

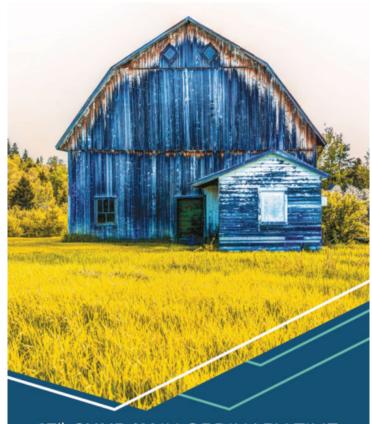
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17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

cerpts from the Lectionary for Mass #2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



PARISH CLERGY

Fr. Alan M. Guanella, JCL • Pastor • fr.guanella@our-lady.org Fr. Steven Weller • Parochial Vicar • fr.weller@our-lady.org Deacon Thomas C. Anderson • dcn.anderson@our-lady.org

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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Maintenance & Grounds	Paul Richmond
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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**, **August 22nd 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 JULY 16, 2023



General	\$19,024.00
Plate	\$1,140.41
Building Maintenance	\$1,105.00
Direct Donation 07-20-23	\$3,037.00
Scrip Rebate May/June	\$609.91
Total	\$24,916.32

LECTIONARY READINGS

Readings for the week of July 30, 2023

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5. 7-12/Ps 119/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

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The Sanctuary Candles burn the week of July 29–August 4 in memory of

Richard Schmutzer By: Diane & Family



Please remember in your prayers

Edward Mudrak

May God grant him eternal rest.

FLEA MARKET AND PICNIC UPDATES

Our Picnic is coming soon!!! August 26-27th.

Saturday, Aug. 26 from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM: Flea Market, Basket Raffles, Brat Fry and more.

Sunday, Aug. 27 from 11:00 AM until 5:00 PM: Flea Market, Basket Raffles, Bake Sale, Food Trucks, Beer Tent, Children's Games, Bingo, DJ, Raffles, Pull-Tabs, and more! See you there!

Thank you for all your donations for the Raffle Baskets and Flea Market. We will still be accepting new items for the Basket Raffle, candy and new items for the Kids' Games. Bins are located by the entrances to the Church. Flea Market items may still be dropped off in the garage. Friday, August 18th will be the last day for all donations for the Flea Market, Basket Raffle and Kid's Games. We will need the week before the picnic to organize everything!

Calling all Bakers...Baked goods are needed for the bake sale for our parish picnic. Items will be accepted all day on Friday, August 25th & Saturday, August 26th and on Sunday morning, August 27th. Please mark any items that contain any major food allergens such as nuts or peanut butter. Thank you!!!

August 7th at 6:30 is our Last Picnic Meeting.
Once again thank you for your continued donations.
PICNIC COMMITTEE

Grief Support Group- Wisconsin Rapids Deanery "Serenity" Grief Support Group meets on the 3rd Monday of the month in the Gathering Space of St Vincent de Paul Church from 1-2 pm. The next meeting is August 21st.

Mission Rosary Makers—The next date is Wednesday, August 2nd. Please join us in the cafeteria from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. All are welcome to join us.



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).

Religious Formation for Grades 1-10

It is time to begin registering for the 2023-24 Our Lady Queen of Heaven's Religious Education program. Elementary and middle school students can attend on campus with an education component for parents or receive materials so that parents and children learn together at home. One year of Religious Formation is required before preparation for Reconciliation/ Eucharist and Confirmation. Registration is available online at https://olqh.regfox.com/faith-formation-registration-2023-2024.

What's on Formed.org for August?

On August 6, we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. In the Transfiguration, the Church shows us our destination. We see where Jesus is leading us - to the promised land, to heaven. The lesson of the Transfiguration is that we need to allow Our Lord to bring us to the mountain, pray with Him, and see His face. Do you know who Jesus is to follow Him? Check out Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, Session 5: Who is Jesus, to learn more.

August 22, we celebrate the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954. But the Blessed Virgin Mary's queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, she is closely associated with Jesus: her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. We can also recall that in the Old Testament, the mother of the king has great influence in court. In his 1954 encyclical To the Queen of Heaven, Pius XII points out that Mary deserves the title because she is the Mother of God because she is closely associated as the New Eve with Jesus' redemptive work, because of her preeminent perfection, and because of her intercessory power. Check out Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, Session 9: Mary and the Saints.



Donations Needed for Picnic Kids' Games:

Candy donations such as suckers, Warheads, Airheads, Jolly Ranchers, Tootsie Rolls, or any candy that does not contain nuts. Children's toy donations such as Hot Wheels, markers.



coloring books, craft items, mini figurines (Marvel, LOL Dolls, or Barbie), Lego items, stress balls or fidgets, yo yos, bubbles, dominoes, pick up sticks type games, stickers, super balls, etc.

FOCUS Food Pantry...Is in need of chicken noodle and tomato soup, elbow and bow tie pasta and hygiene items of shampoo, deodorant and toilet paper and dish soap.

Level I Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will be held this fall for children ages 3-5 on Tuesdays at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School beginning September 19 from 10:00-11:00 am. CGS is a Montessori-based religious formation program for children beginning at the age of 3 years. It seeks to create and facilitate a sacred "hands-on" space for children called an atrium, in which both the children and their catechists can hear, ponder and celebrate the most essential mysteries of the Catholic faith as revealed in the scriptures and the liturgy. Originally developed in Rome by Sofia Cavalleti and Gianna Gobbi in the 1950s, the Catechesis continues to spread world-wide. The cost for the year is \$50. To register, contact Rosemary Hokamp at rhokamp@assumptioncatholicschools.org. Other Level I sessions are offered at St. Philip's in Rudolph and at St. Peter & Paul Catholic church if the above time does not work out for families. Level II and Level III CGS is offered in the Catholic schools for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Parents can sign their children up for these levels as well if you are interested in doing so. Just send an inquiry to the above email.



Raffle Tickets are available for pick up. They are by the parish office. If you don't use your tickets please return them. Thank you.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Thursday, August 10: Council Officer's meeting at Our Lady Queen of Heaven cafeteria at 6:30 pm with the Council Meeting starting at 7:00 pm.

Thursday, August 12: Council will sponsor a brat fry at Westside Quality Foods from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please call Pat Dederich to volunteer at 715 568-4496. Proceeds will go to our Coats for Kids Charity fund.

Monday, August 14: Fourth Degree meeting at Our Lady Queen of Heaven cafeteria starting at 7:00 pm.

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CHURCH PICNIC

At the world-famous Grotto Shrine & Wonder Cave

Sunday, August 6, 2023

Mass at 10:00 in church All activities on grounds

12:00-4:00 Old Time Brass COVERED DANCE FLOOR

CHILDREN'S GAMES BEGIN AT 11:00 am BINGO (for prizes) BEGINS AT 11:00 am

BASKET RAFFLE DRAWING AT 3:30 PM CASH RAFFLE DRAWING AT 4:00 PM (\$3,600 in cash/prizes)

FOOD - REFRESHMENTS - GAMES - RAFFLES















UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS

Monday, July 31, 2023 St. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA 8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2023 ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI 8:00 am Mass † Arthur, Julia & Larry Johnson by: Robert & Carol Heuer

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2023

STS. EUSEBIUS OF VERCELLI & PETER JULIAN EYMARD

8:00 am Mass Collective Intentions

- † Sue Farrell & Dan Kluck by: Doug & Karen Pagel
- † James Krekowski by: The Family
- † Tom Ebacher by: The Family
- † Polly Biot by: Dan McCarville
- † Kay Kelnhofer by: Rosemary & John Hokamp
- **Diocese of La Crosse Seminarians by: Jan Ermilio

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2023

5:00 pm Mass † Clyde, Verna & Sharon Grotefend by: Mike & Cathy Grotefend

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 2023 ST JOHN VIANNEY 8:00 am † Richard Schmutzer by: The Family 8:30 am Adoration & Confessions

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2023

8:00 am Mass † Richard Kiing by: Ron & Jean Borre

8:30 am Confessions

3:00 pm Confessions

3:30 pm Rosary

4:00 pm Mass † Dale TerMaat by: Larry & Jan Lassa

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023

7:30 am Mass † Jackie Ashbeck by: Terese & Paul Olson 10:00 am Mass † Mary Rayome by: Mary & Mike Romag

GREETERS



Saturday—August 5 4:00 pm Gary & Kathi Wierzbicki Sunday August 6 7:30 am Mark & Jeri Ann Reichl

7:30 am Mark & Jeri Ann Reichl 10:00 am Vi Dionne & Marge Gee

LECTORS



Saturday—August 5
4:00 pm Brenda Walczak
Sunday—August 6
7:30 am Mike Hittner
10:00 am Cindy Holberg

SERVERS



Saturday—August 5
4:00 pm Corby Olson, Joe Fidler
Greg Bathke
Sunday—August 6
7:30 am Christian & Cade Statz
10:00 am Paul Richmond,
John Hokamp

A **Pro-Life Rosary** will be said on Monday, August 14th at 4:00 pm along Eighth Street. All are welcome to join us. We will gather in Grace's parking lot at 3:45.



PASTORAL THOUGHTS...

It is such a joy for me to be assigned to Our Lady Queen of Heaven for the summer! While I've been here for almost a month, this is the first weekend that something written by my hand is featured in the bulletin. My time here will be sadly all too short. I will be departing the parish at the end of August. I have



various responsibilities in La Crosse for the diocese. Nevertheless, please take the time to say hi to me after Mass!

My name is David Nowicki, which those of you who are Polish afficionados will recognize my Polish heritage. I was born in the Twin Cities but spent most of my childhood in my extended family's hometown of Athens, Wisconsin. Often as a child I would be found exploring the woods behind my house, playing the drums, or going for a run in the countryside. Despite going to Catholic school through eighth grade and growing up in a Catholic family, I never had any interest in the priesthood as a child. After graduating from Athens High School, I wanted nothing more than to study civil engineering, which I began at the University of Wisconsin—Platteville.

It was at UW-Platteville that the Lord really began opening my heart to His calling. At first I was quite resistant. I remember an instance where I procrastinated a bit too much on a chemistry assignment. While frantically trying to finish it the night before the due date in vain, I received an email from the professor saying that we could turn in our homework the following week. I took this as an *obvious sign* that God wanted me to be an engineer. However, a life-changing encounter with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament during my sophomore year made me desire to follow Him, even though I didn't know what that meant at the time. While I finished up my engineering degree, much of my time was spent growing closer to Christ to discern who He was calling me to be, which by senior year seemed to be the priesthood.

Growing up in Athens, I never thought about the humanity of priests—their families, their hobbies, or even their hopes & fears. Getting to know priests in college helped me recognize that priests are people, too. So it is for the priests here at Our Lady: yes, they are priests, and that is often a calling much different from the rest of us, but they are at the same time still children of God, just like all of us. Hopefully my five-hundred word blurb here has illustrated that. So when you say hi to me after Mass, please be sure to say hi to Fr. Guanella and Fr. Weller too. I know they'll appreciate it!

Rite of Christian Initiation...In celebrating this month of Our Lady's final journey to God in her glorious Assumption, let us ask her motherly intercession to draw souls to the Sacred Heart of her Son. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a journey, too - of conversion to God and what He intends for us. RCIA is the process by which persons who were never baptized or were baptized in another Christian tradition become members of the Church, a people on pilgrimage to our Heavenly Father. Please contact the parish office or Rebecca Zalar at rzalar@our-lady.org for more information.

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS







Join our OLQH team, you will ♥ it!

Our Lady Queen of Heaven School has an opening for a full time teacher aide/paraprofessional (primarily kindergarten with some duties in grades 1 and 2). Hours for this position are 8 am – 4 pm, Monday-Friday, beginning on August 15.

Please email Shelley Bruley at sbruley@assumptioncatholicschools.org or call 715-422-0982.

Not registered yet? Don't fret!

Registration is still open at all of our Catholic schools in the area. Call the enrollment office at 715-422-0901 to plan a visit. Come and find out the many ways in which a Catholic school education would benefit your child, grandchild, niece or nephew, or a little person you love.



The first day of school for ACS students (grades K-11) is Wednesday, August 30.

Please note: The first day of classes for seniors is Monday, August 28.



Sign Up NOW for August 8-12

To schedule your appointment online, go to www.ucdir.com, click on photography appointment scheduling login, enter church code wi273 and password photos. Following the prompts to schedule the appointment. You can also schedule by calling the parish office during regular business hours.

Everyone who is photographed will receive a complimentary 8×10 portrait and a parish pictorial directory. We hope to have full parish participation!



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