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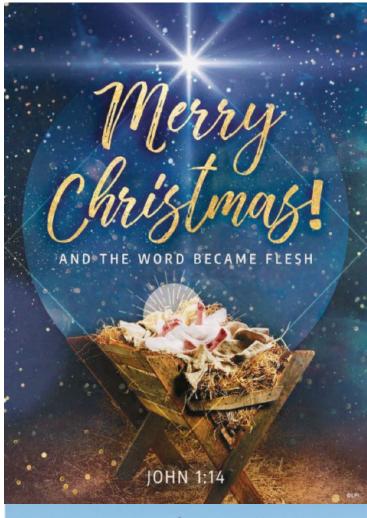
The Nativity of the Lord

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Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

PARISH STAFF

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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.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN SCHOOL

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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

Â	General	\$8,377.00
K	Plate	\$933.05
10	Building Maintenance	\$238.00
V	Immaculate Conception	\$1,588.00
V	Total	\$11,136.05

LECTIONARY READINGS

Readings for the week of December 25, 2022

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89/Ads 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 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 Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31/Mt 10:17-22 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 Wednesday 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124/Mt 2:13-18 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96/Lk 2:22-35 Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23 Saturday:1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96/Jn 1:1-18 Next Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

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SANCTUARY CANDLES



The Sanctuary Candles burn the week of December 24–December 30 for

The Living & Deceased Children of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish



We welcome to the family of God:

John Philip Grygleski

Son of Christopher & Emma (Voelker) Grygleski

<u>A **Pro-Life Rosary**</u> 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.



PASTORAL THOUGHTS...

WHAT CHRISTMAS IS ALL ABOUT-MAKING ROOM FOR JESUS IN OUR HEARTS

This is a beautiful Christmas Story that was part of a homily a couple years ago-it is so worth retelling.

The story is about a local school that would be holding their annual production of the Nativity play, and also about Wally, who was nine years old at the time and in second grade, instead of fourth grade, due to the fact that he had challenges that made it difficult for him to keep up with the other children. Wally was that type of kid, bigger than the other kids, but well-liked. Wally was very excited to be part of the Christmas play that year, for he was able to play the innkeeper. The play's director liked Wally and wanted him to be able to be a part of the play and yet be able to remember his lines, so with Wally playing the innkeeper, she would be able to stand behind the door of the set and prompt him if necessary.

On the night of the Nativity play, everything was going along just as rehearsed, when it came time for Joseph to appear at the Inn. Joseph slowly and tenderly guided Mary to the door of the Inn, knocked on the door and it was then that Wally appeared saying; "What do you want?" "We seek lodging," Joseph said, and Wally right on cue said; "Seek it elsewhere, the Inn is filled."

Joseph spoke again; "Sir, we have asked everywhere in vain, we have come far and are very tired, and again Wally hit his cue, and sternly said; "There is no room in this Inn for you."

Joseph then said; "Please, this is my wife Mary, who is heavy with child, and needs a place to rest, there must be some small corner for her, please, she is so tired."

This time there was silence, and the prompter had to tell Wally to say the words; "be gone there is no room." Wally was quick to repeat it; "Be gone there is no room."

It was then that Joseph on cue placed his arm around Mary and with her head on Joseph's shoulder, the two of them started to move away. It was then that people began to notice that Wally had not gone back into the Inn, but instead was watching, now with a distant look on his face. Those present saw his mouth open and his eyes full of tears, and it was then that the Nativity Story, this pageant would be different from the others, for it was then that Wally called out to Joseph; "DON'T GO JOSEPH, BRING MARY BACK, and then his face grew into a bright smile when he said, "YOU CAN HAVE MY ROOM."

What Christmas is all about, seeing Christ in others, making room for Him, in our hearts. Merry Christmas. Deacon Tom

RELIGIOUS FORMATION PROGRAM 6:00-7:15 PM

December 28 NO CLASS—New Year's Break **January 4 NO CLASS**—Evening for Catechists **January 11** Grades 1-8

Assumption Catholic Schools News

Merry Christmas to everyone from the students and staff of Assumption Catholic Schools!





Mission: To inspire excellence and personal growth grounded in Catholic principles and tradition Vision: A community of academic excellence, Catholic in spirit

and culture nurturing integrity and respect.

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

Spiritus Ministries.

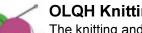
SPIRITUS missionaries are young adults who give nine months of service to ignite the faith of our Catholic youth. They will be here this weekend to share how they are inspiring the youth of our parish and parishes throughout mostly Wisconsin but also in other states. After their brief witness, they will 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.

"KEEP THEM WARM" TREE"



Our Lady Queen of Heaven Council of Catholic Women (CCW) is so grateful of our Parish family's continued support of the annual "Keep Them Warm" tree. Many area families had a warmer Christmas thanks to your thoughtfulness and generosity. We also give you our heartfelt thanks to those who offered their prayers for the less fortunate.

"We're a little pencil in the hand of a writing God, who is sending a love letter to the world." ~Blessed Mother Teresa



OLQH Knitting & Crocheting Group The knitting and crocheting group will meet on

Friday morning January 6th at 9:00 AM in

the gathering area at church. We have been meeting every other month. 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 homes. You can begin working on baby items for the Lenten Collections that will begin in February. 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.



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 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

Religious give thanks. A sister writes, "We remember the many people who believe in the Retirement Fund for Religious, thanking them in prayer for their great generosity and compassion." God bless you for donating to last week's second collection. Visit retiredreligious.org to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers and religious order priests.

Christmas Bake Sale

Thank you to everyone who baked S and purchased items for our bake sale. Thank you to Carol Wesenberg for organizing the sale. The amount raised was \$1,609.00



UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2022 ST STEPHEN 8:00 am Mass & Morning Prayer + Arlen Wanta by: Grace Wanta

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2022 ST JOHN 9:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2022 THE HOLY INNOCENTS 8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service **NO Religious Education Classes**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29. 2022 ST THOMAS BECKET 5:00 pm Mass † David Van Asten by: Agnes Van Asten & Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2022 HOLY FAMILY 8:00 am Mass 60th Wedding Anniversary-Jack & Joan Cepek

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2022 8:00 am Mass + Dan Weinfurter by: Roger & Mary Pascavis 8:30 am Confessions 3:00 pm Rosary 3:30 pm Confessions 4:00 pm Mass + Wayne & Joanie Wesenberg by: The Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023 MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD 7:30 am Mass + Joe Hokamp by: Dale & Marcy Freeberg 10:00 am Mass + Beverly O'Donnell by: The Family

GREETERS



Saturday—December 31 4:00 pm Volunteers Needed Sunday January 1 7:30 am Volunteers Needed 10:00 am Volunteers Needed

ECTORS



Saturday—December 31 4:00 pm Doris Seifert Sunday—January 1 7:30 am John Benbow 10:00 am Deanna Probandt

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.

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!

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.

We wish to thank everyone who donated for Christmas Flowers in memory of their loved ones.

Arlen Wanta by: Grace Wanta Mom & Dad by: Tom & Donna Bohn Jerry Falk by: Lisa & Family Parents of Jim & Marv Krause Mary Rayome by: Tom Rayome Maryn Pagels by: Dennis Pagels Alex Reeder, Mary Darr by: Stacy Reeder Mike Nash by: Peter & Sara Jungwirth Mary & Peggy Hielke by: Bill Hielke Bill & Joey Zabawa by: Dick & Judy Zabawa John & Margaret Christy by: Peggy Christy Bob Kell, Lawrence Nash, Peggy Lobner by: Patsy Kell Leslie & Marcella Ward by: John & Dolores Svoboda James Schmutzer by: Patrick & Sarah Schmutzer Art & Jackie Ashbeck by: Jon & Audrey Arndt Marge Reinke & Gary Lobner by: Dave & Kathy Reinke James L. Schuerman by: Jim & Sandy Schuerman Paula Magee, Tom & Mike Neta by: Elaine McCarter In Memory of Doreen & Jim Dekarske by: The Family William H. Clark, Harv & Kay Schneider by: Stacie Clark Parents of Lawrence & Lynette Kluck & Fr. Chester Osowski Chester & Loretta Kirschling, Lloyd Wink by: John & Mary Wink Jungwirth & Ostrowski Families by: Ed & Jolene Ostrowski In Honor of James Hackman Family by: LeeAnn Hackman George & Sue Enwright, Fr. Mark Doyle by: The Orcutt Family Jeanne, Robert & Susan Brandl by: John & Janet Moerchen Dick & Doris Crotteau, Marv, Bev & Jon Huser by: Ken & Tammy Huser Carl & Scott Lobner, Virgil & Lorraine Jacoby by: Bill & Pam Jacoby Jon E. Schmidt, Joe K Smits, Judy Cure, Debbie List by: Marcia Schmidt Dorothy R. Molski, John P. Molski, Julie R. Molski by: Jerome Molski Ozzie & Alice May, Michael & Genevieve Kobylski by: Gerald & Susan May Al Sievers, Mike Hasenohrl, Emma Jochimsen by: Janeen Sievers & Family Elizabeth & Herman Mancl, Dorothy & Herbert Bell by: Bonnie & Ron Mancl John & Lena Gaden, Ralph Giese, JoAnn Allison by: Michael & Crystal Giese Harland & Erma Johnson, Henry & MaryAnn Ehlers by: Joe and Chris Ehlers Clifford & Irene Lewis, Robert Schooley, David Iverson, by: Sharon Iverson Cecilia & Don Dugre, Baumler & Wetthuhn Families by: Robert & Vi Dionne Gerald & Dorothy Rosekrans, Gene & Yvonne Ellie by: Kelly & Jean Rosekrans David, Simon, Marie Van Asten, John & Isabelle Zurkowski by: Agnes Van Asten Edmund & Eleanore Rybicki, Donald & Bette Sedall by; Richard & Rhonda Sedall George & Marilyn Pavloski, Jack & Evelyn Compton by: John & Karen Compton Parents of Jack & Joan CepekFr. Karoblis, Fr. Campion Baer by: Jack & Joan Cepek Fred & Ellen Reimer, Ed & Dorothy Fleisner, Paula Herman by: Dick & Sue Fleisner Wallace & Janet Anderson, Lorraine, Jim & Lynda Houston by: Tom & Mary Anderson Verna & Gene Skibba, Paul McLarnan, Marie DeBoer by: Michael & Elaine McLarnan Leonard & Loretta Vakoc, Patricia Doan, Kim A. Giese, Eileen Livernash by: Sue Morgan Ed & Loretta Aschenbrenner, Keri Ledden, Don, Ilene & Joe Freidel by: Tom & Joan Freidel Hank & Marge Oesterreicher, Delores Flynn, Alice Schuetz, Rosie Zabawa by: Kay Oesterreicher Jack Gardner, John & Virginia Gardner, Leonard & Ann Halkowski by: Phyllis Gardner & Family Jeri Tracy, Gene, Joanie & Mike Fritsche, Alice Tracy by: Wayne & Paula Tracy Tammy Theis, Renee Greiner, Brenda Grimm & the Greiner Family by: Ron & Judy Greiner In honor of the living & deceased members of the Stremlau & Martin Families by: Charles & Janet Martin Gloria, Elmer, Scott & Norb Bathke, Dan Peters Sr., Nancy Peters, Cindy Bohn by: Gerry & Mary Bathke Jack Gardner, John & Virginia Gardner, Leonard & Ann Halkowski by: Phyllis Gardner & Family Dannie & Lorraine LaGrander, Barbara Brundidge, Ed & Janet Hoffmann by: Jody & Amber Morrow Ed & Marge Sankey, Fr. Mark Doyle, Monica & Henry Winiecke, Andy Kaminski Sr. by: Deb & Andy Kaminski Jr. Anna & Ralph Roginski, Jane Roseno, Zachary Wulf, Audrey Leary, Ralph & Gary Roginski by: Mary Jo Gustafson Joe & John Swendrowski, John & Josephine Mikolaiczyk, Anton & Constance Swendrowski by: Helen Swendrowski James Schmutzer, Bernadette & Sylvester Mancl, Joseph & Martha Schmutzer, Fr. Andrew Karoblis by: Sharon Schmutzer Wayne & Joanie Wesenberg, Francis & Charlotte Plante, Jesse Plante, May God Bless Everyone! by: Tom & Teresa Plante Bob, Marie & Kevin Arnold, Helen, Francis & John Cassidy, Bill & Doris Arnold Family, Joan & Bill Arnold by: Pete & Carolyn Arnold Edward R. & Harriet Repinski & Son, Ed, Nancy & Grandson Brian, Dolores & Ward Perket & Son Jerry, Andrew Kaminski Sr.,

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