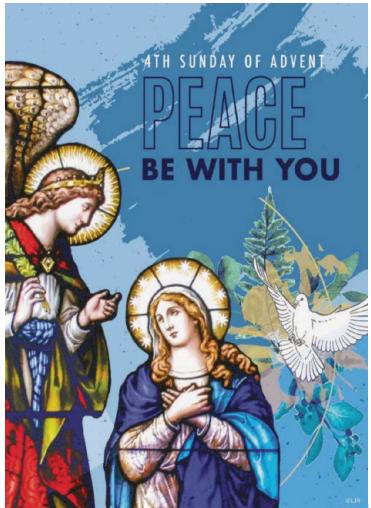


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Monday–Thursday: 8am–3:30pm • Friday: 8am–12:00 noon Scrip is available for purchase during parish office hours.

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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 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 11, 2022

No financials for Dec. 11th, early bulletin deadline.

LECTIONARY READINGS

Readings for the week of December 18, 2022

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24 Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71/Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33/Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/ Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25/Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89/

Lk 1:67-79

Next Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/

Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE

Holy Rosary, Sigel Wed 12/21/22 6:30 pm

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SANCTUARY CANDLES



The Sanctuary Candles burn the week of December 17- December 23 in memory of

Joanie & Wayne Wesenberg By: The Family

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve/Saturday

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

Christmas Day/Sunday

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

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.

Year End Contributions

As the end of the calendar year approaches we wanted to remind you that charitable contributions must be applied to the year in which they are received. The only exception would be that when a check is mailed: it is applied to the year the check is postmarked, even if it is received in the next calendar year

If you wish to claim your contribution as a charitable deduction for income tax purposes for 2022, you must have your contribution to the parish office by Dec. 31. If you mail it to the office it must be postmarked on or before Dec. 31st. Thank you

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.



Mission Rosary Makers—The next date is Wednesday, January 4th. Please join us in the cafeteria from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. All are welcome to join us.



Televised Mass on Spectrum Ch. 985 or Solarus Ch. 3, OLQH Mass at 9:00 AM on Wednesday. Diocesan Mass at 6:30 AM on Sunday.

New FaceBook Page for the Parish...Check out our Lady Queen of Heaven's new FaceBook page. Our new page name is OLQHWisconsinRapids.

Religious Formation Program 6:00—7:15 pm

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 near 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

Spiritus Ministries.

SPIRITUS missionaries are young adults who give nine months of service to ignite the faith of our Catholic youth. They will be here this weekend to share how they are inspiring the youth of our parish and parishes throughout mostly Wisconsin but also in other states. After their brief witness, they will invite parishioners to partner with their missionary efforts through prayer and financial support. We hope you will join in this vital mission of the Church.

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.



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

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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

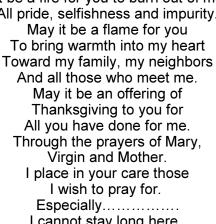
System Wide – Substitutes for classrooms, offices and more – contact Michele Haas, 715-422- for a packet mhaas@assumptioncatholicschools.org

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.

Votive Candle Lighting Prayer

Lord, may this candle be a light for you To enlighten me in my difficulties and decisions.

May it be a fire for you to burn out of me All pride, selfishness and impurity.



I cannot stay long here With you in your church. In leaving this candle I wish to give you something of myself Help me continue my prayer In everything I do this day.

Catholic Scout Religious Emblems

All Scouts ages 6-21 now is the time to start! All applications will need to be turned in by Jan 15th as all Awards will be handed out in February at the Scout Sunday / Scout Recognition Mass for each council. For further information please contact Cindy at catholicreligiousemblems@gmail.com or evenings at 608-792-4911.

UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2022 8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2022

9:00 am Children's Mass

+ Gail Seefeldt by: Mom & Dad

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2022 St. Peter Canisius 8:00 am Mass Collective Intentions

- **†** Gordon Boerner by: The Family
- † James & Florence Lodholz by: Kathy Wolfe
- † Pat McCarville by: Dan McCarville
- † Douglas Borre by: Mom & Dad
- † Mike Tauschek by: Len Strigel
- † Larry Gustafson by: Jody Hanneman
- † Tim Ebacher by: Family & Friends
- ** Kleman Family by: Grace Wanta

NO Religious Education Classes

6:30 pm Communal Penance—Holy Rosary, Sigel

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22 2022

5:00 pm Mass + Alice Schuetz by: Family & Friends 7:00 pm Choir Practice

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2022 ST JOHN OF KANTY 8:00 am Mass † Eleanor & William Slattery by: The Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022 CHRISTMAS EVE **NO Morning Mass**

NO Confessions

4:00 pm Mass Living & Deceased Children of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish

9:30 pm Mass + Todd Buntrock by: Lori & Family Midnight Mass † Al Sievers by: Janeen & Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022 NATIVITY OF THE LORD 7:30 am Mass † Janet Walloch by: Marv & Family

10:00 am Mass † James, Colleen, Bridget & Susan Bord by: The Family

GREETERS



Saturday—December 24 4:00 pm Volunteers Needed **Sunday December 25** 7:30 am Volunteers Needed 10:00 am Volunteers Needed

LECTORS



Saturday—December 24 4:00 pm Children's Mass 9:00 pm Carol Dean Midnight Karen Abbott Sunday—December 25 7:30 am Diane Moss 10:00 am Mike Mancl

Save the Date! Culture of Life Summit - Jan. 21, 2023 We are excited to partner with the Diocese of Superior to hold a Culture of Life Summit. This will take the place of our Pilgrimage for Life. This will be a day of live music, speakers and a time where you can discuss the issues that pertain to respecting the dignity of life. The event will be held at Regis Catholic High School. More Information is coming soon!

PASTORAL THOUGHTS...

The Great Adventure

The word *Advent*, from the Latin *adventus*, is very closely related to the word, *adventure*, and what a good descriptor of Advent it is. Advent is in a real way, adventurous. We are going from one place spiritually to another. If we are not moving spiritually, then we are spiritually dead, for dead things do not move or grow. Advent is thus a time of adventure and lively discovery of the Lord.

Nevertheless, as much as *advent* is about our adventure towards the Lord, much more is it about the Lord's *adventure*. After all, we are remembering the Lord's coming to Earth. God is coming to town, making a list, and then visiting your house to give you incredible gifts. None of it is magic, though, but even more amazing, it is grace. He may not be coming down your chimney, but He is coming to your soul, and it better be ready. He has ventured far from his majesty in heaven to reside in the little manger that is you. Indeed, we are all little mangers, with our own animals and filth, but we also have some of those majestic kings from the East and our humble quietude: and indeed, that is where God wants to be born. He loves coming into our filth, and He longs to make it beautiful.

This Advent, like every Advent, has two sides. There is the fact of the Lord's coming, as He is always coming, knocking on the doors of our hearts, beckoning us to listen and know His love. He is having an adventure that takes Him into our little manger selves, full of animals and other interesting things. On the other side, there is also the fact of us, the majestic travelers from the East or the humble shepherds from the fields, adventuring to discover Jesus in our lives. The encounter, for which we long, requires both. The Lord pursues us, and we also must pursue Him.

Fr. Weller



An Invitation

Have you felt a call for a deeper meaning in your life? Do you desire relationship with Christ? Do you feel a need to simplify your life? We invite you to come and join us to share/ learn/ explore the Secular Franciscan Order.

Please Contact
Our Lady Queen of Heaven Fraternity
Minister Patrick Ruesch OFS
(715)569-3994



Assumption Catholic Schools News







We, at Assumption Catholic Schools, wish you a very Merry Christmas with family and friends, old and new. Thank you for joining us at our Christmas Concerts. Your support of Catholic Schools is very important to who we are and how we teach our children to take care of our community.

Mission Statement: To inspire excellence and personal growth grounded in Catholic principles and tradition

Assumption Catholic Schools is seeking a family to host a student from Vietnam beginning with the 2023-24 school year. The student who will be attending AHS in the 10th grade is the brother of 2019 graduate, Steve Tran. Steve would like this same wonderful experience for his brother. We are seeking a family who is willing to open their hearts and home to him. It could be for one year or through graduation. You will have an unforgettable experience and an international friend. The exchange students are good students. They pay tuition, have their own spending money and health insurance.

Please consider this wonderfully rewarding experience. You do not need to have a high school student to be a host family. You just need to provide a loving, supportive environment for the student to be successful.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact: Kerry
Meinel, kmeinel@assumptioncatholicschools.org

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