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2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." - Jn 1:34

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PARISH CLERGY

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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

Business Manager Janeen Sievers
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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, February 21st 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 JANUARY 8, 2023



General	\$13,050.00
Plate	\$784.95
Building Maintenance	\$345.00
Total	\$14,179.95

LECTIONARY READINGS

Readings for the week of January 15, 2023

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/
Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

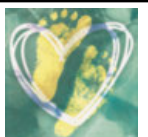
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SANCTUARY CANDLES

A Pro-Life Rosary will be said on Monday, February 13th at 4:00 pm along Eighth St. 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 18th. 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.

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.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION PROGRAM 6:00-7:15 PM

January 18 - Religious Education Grades 1-9
& Confirmation

January 25 - Religious Education Grades 1-8

NOTE: Please remember to enter via the church doors for Religious Ed.

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.

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 is visiting our parish on this weekend 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.

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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 SUNDAY!!!

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LOCAL GIFT CARD GIVEAWAY !!!(with bingo card purchase)

Date: January 15, 2023

Time: 12:00PM - Doors Open

1:00PM - Play Starts

Cost to Play 10 Games (9 Regular games, 1 Blackout game):

- ◆ 6 card sheet - \$10.00
- ◆ 9 card sheet - \$13.00

Additional Blackout Cards available:

- ◆ 3 card sheet - \$0.50
- ◆ 6 card sheet - \$1.00

ALL cards must be purchased before the start of Game 1.

Questions? Contact Jill Wruvinsk (Royal Parents President) - 715-252-3451, jillwruvinsk@gmail.com

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- Lisa's at Lakeside, Hatley
- The Bar, Wausau

Questions? Call the church rectory at 715-449-3060, or Mary at 715-321-3591. Visit parish website or Facebook page.

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

Greetings from the Social Justice Committee:

Happy New Year. We just wanted to follow-up on our recent activities. Thank you for your generosity and compassion for others.

- At Thanksgiving we took 6 grocery carts of food to the South Wood County Food Pantry.
- Our Sister Parish collection in early December sent approximately \$1700 to help the elderly of the parish in India.
- The Giving Tree in December again highlighted your generosity. We helped almost 150 children in South Wood County have a better Christmas.

We are proud to be part of such a loving and caring parish. Our next activity will be the Lenten Collection that begins on Ash Wednesday which is February 22 until Easter on April 9th. More information will be coming.

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!

UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2023

8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023 ST ANTHONY

9:00 am Children's Mass † Jerry Falk by: Lisa & Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023

8:00 am Mass Collective Intentions

† Bernadette Gerum by: Donald & Mary Gerum

† Patrick McAleer by: Stacy Reeder

† Edward Fuehrer by: John & Rosemary Hokamp

**Living & Deceased Members of the Tom & Lucille Weiler Family
by: Ed & Lois Altman

** Health of Judith Brandeen by: Donna Frenzel

** Health of Jackie Meyers by: Gladys Brigham

6:00 pm Religious Education Classes-grades 1-9 & Confirmation

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023

5:00 pm Mass † Don & Diane Slattery by: The Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2023 STS FABIAN & SEBASTIAN

8:00 am Mass † Ilene Freidel by: Joan & Tom Freidel

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2023

8:00 am Mass † Gail Williamson by: Dan McCarville

8:30 am Confessions

3:00 pm Rosary

3:30 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Mass † Doug Wettstein by: Doug & Karen Pagel

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023

7:30 am Mass † Fr. Mark Doyle by: The Ritchay Family

10:00 am Mass † Colleen Bord by: Anne Bord & Boys

GREETERS



Saturday—January 21

4:00 pm Mark & JeriAnn Reichl

Sunday January 22

7:30 am Deb, Fran & Shirley Eron

10:00 am Gary & Kathi Wierzbicki

LECTORS



Saturday—January 21

4:00 pm Carol Dean

Sunday—January 22

7:30 am Deb Eron

10:00 am Cindy Holberg

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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PASTORAL THOUGHTS...

Discernment and the Call

During the first weeks of Ordinary Time, we hear at Mass the beginnings of Jesus' ministry, and eventually we will hear about the call of the first disciples. These calls are nostalgic to us; they touch us in a way that is familiar and yet it remains distant from us. We wish to hear the call, but nonetheless, we do not always know how and when He calls. Yet we are nevertheless called, no matter where we are in life.

I wish to briefly outline some insights on how to hear the call from God, especially for those discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. The first "rule" as it is called by St. Ignatius, is how God works on people who are in mortal sin. God stings the conscience to move us to repentance. The second is opposite, for God works in a different way on people who are striving for virtues and purifying sins. In these people, God acts by giving courage, strength, and fruits of the Spirit like peace and joy. God loves to lead us with peace and joy when we are living His way, even when things are difficult or not convenient. In short, God stings us when we are bad, and He consoles us when we are doing good.

These do not mean that listening is easy. Rather, these rules mean that we have a guide to discern and understand when and how God might be operative in our lives. Thus, here are some suggestions based on these first rules of St. Ignatius. 1. Get out of mortal sin: it is mortal, you see, to your spiritual life. Mortal sins, of which there are many, literally separate you from God, like intentionally skipping Sunday Mass among other morally grave matters (if you felt a sting when you read this, that might be God using the first rule!). It's easy, just go to Confession: ask a priest when you see him, make a plan with God, and start anew. 2. Pray through your experiences, thoughts, and desires. Is there peace and joy at all with these? If there is a strong reaction toward or against something, including a vocation, it is worth looking into more.

Fr. Weller

Jesus' name means "God saves"

The angel told Joseph in a dream that this Child was to be called "Jesus, for He will save His people from their sin" (Matthew 1:21). Jesus saves us from our sin by dying on the Cross and then giving us His Resurrected Body in the Eucharist. The Holy Eucharist is the Church's most precious treasure. What a Gift, that we may have a life-giving encounter with Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, thank You for coming into the world to give us the greatest Gift – Yourself in the Holy Eucharist. This week, read the account of the angel appearing to Joseph in Matthew 1:18-25

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 715-422-0900 to make a reservation for a tour.
- Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated from January 28 to February 5. Please join us in our excitement and spread the word about our wonderful ACS schools! All-ACS Mass will be held at 10:00am at SSPP Parish. Bishop Callahan will be joining us.



DLQH KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023
From 4-6 pm at OLQH
School

Please bring your child's birth
certificate and immunization
record.

Questions?
Call Kerry Meinel at
715-422-0901



Job Opening – Assumption Catholic Schools

Is seeking a director of advancement. Will work with the president and other members of the executive team to coordinate advancement, marketing, social media and alumni relations. For more information or to apply contact Daniel Minter President at 715-422-0902

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