




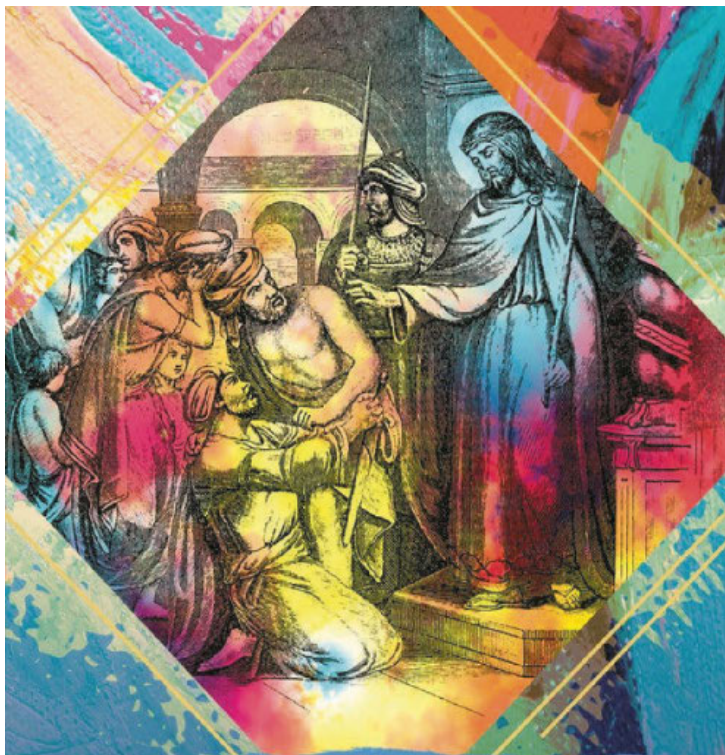
# Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish

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Please submit bulletin notices to [bulletin@our-lady.org](mailto:bulletin@our-lady.org) by noon on Monday.



## 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?”  
- Mt 18:33-35

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### PARISH CLERGY

Fr. Alan M. Guanella, JCL • *Pastor* • [fr.guanella@our-lady.org](mailto:fr.guanella@our-lady.org)  
Fr. Steven Weller • *Parochial Vicar* • [fr.weller@our-lady.org](mailto:fr.weller@our-lady.org)  
Deacon Thomas C. Anderson • [dcn.anderson@our-lady.org](mailto: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  
[jsievers@our-lady.org](mailto:jsievers@our-lady.org)  
Director of Religious Education ..... Rebecca Zalar  
[reoffice@our-lady.org](mailto:reoffice@our-lady.org)  
Choir Director ..... Mary Englert  
Maintenance & Grounds ..... Paul Richmond  
Custodian ..... LuAnne Birkhauser  
Sacristan ..... Karen Pagel

### 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.assumptioncatholicsschools.org](http://www.assumptioncatholicsschools.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](http://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, October 3rd 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 10, 2023



General	\$6,731.00
Plate	\$1,092.55
Building Maintenance	\$210.00
Direct Donation 09-10-23	\$7,174.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,207.55</b>

## LECTIONARY READINGS

### Readings for the week of September 17, 2023

Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35  
 Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28/Lk 7:1-10  
 Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101/Lk 7:11-17  
 Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111/Lk 7:31-35  
 Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19/Mt 9:9-13  
 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49/Lk 8:1-3  
 Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100/Lk 8:4-15  
 Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/  
 Mt 20:1-16a

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The Sanctuary Candles burn the week of September 16–September 22 in memory of

**Leonard & Loretta Vakoc**  
By: Sue Morgan



**Blake Kellerman & Crystal Moon**



Please remember in your prayers

**Marvin Kehrberg**  
**Margaret "Peggy" Kubisiak**

May God grant them eternal rest.

### Parish Family Sundays - Ministry Fair

Join us after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on **Sept. 24th** for donuts, coffee, and cider in the cafeteria. Please stop by the many tables set up to learn more about our different ministries at the Parish. Depending on the weather, games such as Noah's Ark will be played outside or in the downstairs gym. **SAVE THE DATE!** November 19 will be our next Parish Family Sunday event.



**BINGO IS BACK AT ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS!!!**

Doors will open at Noon with BINGO starting at 1:00PM. Located at Assumption High School gymnasium.  
**NEW THIS YEAR! Progressive Blackout and a 50/50 Raffle • All Ages Are Welcome**  
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Any questions? Please contact Jill Vruwink, ACS Royal Parents President @ 715-252-3451 or email: jilvrwink@gmail.com

**BINGO DATES**


- September 17
- October 1 & 15
- November 5 & 19
- December 3
- January 7 & 21
- February 4 & 18
- March 3 & 17
- April 7 & 21
- May 5

Proceeds Benefiting Assumption Catholic Schools Royal Parents and weekly individual ACS groups

**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 September 18th.

**A Pro-Life Rosary** will be said on Monday, Oct. 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, September 20th. 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 PROGRAM 6:00–7:15 PM

All classes have now begun. Please get in touch with the Religious Ed office if you have a child attending a public school but have not registered for classes.

Thank you to all of our wonderful Catechists this year!

<b>Marty Ziolkowski</b>	<b>Therese Miller</b>
<b>Patsy Kell</b>	<b>Samantha Franz</b>
<b>Dawn Wenker</b>	<b>Haley Hintz</b>
<b>Deanna Scholz</b>	<b>Lydia Smits</b>

### NEW: Children's Bulletins

Based on the Sunday readings, children's bulletins will be available for children 3-6 and 7-12 in the gathering space. These bulletins introduce children to God's Word and encourage them to learn about Jesus in an imaginative and enjoyable way.

**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](mailto:rzalar@our-lady.org) for more information.

<p><i>St. James</i> <b>CHARCOAL CHICKEN DINNER</b> September 17th</p> <p><b>MASS</b> 9:30 Mass St. James Catholic Church Vesper, WI</p> <p><b>MEAL</b> 11:00-1:00 Charcoal Chicken Dinner \$12 per plate (Includes 1/2 chicken, baked potato, beans, coleslaw, dinner roll, &amp; dessert) ***Carryouts Available***</p> <p><b>KIDS</b> Kids Hot Dog Plate \$3 per plate</p> <p><b>FUN</b> Bake Sale &amp; Kids Games</p>	<p><b>St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish</b> <b>Fall Harvest Chicken Dinner</b> Sunday, October 1, 2023</p> <p>Serving 10:00am–1:00pm Featuring Ambroasted Chicken Dine-in and Carry-out</p> <p>Adults \$12 Children (6-12) \$5 (5 &amp; Under) Free</p> <p>Basket Raffle Country Store 50/50 Raffle Silent Auction</p> <p>Dinner will be held in the St. Maximilian Kolbe Social Hall Mass Times 8:30am and 10:00am</p> <p><small>St. Maximilian Kolbe   8611 State Highway 54, Almond WI   715-624-5380</small></p>
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### Parish Picnic Meeting Wrap Up

There will be a meeting on Monday, September 18th in the gathering area at 6:30 pm Picnic Finances will be discussed. Also we are looking for new Chairpersons to head up the picnic for next year. If interested, please call the parish office or talk to Deacon Tom & Mary Anderson.

## Adult Faith Formation Book Study

Can't join us on Thursday mornings to read *A Devotional Journey Into The Mass* by Christopher Carstens? You can still pick up a book for \$5 in the parish office and read the book on your own.

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is offered in the following locations/times:**

**OLQH** - Tuesday 10-11:15am Level 1 & 2

**St Philip** - Wednesday 4-5:30PM & 6-7:30PM  
Level 1, 2, & 3

**SS Peter & Paul** - Friday 9-10:30 Level 1

**To Register email - [cgs@acswr.org](mailto:cgs@acswr.org)** Classes will begin in September. Is God calling you to be involved in CGS? Please let us know! Formation Courses are offered all year round and it is a VERY rewarding ministry.

## What's on Formed.org?

**Heresies** - Throughout the centuries, heresies have remained a prominent part of our culture and an opponent to truth. Yet, because of them, the Church has clarified her teachings and doctrine. In this series, Dr. James Prothro and Dr. Chris Mooney delve into heresies and the Church's response to all of them. Learn about the historical context from which they emerged, the saints that fought against them, and the many ways they continue to plague our culture today

**Serenity Prayer** - Written by American theologian Reinhold Niebuhr, the Serenity Prayer helps us to rely on the Lord and place our trust in Him. This short video offered on FORMED brings the prayer into focus and allows viewers to spend time dwelling on each word as they speak it within their hearts. It is a great prayer for the morning or to wrap up the day and can be a helpful reminder for each person as we continue to seek the Lord with everything we do.



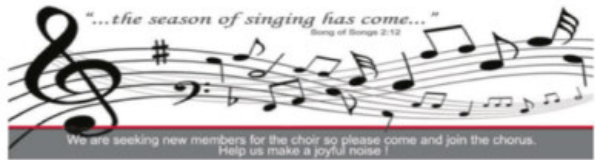
## PLEASE SLOW DOWN IN OUR PARKING LOT Running Late?

Every now and then things get away from us and we get a late start to our day. Please do not make our parking lot the place to "make up time". We have so many precious gifts of all ages with us beginning very early in the morning with child care and daily Mass. Slow down, enjoy the atmosphere, say a little prayer for your day to go better... anything rather than speeding. **Please do not drive past the barriers in the parking lot. It is a no parking area. Please do not park in the bus loading zone. It is along the sidewalk in front of the 10th Ave church entrance. Please look for the NO PARKING SIGNS. Parents please do not drop your children off at the church drive up, please use the children's drop off area. Please do not park and get out of your car in the pick up line for the children. Do not block Father's driveway. If he is called for an emergency he must be able to leave right away. Thank You!**

### School is back in Session

## CALLING ALL BAKERS! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Your generosity for the church picnic bake sale was unsurpassed! We appreciate all who donated baked goods or worked at the bake sale. God Bless you all!!



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](mailto:menglert@our-lady.org)

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Monday, September 11:** Fourth Degree Fall Dinner with the ladies at Sacred Heart Parish in Nekoosa. The social will begin at 5:30 pm with the dinner at 6:30 pm. Invitations have been sent.

**Thursday, September 14:** Council Officer's meeting at Our Lady Queen of Heaven cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. with the Council Meeting starting at 7:00 p.m.

## STOCKBOXES

Stocking your pantry for better choices!

Typical items: Juice, cereal, canned/dry milk, canned fruits and vegetables, canned meat, canned soup, peanut butter and rice, instant potatoes or pasta and American cheese.



### REGISTER FOR YOUR BOX TODAY!

Stockboxes are FREE. Pre-registration is required.

**2023 DATES:**  
 Wed, Jan 18 — Tue, July 18  
 Tue, Feb 14 — Tue, Aug 15  
 Tue, Mar 21 — Tue, Sept 19  
 Tue, Apr 18 — Tue, Oct 17  
 Tue, May 16 — Tue, Nov 14  
 Wed, June 21 — Tue, Dec 19

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**TIME:**  
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★ **Registration Deadline:** Register to receive your box no later than the Tuesday before the pickup date.

### ELIGIBILITY:

Age 60+ AND Household income per month (before taxes and deductions):

- \$1,580 or less for 1 person household
- \$2,137 or less for 2 person household
- Add \$557 for each additional person in the household

### REGISTRATION:

- United Way: Dial 2-1-1 or call 877-947-2211
- Mon- Fri: 8:00am-5:00 pm

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Don't Connect. Get Help.

• OR fill out this online form to register\*  
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## OCTOBER 21ST 2023

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Need help with leaf raking this fall? United Way will send volunteers to help! Elderly and disabled community members can register by calling 211, or by calling the United Way office at 715-421-0390.

REGISTRATION ENDS OCTOBER 6TH - CALL TODAY!

## UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 ST. JANUARIUS

9:00 am Children's Mass † Gail Seefeldt by: Mom & Dad

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

STS. ANDREW KIM TAE-GÖN, PAUL CHÖNG HA-SANG & COMPANIONS

8:00 am Mass Collective Intentions

† Douglas Borre by: Mom & Dad

† Damien Grube by: The Bowman Family

† Marvin Kehrberg by: The Family

† W. L. Anne & Eileen O'Connor by: Pat O'Connor

6:00 pm Religious Education Classes Grades 1-8

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023 ST. MATTHEW

9:00 am Bible Study

5:00 pm Mass † Roy & Kevin Klawitter, Dan Wirtz by: Betty Klawitter

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2023

8:00 am † Philip Lang by: Marvin & Betty Erdmann

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

8:00 am Mass † Glen Zieher by: The Family

8:30 am Confessions

3:00 pm Confessions

3:30 pm Rosary

4:00 pm Mass † Mike & Mary Walloch by: The Family

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

7:30 am Mass † Loretta Aschenbrenner by: Tom & Joan Freidel

10:00 am Mass † Scott Lobner by: Mom

## GREETERS



Saturday, September 23

4:00 pm Lucy Lawrence

Sunday, September 24

7:30 am Confirmation Class

10:00 am Confirmation Class

## LECTORS



Saturday, September 23

4:00 pm Doris Seifert

Sunday, September 24

7:30 am Deb Eron

10:00 am Nick Marti

## SERVERS



Saturday—September 23

4:00 pm Joe Fidler, Mason Hackman  
David Anderson

Sunday—September 24

7:30 am Cade & Christian Statz

10:00 am Braeden Peters, John Hokamp  
Noah Unversaw

## HOSPITALITY



Saturday—September 23

4:00 pm Mary Anderson

Sunday—September 24

7:30 am Tom & Joan Freidel

10:00 am Bill & Cheryl Johnson

## PASTORAL THOUGHTS...

### Truman Truth

Recently I have been catching up on some nostalgic classics that had some vague bearing on my childhood memory. The most recent of these is *The Truman Show*, a 1998 movie about a man, Truman, who slowly discovers and escapes a TV show in which he is the unwitting star. Unsurprisingly, like all good stories, the movie takes up some Christian themes, most notably the human need for truth. "The truth will set you free," says our Lord, and so the Christian journey to freedom from sin and death is only found in the truth, which is literally how God sees things. God's sight is truth, and only until one sees as God sees, can freedom occur. It is no wonder, then, why so many of Jesus' miracles concern healing the blind; his salvific mission in many ways is to help humanity see correctly.

The two forces at play in the movie are the star Truman and the director Christof, who created Truman's TV world. Throughout the movie, Christof sees himself as Truman's savior and champion, and thus I find it no accident that his name derives from *Christ*. Christof sees his world for Truman as a world with the "same lies" as the real world, but unlike the real world, his world has "nothing to fear." Here we can see the subtle and classic Satanic move, the controlling of fear. God's world frequently appears to us as scary because it is so raw and intimate, vulnerable and delicate; and yet so often God demands of us to "be not afraid." Satan's solution to the fearful suffering world is fundamentally controlling and hiding; fear leads us to protect, grasp, medicate. Fear is his bidding because it makes us retreat into perfectly safe worlds, but they are boring worlds that are numb and without love. These are the homes of sinners, and we, myself included, are so familiar with what that is like, for we all sin, hide, and retreat into the comfortable.

God's solution to suffering is fundamentally opposite of Satan's approach. Where Satan would have us hide from suffering, God would have us accept suffering. For a safe world is one without love. This is the world Truman desires. He is discontent with the safe world, for he would rather have the dangerous and true world where he at least knows authentic love. Truman finds himself in the middle of the age-old battle, like all of us. We have a choice, like Truman. On the one hand, we could embrace the fake world of hiding from evils, problems, sufferings, sins, addictions, and any number of other bad things; but then we would find ourselves in a fake world without love. Or, on the other hand, we could sail into the dangerous world of authentic interaction, honesty, love, empathy, suffering, service, and truth, for the truth will set us free.

The truth will set you free, Fr. Weller



## ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



School is in full swing and students in grades K-12 are busy learning curriculum, participating in weekly Mass, and learning about the virtue of faith through the *Virtue=Strength* Catholic virtue-based formation program. ACS is a great place to be as we learn academics and grow in our faith!

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### Scenes from OLQH



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