

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish

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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**, **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 AUGUST 13, 2023



General	\$7,040.00
Plate	\$1,145.45
Direct Donation 08/10/23	\$7,174.00
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Total	\$15,424.45

LECTIONARY READINGS

Readings for the week of August 20, 2023

Sunday: ls 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106/Mt 19:16-22 Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85/Mt 19:23-30 Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21/Mt 20:1-16 Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145/Jn 1:45-51

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146/Mt 22:34-40 Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128/Mt 23:1-12 Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

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SANCTUARY CANDLES



The Sanctuary Candles burn the week of August 19–August 25 in memory of

William Pavloski & Daughter Sarah By Mary Pavloski



Please remember in your prayers

Donald Williamson

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!

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!!!

Ballroom Dance offered at SSPP in Wis. Rapids.

Fall Dance Session begins September 3!

Beginner, Intermediate and Silver level classes.

For more information or to sign up, please contact the SSPP Parish Office at 715-423-1351

or office@ssppwisrapids.org

A Pro-Life Rosary will be said on Monday, September 11th at 4:00 pm along Eighth Street. All are welcome to join us. We will gather in Grace's parking lot at

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, September 6th. 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.

NOTE: Registrations must be in before Orientation on Wednesday, September 6.

If you have a first-grade student, you must provide proof of baptism if they were not baptized at Our Lady Queen of Heaven.

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.

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.





We are happy to announce that the choir at Our Lady Queen of Heaven will return to singing in September 2023! We are looking for new members, both men and women. Please consider joining our choir. No auditions are required. High school students and adults are all welcome. For more information, please contact the choir director, Mary Englert, at menglert@our-lady.org



OLQH Knitting and Crocheting Group
The knitting and crocheting group will
meet on Friday morning September 7,
2023 at 9:00 AM in the gathering area at
church. Remember there is quite a bit of

donated yarn in the bins. Take it if you can use it. If you are not able to make the meeting, we will continue to work on winter items such as hats, scarves or mittens; and lap blankets for the nursing homes. If you make a winter scarf, please make it at least 8-10 inches wide and about 36-40 inches long. 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.





UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS

MONDAY, August 21, 2023 St. Plus X, Pope 8:00 am Morning Prayer Mass † Joan Koth by: John & Rosemary Hokamp

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2023

THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN 8:00 am Mass † Barbara Niles by: The Family 5:30 pm Baptism Class

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2023 ST Rose of Lima

8:00 am Mass Collective Intentions

- † Jerome Thrun by: Marge Ceplina
- † John Klonowski by: Joyce & Family
- † Larry Gustafson by: Shirley & Don Cantin
- † Dennis Leece by: Mom & Dad
- ** Diocese of La Crosse Seminarians by: Jan Ermilio

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2023 ST BARTHOLOMEW 5:00 pm Mass † William Taylor by: Mary Taylor

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 2023

8:00 am † Janice Stublaski by: Andy & Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023

8:00 am Mass † Philip Lang by: Dorothy Coley

- 8:30 am Confessions
- 3:00 pm Confessions
- 3:30 pm Rosary
- 4:00 pm Mass † Colleen Bord by: Ron Greiner Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023

7:30 am Mass † Jerome Thrun by: Marge Ceplina 10:00 am Mass † Earl & Louise Armagost by: The Family

GREETERS



Saturday, August 26
4:00 pm Lucy Lawrence
Sunday August 27
7:30 am Fran, Shirley & Deb Eron
10:00 am Jim & Mary Krause

LECTORS



Saturday, August 26
4:00 pm Jerry Bach
Sunday, August 27
7:30 am John Benbow
10:00 am Mike Hittner

SERVERS



Saturday—August 26
4:00 pm Corby Olson, Greg Bathke
David Anderson
Sunday—August 27
7:30 am Christian & Cade Statz
10:00 am Noah Unversaw, John Hokamp
Paul Richmond

HOSPITALITY



Saturday—August 19
4:00 pm Rebecca Zalar
Sunday—August 20
7:30 am Shelley Bruley, Kerry Meinel
10:00 am Jeri Ann & Mark Reichl

PASTORAL THOUGHTS...

No Matter How Small

Quite recently I was at my parents' house, and at my suggestion, we watched a movie. The movie box was tucked away, so I thought it would be best to see which ones were easily accessible, and there I discovered the nostalgic 2008 *Horton*



Hears a Who! The Dr. Seuss story is about Horton the Elephant who discovers and saves a tiny speck of dust with an entire society upon it. Throughout the movie, only Horton has the acuity of hearing to detect the existence of the tiny Whos, and as the only one aware of their existence, he is the only one whose heart is moved to defend them from the dangers of the world.

Several things struck me about the story, but maybe just a couple will suffice for this article. Horton's life is changed by a tiny call. Like a man whose life is forever changed by the tiny cry of his baby child, Horton became a caregiver, a father perhaps. When the Whos cry for help, Horton steps up to meet the challenge, and this is what God's call does to us. God's call is a tiny call, quiet, but when heard, it resounds in the walls of our hearts with such noise that we cannot help but answer. Yet we are only moved if we listen, like Horton. God is constantly calling us to heroics in little ways and with quiet voices, through our neighbors asking for help and in the sacred silence of prayer. God's voice echoes in the depths of our conscience, thus helping us to see right and wrong, his will and what is not.

Yet, what struck me even more than the tiny call was the mantra that animated the entire story: "A person's a person, no matter how small." Here the abortion connection becomes guite obvious. Horton was the lone voice of reason amidst the voices that claimed to be reasonable but were otherwise. That speck was more than a speck, just as we know that a fetus is far more than a fetus. Interestingly, it was more than just Horton's view of the Whos that caught my attention, however. Horton not only saw the Whos as persons, but he consistently saw his opponents as persons as well. Throughout the movie, he never fails to see goodness in everyone he meets, even those who attack him. Here we find a powerful lesson for us who defend life. There is hypocrisy if we claim to defend life while hating those who disagree. Pro-life means that we are pro-life inside and outside the womb, and inside and outside our religion. Love is the standard we aim for, in all circumstances, even if that sometimes looks like reprimanding or correcting, but never hatred.

A person's a person, no matter how small. In Christ, ~~Fr. Weller

SCAM ALERT—The scammers are at it again. The priests of the parish will <u>never</u> ask you via social media or email to purchase gift cards or send money to them. Always check with the parish office if there is suspicious communication from one of the parish clergy.

The United Way of South Wood/Adams Counties would like to say thank you for the generous donation of school supplies for Stuff the Bus. There was a great turnout and many supplies were able to be distributed to students in our community. We could not make this event as successful as it is every single year without the help of our wonderful community. A huge thank you to everyone involved!

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- St. Vincent De Paul Elementary (3-5) 715-422-0960
- Assumption Catholic Middle School (6-8) 715-422-0950
- Assumption Catholic High School (9-12) 715-422-0910

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The first day of the 2023-2024 school year is just around the corner. Our dedicated team of educators has been working throughout the summer to prepare for another great school year in which our students will encounter Christ daily and experience academic excellence. The 2023-2024 school year kicks off on Monday, August 28 for seniors and Wednesday, August 30 for K-11 students.



Sign Up NOW for September 5-9 —This is the last session.—

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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