




# Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish

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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

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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](http://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](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 date has not been determined. 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 NOVEMBER 12, 2023

Because of an early bulletin deadline financial information will be in the next bulletin.

**SCAM ALERT**—The scammers are at it again. The priests of the parish will never 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.

## LECTIONARY READINGS

### Readings for the week of November 19, 2023

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128/1 Thes 5:1-6/ Mt 25:14-30

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119/ Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/ Mt 25:31-46

## ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

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## SANCTUARY CANDLES



The Sanctuary Candles burn the week of November 18–November 24

**For the Living & Deceased Members of the Carolyn Hanneman Family**

### December 24th Children's Nativity & Mass

We are in the planning stages for this year's Children's Mass at 4:00 pm on Dec. 24th. If your child age 5 and older would like to participate in the Gospel Narrative, call the church office to sign up (715-423-1251).



### Thanksgiving Food Collection

Non-perishable food items

Tuesday, November 21st

9:00 am School Mass

Thursday, November 22nd

9:00 am Thanksgiving Mass

The items will be donated to the local food pantry.



### Operation Christmas Child

**Please return the boxes by November 15th. They are also taking donations of money (\$10) to cover shipping costs. Thank you!!**

**MAGNIFICAT:** There are extra copies of the Magnificat for \$3 each. They are located on the counter by the sink in the gathering area. You can pay at the office.

### Post-Abortion Healing Ministry in the Diocese of La Crosse.

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Project Rachel Ministry offers a compassionate heart and confidential help. Call 608.860.6698 or email [projectrachel@diolc.org](mailto:projectrachel@diolc.org).

**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 November 20th.

**A Pro-Life Rosary** will be said on Monday, Dec. 11th 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, December 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 PROGRAM 6:00–7:15 PM

**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.

### What's New on Formed.org for November?

#### Bread of Life: The Eucharist in Galilee



Christ's teaching about the Eucharist was not reserved solely for the Last Supper. Rather, this profound mystery is the crescendo of Jesus' entire ministry: all his work in Galilee prepared for and pointed to the Eucharist. Join Dr. Tim Gray in Bread of Life: The Eucharist in Galilee for an exciting five-part series about Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist.

#### Littlest Saints

Littlest Saints features the lives of the saints as told by kids. In each episode, a young child dons a habit, a cassock, a uniform, anything and everything, and acts out a different heavenly hero's story, full of drama, comedy, and everything in between.

### COMING SOON TO STS. PETER AND PAUL CHURCH IN WIS. RAPIDS

#### The Miracle and Message of Fatima

An opportunity to learn about the Fatima Message for our times and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Barb Ernster, national coordinator for the World Apostolate of Fatima/Our Lady's Blue Army, will be giving a presentation on the message of Fatima, especially relevant for our times, and the importance of the Devotion to the Immaculate Heart, as the Blessed Mother announced at Fatima in 1917.

Barb will present the story, the miracles and the message—a message of hope and peace for our hearts, our homes and a world in need—with photos and stories from Fatima and the three children, who reached the highest levels of true devotion to Jesus through Mary.

Our Lady of Fatima told the three children on July 13, 1917, "If what I tell you is heeded, many souls will be saved and there will be peace." She requested the prayer of the Rosary daily, "especially in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, because only she can help you."

The Blessed Virgin Mother came from Heaven to show us the pathway to God, through her Immaculate Heart. Her invitation extends to all her children, for all time. It is known as the Peace Plan from Heaven.

Monday, Nov. 20, 2023

6 p.m.

Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Wisconsin Rapids (basement)

Light food and beverage will be provided.

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish (Almond, WI) is pleased to announce that we have a new and improved pilgrimage trip to Ireland!

September 11-21, 2024

This is an amazing trip that will include many national landmarks, cathedrals, castles and many other beautiful sites of Ireland.

The flight will be direct and the experiences breathtaking. The trip is planned using a local experienced agent, and US based travel agency.

The estimated tour cost is \$3,999.00 (double occupancy)

**Those interested can contact Mary at 715-340-7217 with any questions, to request a copy of the itinerary,**

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### De Olde Madrigal Feast

During the Renaissance period it was traditional for members of the royal courts of Europe to gather for great feasts during the holiday season. These events included good food, good wine, singing of songs, the telling of the Christmas story as well as other stories and general merriment! The Merry Carolers Madrigal Troupe has recreated this wonderful experience for you to share with your church, friends and loved ones! Come join us for a wonderful dinner, lots of fun, and a generous serving of incredible holiday music and spirit!

**Saturday, December 9th**

**St. Maximilian Kolbe Church Social Hall**

8611 Hwy 54, Almond, WI 54909

**Cocktail Hour: 5:00 p.m.**

**Dinner Show: 6:00 p.m.**

**Individual Seats \$45**

**Tables of 8: \$360**

**Call 703.509.5180 to order your tickets.**

### Christmas Cookie Sale

St James Parish, Vesper is having their annual Christmas Cookie Sale. Orders are due November 26<sup>th</sup> and can be mailed with payment to St James Parish, PO BOX 68, Vesper WI 54489. Please make checks payable to St. James Parish. The cookies will be baked fresh during the week of December 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> and you will be notified of your pickup dates. Order forms are available in the gathering area or by contacting us @ 715.305.1930.



**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

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

Doors will open at Noon with BINGO starting at 1:00PM. Located at Assumption High School gymnasium.

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Join us for a Community Thanksgiving Dinner

**TAKE OUT MEAL AT NO COST**

Thursday November 23, 2023

11am-1pm

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Monday November 6th thru Tuesday November 14th, 2023

Please call between 9am-3pm (daily-no weekend calls) or email: RapidsCTD@gmail.com



PICK UP WILL BE LOCATED AT 311 14TH ST WISCONSIN RAPIDS

**Greetings from the Social Justice Committee:**

What a generous and loving parish we have. As the coat collections ended, we have donated over 125 coats to the community. Thank you so much. **A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus who donated approximately 50 brand new children's coats.** Also thank you to the knitters/crocheters of the parish who made mittens and hats to accompany many of the coats.

Coats were delivered to OLQH and SVDP grade schools. Wood County Jail, Wood County Social Services, The Shepherd's Loft, ODC Industries for the disabled, ODC Opportunity for Hope, The Family Center, Mary's Place, Love it Again Thrift Store and coat racks around town. Thank you for sharing your blessings.

We are already working with Wood County Human Services and hope to have the Giving tree up by Thanksgiving. As you do your planning, those gifts should be returned by about December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**HOSPITALITY**



**Saturday—November 25**  
 4:00 pm Rebecca Zalar  
**Sunday—November 26**  
 7:30 am Shelley Bruley/Kerry Meinel  
 10:00 am Jeri Ann & Mark Reichl

**UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2023**

8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023**

*THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY*  
 9:00 am Children's Mass † Kathy Siegler by: Jack Siegler

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2023** *ST. CECILIA*

8:00 am Mass Collective Intentions

- † Gordon Boerner by: Dee Boerner
- † Marvin Kehrberg by: The Family
- † Tom Kniech by: Verlyn & Kay Ashbeck
- † Intentions of Carole Virnig by: The Marian Center
- † Karen Compton by: The Family
- † Bob Auclair by: Sandy Huber
- † Dan Weinfurter, Debbie (Beck) Schwandt by: Weinfurter Family
- † James Schmutzer by: The Family

**NO Classes-Religious Formation Classes-Thanksgiving Break**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2023** *Thanksgiving*

9:00 am Mass † Frank & Gertrude Hittner by: The Family

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2023** *ST. ANDREW DŨNG-LẠC & COMPANIONS*

**NO MASS**  
**Parish Offices Closed**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2023**

8:00 am Mass † Jim Fieber 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, NOVEMBER 26, 2023**

7:30 am Mass † Jerome Thrun by: Marge Ceplina  
 10:00 am Mass † Paul Richmond by: The Family

**GREETERS**



**Saturday, November 25**  
 4:00 pm Lucy Lawrence  
**Sunday, November 26**  
 7:30 am Fran, Shirley, Deb Eron  
 10:00 am Jim & Mary Krause

**LECTORS**



**Thursday, November 23**  
 9:00 am Mike Hittner  
**Saturday, November 25**  
 4:00 pm Carol Dean  
**Sunday, November 26**  
 7:30 am Deb Eron  
 10:00 am Cindy Holberg

**Lectors: New lector books are available for pick up. They are on a table in the gathering area.**

**SERVERS**



**Thanksgiving Day—Kelly Rosekrans**  
**Saturday—November 25**  
 4:00 pm Corby Olson, Greg Bathke  
 Dave Anderson  
**Sunday—November 26**  
 7:30 am Cade & Christian Statz  
 10:00 am Katharina & Jakob Gokey  
 Tegan Korte



## PASTORAL THOUGHTS...

### Purgatory and Perfection

Purgatory can seem like some elusive thing that Catholics believe. It is time for a refresher on what it is and why it is a necessary teaching of the Church in this month of November when we pray especially for the dead in purgatory. Firstly, purgatory is the *purge-a-tory*: it is simply the place where things are purged before they go to heaven. Heaven is a permanent state of perfect union with God where sin, death, and imperfection are not possible. Therefore, imperfect things going to heaven need to be *purged* of imperfection. Catholics need never be embarrassed of this teaching, as it is one of the most ancient teachings in the Church. First century catacomb tombs have inscriptions of prayers upon them for the dead who are on their way to heaven, as well as inscriptions imploring travelers to pray for the deceased in the tomb. In short, early Christians believed that the faithful departed did not go "straight to heaven." Rather, the dead needed prayers of assistance before they could reach the heavenly homeland.

Numerous scriptures hint at purgatory, but the most clear I know of is Luke 12:43-48. Here, Jesus describes what will happen to those who are unprepared for his final return at the end of time. The wicked servant will be "cut to pieces" and put with the "unbelievers," which is clearly Hell. Yet, he provides a couple other options for servants not so wicked. These will be "beaten" either a lot or a little, but do not end up with the unbelievers. In other words, there is some other punishment for those who are not outright wicked servants, and it is less than Hell. In short, it is purgatory. If you ever find yourself in need of arguing for purgatory, I find this the best scripture to use.

Now it is important for a Catholic to understand why many people do not believe in purgatory. The first reason is that "purgatory" is not in the Bible; but then again, neither are the words "Trinity," nor "incarnation." The Church has given these technical names to certain doctrines over time, just like purgatory was given its name over time; so that argument should not sway any serious debater.

The second and biggest reason people do not believe purgatory is Protestantism which sees purgatory as a violation of the doctrine "salvation by grace alone." Basically, the problem Protestants see is that purgatory makes it seem like our prayers and actions are saving souls instead of God. The problem with this thinking is that all Christians do this all the time when we pray for others. God often dispenses graces *through* creation: our prayers, actions, sacraments, and most of all through His Son's created flesh and cross. I encourage you to pray for the dead this month, and praise God for His gracious gift of purgatory!

God bless you all,  
Fr. Weller



**Christmas Bake Sale...** We are having a Christmas bake sale on the weekend of Dec. 9/10 before and after all of the Masses. You can drop off your delicious baked goods on Friday morning until noon and on Saturday morning.

Thank you so much for your contributions. Please mark any items that contain any major food allergens such as nuts or peanut butter.



## ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS

### A Prayer for Thanksgiving

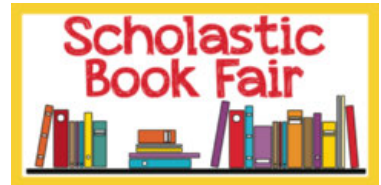
Loving God,  
We turn our hearts to you on this day for giving thanks, mindful of your many gifts.  
For each one, we are grateful.  
For each one, we are blessed.  
For each one we are opened to the abundance of your love.  
May this Thanksgiving Day offer a reminder to be generous with others, as you are with us.  
We praise you.  
We rejoice in you.  
We give you thanks.  
Amen.



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St. Vincent de Paul School will be holding their book fair December 3-10. Great for stocking stuffers and our book lovers



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### ACS CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

- \*12/4/23 6:30 pm AMS/AHS Christmas Choral Concert @ Assumption Souper Supper at 5:00 pm
- \*12/7/23 SVDP Christmas Concert @ SVDP Dress Rehearsal (Guests Welcome) @ 2:30 pm Concert 6:30 pm

Enjoy the book fair before and after the concerts.

- \*12/11/23 6:30 pm ACS Christmas Band Concert @ Assumption, Souper Supper @ 5:00 pm
- \*OLQH Christmas \*12/12/23 OLQH Dress Rehearsal @ 2:30 pm 6:30 pm Concert



Cranberry Classic High School Basketball Tournament at Assumption H.S. in Wisconsin Rapids, Friday, November 24 and Saturday, November 25, 2023. Eight (8) JV and Varsity basketball games each day.

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