

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.

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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

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**, **June 6th 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 Sunday evening Mass is held each Sunday night at 6:00 PM at SS Peter & Paul Parish (1150 2nd St. N.)

SACRIFICIAL GIVING FOR APRIL 2, 2023



General	\$9,627.00
Plate	\$1,231.66
Building Maintenance	\$420.00
Total	\$11,278.66

SACRIFICIAL GIVING FOR APRIL 9, 2023

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\$4,116.00
\$596.00
\$7,029.00
\$20,748.50

Good Friday Collection\$809.00

LECTIONARY READINGS

Readings for the week of April 16, 2023

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34/Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16/1 Pt 1:17-21/

Lk 24:13-35

SANCTUARY CANDLES



The Sanctuary Candles burn the week of April 15–April 21

For the Living & Deceased Members of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish



We welcome to the family of God:

Nora Catherine Wright

Daughter of Robert & Abby (Tyjeski) Wright III

A Pro-Life Rosary will be said on Monday, May 8th 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, April 19th. Please join us in the cafeteria from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. All are welcome to join us.



Do you have unwanted religious items such as medals, rosaries, or holy cards? Do you receive these items in the mail? There is now a box under the prayer intention book for you to deposit these items.

Marriage Prep Retreat: June 24, 2023 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. To register for the retreat, contact Mary Jo Sigourney at 715-572-9748 or stvinred@gmail.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Saturday, April 22: State Knowledge and Free Throw Contest at Assumption. Need many volunteers. Call Duane Spinler to volunteer at (715) 213-5410.

Sunday, April 30: Corporate Communion at Our Lady Queen of Heaven at the 7:30 am Mass. The Fourth Degree Honor Guard will process with a social following.

TV Mass on Spectrum 985 or Solarus 3: OLQH Mass at 9 AM on Wednesday; Diocesan Mass at 6:30 AM on Sunday. Mass is also broadcast on Sunday at 6 AM on WZAW 7.3 (FOX) and at 6:30 AM on WJFW 12.1 (NBC).

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RELIGIOUS FORMATION PROGRAM 6:00-7:15 PM

April 19 - Religious Education Grades 1-10

April 26 - Last Day of Religious Education

First Communion - Sunday, April 30th at 10:00am

ASSUMPTION HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 24th ANNUAL CASH SWEEPSTAKES

\$13,900 in cash prizes, including a \$5000 grand prize and a \$3000 grand prize.

Suggested donation - \$100 - only 550 tickets available.

Drawing on Sunday, May 14, 2023, at approximately 4:00 pm in the gym at Assumption High School. Need not be present to win. Confirmation of entry will be provided.

An entry form is available by contacting Bob Birkhauser at (715) 213-4387(C) or at (715) 886-3158 (H) or Joe Birkhauser at (715) 422-0915 (W).

Return entry and donation to Assumption High School Athletic Dept., 445 Chestnut St., Wi. Rapids, WI 54494.

(Entry forms will be available in bulletin on April 8/9, April 16/17 or April 29/30)

The annual First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center's Walk for Life will be held in Wisconsin



Rapids at Lake Wazeecha on May 6th.

This family friendly event will begin at the South Wood County Shelter House at 10:00 am with registration beginning at 9 am. Fun raffles and concessions will be available. Please join us to help raise \$32,000. All area parishes and individuals are welcome to walk and register with the St. Gianna Walkers for Life (team captain is the Lauren Rubenzer).

To participate or donate you can find more information on the First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center's website: https://www.firstchoiceprc.org/walkforlife.

If you have any questions, feel free to call Lauren Rubenzer 608-234-8502.

See you there!!

Right of Christian Initiation (RCIA/RCIC)

Many people have said that what drew them to the Catholic Church was the Eucharist. As we reflect on recognizing Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread, think for a moment whether there is someone you could invite to Mass and to explore what else the Catholic faith might hold for them. For information, contact Rebecca at reoffice@our-lady.org.

What's on Formed.org for April?

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

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Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage is a beautiful, 30 minute contemplative documentary. This film cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, re-presenting the most important days of human history. Immersed in the real and sacred places of the Holy Land, the pilgrim faithful is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Wild Goose: Discovering a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit

The Wild Goose is a 14-episode series on the Holy Spirit presented by nationally known author and speaker Fr. Dave Pivonka, T.O.R. With beautiful filmmaking and compelling teaching, you are invited into a more profound life-giving relationship with the Holy Spirit.

Easter Sunday: Jesus' Resurrection Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber on Easter Sunday with a Bible Study on the Resurrection of Jesus.

Via Lucis: The Stations of the Resurrection Listen to a full. meditative version of the Via Lucis on the Amen App

Sacred Heart Parish 711 Prospect Avenue, Nekoosa, **Divine Mercy Sunday,** April 16th

1:15 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions

2:45 PM Reflection on Divine Mercy 3:00 PM Chaplet of Divine Mercy;

3:20 PM Benediction / Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

For more information:

(715)424-6279; mariancenterforpeace.org; find us on Facebook.



BINGO

Assumption High School Gym Sunday, April 16th Doors open at noon Play starts at 1:00 pm

Give the gift of FAITH to the TEEN in your life! It's Faith through Fiction!

New Pro-life novel, SECRETS: *The Truth Will Out*, by local author Verity Lucia, serves as a poignant reminder of Our Lord's infinite mercy.

Perfect looks. Perfect boyfriend, Perfect image. High schooler, Elise Thames, has it all under control until one late night and two little pink lines change everything.

After fleeing to Chicago to erase the life growing inside her, Elise begins hearing voices and seeing visions that thrust her into the minds of others. Her newfound telepathy draws out grim insecurities buried within, and Elise's identity as one of the most popular girls at Jefferson High shatters. When news of her **pregnancy** spreads, Elise must face the truth about who she is-and **make a choice**.

Loaded with the Truth and beauty of the Catholic Faith, as well as real-life crisis pregnancy resources, SECRETS is the perfect gift for the teen girl in your life. Available today on Amazon. Learn more at www.VerityLuciaBooks.com

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

With Father Janusz September 25 - October 3, 2023

Due to high demand, Father Janusz is offering a second pilgrimage to the Holy Land for those unable to travel in January. The price for this **once in a lifetime trip is \$2,850**. A down payment of \$1,500 is due no later than July 1st to secure a reservation on the trip.

If you have any questions, please contact me at friktrips@gmail.com or

call the parish office 715-421-5777 for more information.

Itinerary includes: Jerusalem - Bethlehem - Jericho - Dead Sea - Bethany - Cana- Nazareth - Mount Tabor - Mount of Beatitudes - Capernaum - and so much more!

Visit the places Jesus saw and walked and taught at,

and be changed forever!

END OF LIFE DECISION WORKSHOP

Attend a compassionate and timely Adult Education workshop about End of Life Decisions from a Catholic Perspective. Typical questions about end of life: Must medical treatment always be continued? Are Catholics allowed to have Living Wills? What is Church teaching about "Death with Dignity"? How do I make my Catholic health care directive? Fr. Alan Guanella will address these questions and others during this workshop on Thursday, April 20 in the parish cafeteria at 5:45 PM, and will provide steps for putting together a valid Catholic Health Care Directive. Bob Heuermann, Executive Director of Catholic United Financial Foundation, will also be on hand to speak about the financial aspects of end of life

decisions, including final expenses, estate plans, charitable giving, power of attorney and more. This workshop is sponsored by Catholic United Financial and Sale Representative Vicky Giacalone to save your seat call 1-800-441-9949 or email workshops@catholicunited.org.



St. Philip's Parish in Rudolph is having their annual Rummage, Brat and Bake Sale in the church basement, on Friday, April 21st from 8-4 and Saturday, April 22nd from 8-1

UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS

MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023 8:00 am Morning Prayer and Communion Service

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023

9:00 am Mass - Children's Mass † Poor Souls in Purgatory 6:30 pm OLQH School Spring Concert - Church

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023

8:00 am Mass Collective Intentions

- † Jack Carrigan by: The Family
- † Harry Richmond by: The Family
- † Doug Jones by: Ardyce Jones
- † Barbara & Bernice Nitka by: Karen Pagel
- † Eleanor Sazama by: OLQH School Staff
- † W. L., Anne & Eileen O'Connor by: Pat O'Connor

6:00 pm Religious Ed Grades 1-10

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023

5:00 pm Mass † Vivian Heidmann by: The Family 5:45 pm End of Life Decision Workshop - Cafeteria

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023 St. Anselm

8:00 Mass Special Intention

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023

8:00 am Mass † Alexander Reeder by: Mom & Dad

- 8:30 am Confessions
- 3:00 pm Rosary
- 3:30 pm Confessions
- 4:00 pm Mass † Wayne & Joanie Wesenberg by: The Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023 Third Sunday of Easter

7:30 am Mass † Jack Carrigan by: The Family

10:00 am Mass † Robert, Jeanne, Susan Brandl by: The Family

GREETERS



Saturday—April 22 4:00 pm Mark & Jer Ann Reichl Sunday April 23

7:30 am Sue Basler & Kelly Rosekrans 10:00 am Marge Gee & Liz Musc

LECTORS



Saturday—April 22
4:00 pm John Wasshausen
Easter Sunday—April 23
7:30 am Deb Eron
10:00 am Deanna Probandt

HOSPITALITY



Saturday—April 29
4:00 pm Mary Anderson
Sunday—April 30
7:30 am Tom & Joan Freidel
10:00 am Bill & Cheryl Johnson

Stations of the Cross Booklets. If you by chance happened to take home a Station of the Cross booklet during the Season of Lent, please return it to the parish so we can use it next year. We are missing a number of books. Thank You.

PASTORAL THOUGHTS...

Getting My Kids to Go to Mass

Allow me to offer two difficult aspirins to the perpetual headache. The first is for those who still have their kids at home, at any age: parents, reclaim your rightful scepter. Parents are parents because their children are unwise. I often hear the suggestion from parents that they wish to



let their children "choose" their religious practice. To this I promptly respond, "Your child cannot even tie their shoes, nor live on their own, let alone know about eternal realities.' Life lived from merely our own choice is often Hell, and thus God invented limitations and boundaries. My parents gave me rules to guide me to good things, and so my mother made me eat broccoli despite my protests. Thus my father made me go to Mass as long as I was under his roof. To act otherwise was to demand severe consequences, to which my parents had the right; for truly they had my best interest. Mistreating a brother might earn a grounding, but woe to the one in the house who mistreats God by missing Mass on Sunday. Serious consequences follow serious matters. So, power to the parent: you can do it, namely, enforce religious practice, and you must for the salvation of what God has gifted you.

Now the second difficult aspirin is the notion of sacrifice. For this, allow me to recount my mother's enlightenment one Sunday morning, much to my teenage disappointment. A few pews ahead of us was that perfect family, promptly early every Mass, five boys, clad dress shirts, ties and often suits. Prim and proper; the best for God every Sunday. "If those little kids do that every Sunday," declared my mother, "there is no reason we should look like slobs." And she added, to my detestation, "and so no more jeans for you! Just dress pants!" Uggh, I must have groaned, but oh to my benefit! What do we show our youth what is really important? It is what we spend time, money, and energy upon; or maybe more pointedly, it is what we sacrifice for. No longer was Sunday Mass just a thing we had to get to; it was a process and so purposeful. It was sacrificial. No longer was there TV in the morning, no music; we had to read the readings together beforehand, and what a gamechanger. It turned Mass into game-time. Looking back at it now, it seems so reasonable. How was it that we were so busy about the things of the world, but so flippant about eternal realities? In short, if you want your kids to go to Mass, start sacrificing to show just how important Sunday Mass is. We show sacrifice by what we do beforehand to prepare, how we dress, and what we talk about.

A closing note on a rather difficult couple of aspirins. If going to Sunday Mass is difficult to focus on, imagine what it would be like if the priest were handing out a million dollars to everyone who came. You wouldn't dare miss it, would you? How would you prepare? What would you need to confess beforehand to not offend the Giver? How would you look for such a grand reception of honor? Indeed, to those who are properly prepared, there is something much more precious than a check, it is God Himself in a little wafer.

In God's beckoning Love, Fr. Weller

Assumption Catholic Schools News

Registration is open for the 2023-2024 school year!



Please consider the faith-filled opportunities catholic schools that abound at our Assumption Catholic Schools.

Registration is still open and we would be very happy to answer any questions you may have.

Call or email for a tour or check us out online: www.assumptioncatholicschools.org
Mrs. Kerry Meinel 715.422.0901
kmeinel@assumptioncatholicschools.org

K-5 Spring Concerts

Please mark your calendars for:



-Our Lady Queen of Heaven's Spring Concert: April 18 at 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. in the church. -St. Vincent de Paul's Spring Concert April 27 at 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. in the gym. There will be a bake sale to satisfy your sweet tooth after a sweet concert.

Thank you to all our AHS high school helpers!







FOCUS - Feeding Our Communities with United Services (Includes Focus Food Pantry, Focus Backpacks and The Focus Neighborhood Table)

Thank you to St. Mary's volunteer group for filling the shopping carts for clients the week of 3/27 through 3/31. During those 5 days, 123 families with 341 individual members including 15 new families were served. Our numbers continue to increase and we could not serve without our church volunteers who help every 15 weeks.

Please continue to keep the pantry in your thoughts. We appreciates the donation of food, hygiene, money, papers bags and egg cartons. Everything is valued.

FOCUS Food Pantry, Assistant Operations Mgr....Pat







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