miles south of Kellner) 715-325-5212

Open Thanksgiving - Christmas

Jon & Audrey, Parish Members

1950 12th St. South 423-1414

WE'RE HIRING!

BE YOURSELF

BRING YOUR PASSION. WORK WITH PURPOSE



www.4lpi.com/career

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!

Place Your Ad Here and Support our Parish!

AD CREATOR STUDIO







Residential & Commercial

1111 Alton @ 715-423-7430





1553 11th Dr., Friendship, WI (608) 339-7888 www.terracehomes.com







(715) 423-5840

Air Conditioning & Heating Commercial Refrigeration

CallTriCity.com