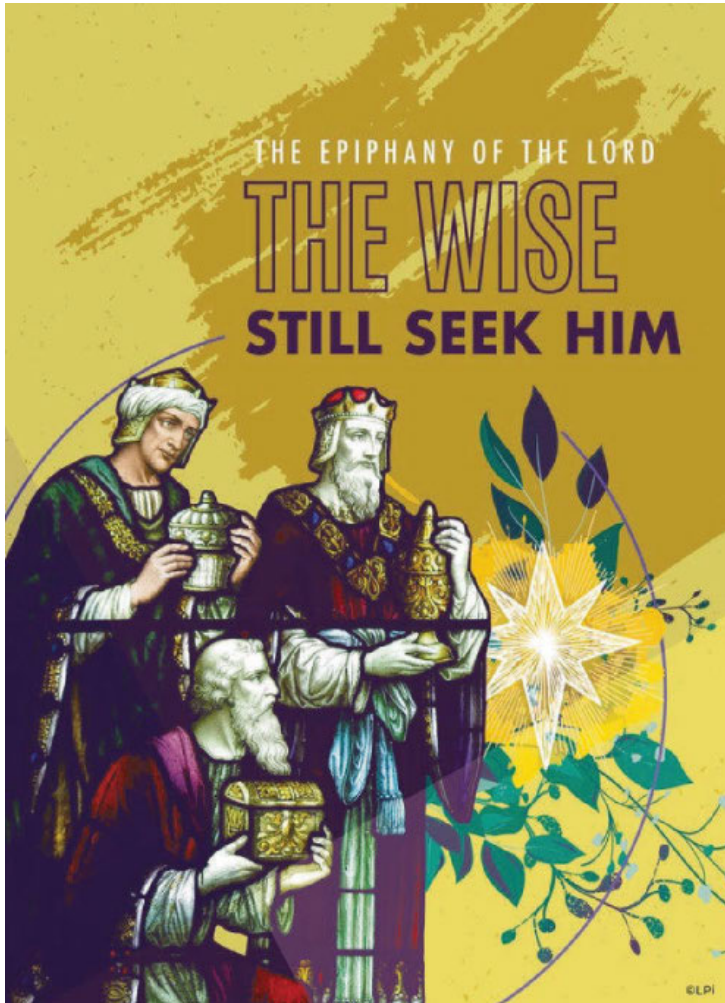




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Saturday: 8:30am–9:30am and 3:00pm–3:50pm
First Friday: 8:30am–9:30am with Eucharistic Exposition
• Any time by appointment by contacting the parish office.

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 25, 2022



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Christmas	\$5,048.00
Plate	\$2,249.85
Building Maintenance	\$175.00
Direct Donation 12-20-22	\$3,267.00
Total	\$28,523.85

SACRIFICIAL GIVING FOR JANUARY 1, 2023

LECTIONARY READINGS

Readings for the week of January 8, 2023

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
 Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29/Mt 3:13-17
 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8/Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105//Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95/Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78/Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19/Mk 2:13-17
 Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

SANCTUARY CANDLES



Please remember in your prayers

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May God grant them eternal rest.

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We offer our sincerest *thank you* to everyone who offered us Christmas cards, gifts, treats, and other items this past Advent and Christmas Seasons. While we are unable to offer individual thank yous to everyone, we are humbled by your kindness and generosity. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we pray for all of you. God bless you!
 —Fr. Guanella, Fr. Weller, and Dcn. Tom

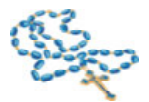
PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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.

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.



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

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RELIGIOUS FORMATION PROGRAM 6:00-7:15 PM

January 11 - Religious Education Grades 1-8

January 18 - Religious Education Grades 1-10

January 25 - Religious Education Grades 1-8

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults & Children

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, let us recall our own Baptism. We have all received the call to go and baptize all nations. Pray for those who are considering if they too are ready to renounce Satan and all his works and empty promises. If there is someone you think would like to explore what Baptism in the Catholic faith means, ask him or her to contact Rebecca Zalar at reoffice@our-lady.org or call 715-423-1251.

Adult Faith Formation

Join us on January 12 at 9:00am in the church, as we start our new Adult Faith Formation study on the Elements of the Catholic Mass.

PORTAGE COUNTY WALK for LIFE

Portage County Right to Life will NOT be holding the annual WALK FOR LIFE this January. Because of Roe V. Wade being overturned on June 24th, 2022, we feel it appropriate to recognize this date yet underscore the tragic injustice done to approximately 63 million babies in the United States alone. We would like to celebrate lives being saved and this victory, but the fight for life continues...so PLEASE KEEP PRAYING for an end to abortion and a change of hearts and minds. The tentative date for the Walk for Life will be Sunday, June 25th. More info to come this summer!

All are invited to attend and support the following events:

Pittsville - Maryheart Knights of Columbus' Soup Luncheon with Bingo & Basket Raffle is Sunday, January 22nd at St Joachim's Church hall. The luncheon starts at the conclusion of 10:30 am Holy Mass, and will be available to approx 3:00 pm; offering the choice of eating in or carrying out. Bingo will be from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Also on Sunday Jan 22nd, the KC's and St Joachim's Pro-Life Committee will host a Celebrate Life March, calling attention to the Sanctity of Life in all stages. The march begins at 9:00 am from St Joachim's, to the Catholic Cemetery, returning to St Joachim's by approx 10:00 am.

Thank you for your continued support.

Blest Art...Blest Art will be visiting our parish on Saturday and Sunday, January 14th and 15th, after each Mass. Blest Art helps the struggling Christian families of Bethlehem by marketing their religious olive wood carvings. Due to this work many Christian families maintain their livelihood and their ancestral homes in the land of our Lord.

Wise men came to worship Jesus

Wise men from far away saw an incredibly bright star moving across the sky. They followed the star to see where it would take them. It led them to the Infant Jesus. The wise men gave precious gifts to the Savior, gifts for a king: gold, frankincense and myrrh. They knew that Jesus was a great king, even though He looked like a small Child. Jesus gives us the greatest Gift – the Gift of Himself in the Eucharist again and again in a life-giving encounter. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, the wise man brought You precious gifts. But, thank You for giving us the most precious Gift of Yourself in the Eucharist. This week, read how the wise men came to worship Jesus and bring Him gifts in Matthew 2:1-12

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What's on Formed.org for January?

Prepare the Way of the King by Dr. Scott Hahn

We celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord on January 8. In this podcast Dr. Scott Hahn explains how we should understand the three Magi and their gifts to the Lord!

Reborn - Episode 1: A New Creation

On January 9, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism! Through our Reborn series, you will come to understand the deeper meaning behind your Baptism!

Saint Francis de Sales: Pastor of Souls

St. Francis de Sales became a hero during the Catholic Reformation for his pastoral care and spiritual writings. Join Dr. Chris Blum as he walks through the life of this great saint, who is celebrated on January 24th!



BINGO

Assumption High School Gym

Sunday, January 15th

Doors open at noon

Play starts at 1:00 pm

**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

St. Bronislava Holy Name Society's "All You Can Eat Breakfast" will be held Sunday, January 8, 2023 from 8:30AM to Noon at St. Bronislava Catholic Church located at 3200 Plover Rd in Plover. The Menu includes buttermilk & potato pancakes, French toast, breakfast sausage links, milk, juice & coffee. Cost is \$9.00 for ages 13-adult, \$4 for ages 5-12 & Free for ages 4 & under. The meal is cooked by the men of Holy Name and table service is provided by St Bron's Boy Scout troop #201. Proceeds from the breakfast go towards the Parish, School & Youth Needs. Thank you for your support

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

UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023 *BAPTISM OF THE LORD*
8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023
9:00 am Children's Mass † Gail Seefeldt by: Mom & Dad

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2023
8:00 am Mass Collective Intentions
† Douglas Borre by: Mom & Dad
† Harry Richmond by: The Family
† Al Sievers by: The Family
† W. L., Anne, Eileen & Gunny Don O'Connor by: Pat O'Connor
6:00 pm Religious Education Classes-grades 1-8

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2023
5:00 pm Mass † Alice Schuetz by: Family and Friends

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2023 *ST. HILARY*
8:00 am Mass † Dolores Czaikowski by: Joan & Tom Freidel

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2023
8:00 am Mass † Wally & Janet Anderson by: Fred Esser
8:30 am Confessions
3:00 pm Rosary
3:30 pm Confessions
4:00 pm Mass † Jim & Norma Zurfluh by: Ryan, Heidi & Mason Hackman

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023
7:30 am Mass † Gail Seefeldt by: Mom & Dad
10:00 am Mass † Elizabeth Gebert by: The Edwards Family

GREETERS



Saturday—January 14
4:00 pm Mary Joling
Sunday January 15
7:30 am Sue Basler & Kelly Rosekrans
10:00 am Jim & Mary Krause, Marge Gee

LECTORS



Saturday—January 14
4:00 pm Jerry Bach
Sunday—January 15
7:30 am Mary Benbow
10:00 am Tim Huebner

ST. ALEXANDER PARISH JOB OPENING

St. Alexander Parish has a part-time (4 hours per week) job opening for Indoor Custodian for the church and school to begin immediately. Job description available at the parish office or by calling 715-887-3012. Must be willing to submit fingerprints for a background check.

50th Jubilee Wedding Anniversaries

If you will be celebrating your 50th wedding anniversary in the year 2023, please contact the parish office. The phone number is 715-423-1251. The goal of the Diocese is to send certificates out to each couple during their anniversary month.



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Monday, January 9: Fourth Degree meeting at Our Lady Queen of Heaven cafeteria. Meeting at 7:00 pm.

Thursday, January 12: Council Officer's meeting at Our Lady Queen of Heaven cafeteria at 6:30 pm with the Council Meeting starting at 7:00 pm.

PASTORAL THOUGHTS...

Father Guanella's Note:

Pope Benedict XVI passed to eternal life on December 31, 2022 at 9:34 AM Rome time. Pope Benedict was an extraordinary priest, bishop, and theologian. He was the reigning pope for all but the last few months of my time in seminary. Having lived in Rome during the time of his abdication, I will not forget those days.



Now that he is gone from this earth, I will miss him greatly but I pray for his eternal rest. Please find below an excerpt of his homily from the Mass for the Inauguration of the Pontificate (April 24, 2005):

How alone we all felt after the passing of John Paul II – the Pope who for over twenty-six years had been our shepherd and guide on our journey through life! He crossed the threshold of the next life, entering into the mystery of God. But he did not take this step alone. Those who believe are never alone – neither in life nor in death. At that moment, we could call upon the Saints from every age – his friends, his brothers and sisters in the faith – knowing that they would form a living procession to accompany him into the next world, into the glory of God. We knew that his arrival was awaited. Now we know that he is among his own and is truly at home. [...] I too can say with renewed conviction: I am not alone. I do not have to carry alone what in truth I could never carry alone. All the Saints of God are there to protect me, to sustain me and to carry me. And your prayers, my dear friends, your indulgence, your love, your faith and your hope accompany me. [...]

At this point, my mind goes back to October 22, 1978, when Pope John Paul II began his ministry here in Saint Peter's Square. His words on that occasion constantly echo in my ears: "Do not be afraid! Open wide the doors for Christ!" The Pope was addressing the mighty, the powerful of this world, who feared that Christ might take away something of their power if they were to let him in, if they were to allow the faith to be free. Yes, he would certainly have taken something away from them: the dominion of corruption, the manipulation of law and the freedom to do as they pleased. But he would not have taken away anything that pertains to human freedom or dignity, or to the building of a just society. The Pope was also speaking to everyone, especially the young. Are we not perhaps all afraid in some way? If we let Christ enter fully into our lives, if we open ourselves totally to him, are we not afraid that He might take something away from us? Are we not perhaps afraid to give up something significant, something unique, something that makes life so beautiful? Do we not then risk ending up diminished and deprived of our freedom? And once again the Pope said: No! If we let Christ into our lives, we lose nothing, nothing, absolutely nothing of what makes life free, beautiful and great. No! Only in this friendship are the doors of life opened wide. Only in this friendship is the great potential of human existence truly revealed. Only in this friendship do we experience beauty and liberation. And so, today, with great strength and great conviction, on the basis of long personal experience of life, I say to you, dear young people: Do not be afraid of Christ! He takes nothing away, and he gives you everything. When we give ourselves to him, we receive a hundredfold in return. Yes, open, open wide the doors to Christ – and you will find true life. Amen.

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS

School News

† You are very welcome to join our ACS school family at any time. If you would like to visit our schools and see what a day in the life of a Catholic school student involves, please call the ACS Enrollment office at 715-422-0901 to make a reservation.



† **Catholic Schools Week** will be celebrated from January 30 to February 6. Please join us in our excitement and spread the word about what a great school system we have here!



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