




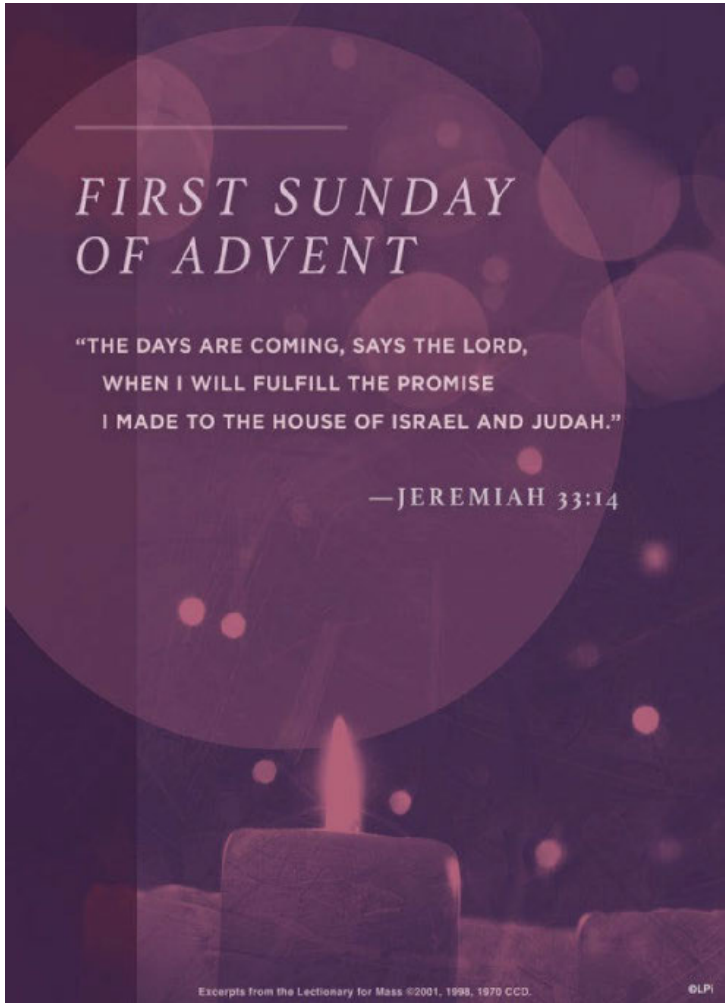
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CONFESSION

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 date is January 2nd 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 NOVEMBER 19, 2023



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| General | \$12,842.75 |
| Plate | \$933.15 |
| Building Maintenance | \$245.00 |
| Total | \$14,020.90 |

SACRIFICIAL GIVING FOR NOVEMBER 26, 2023

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| General | \$6,912.00 |
| Plate | \$1,093.00 |
| Building Maintenance | \$300.00 |
| Direct Donation 11/20/23 | \$3,782.00 |
| Total | \$12,087.00 |

Collection for Propagation of the Faith.....\$2,826.00

LECTIONARY READINGS

Readings for the week of December 3, 2023

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80/1 Cor 1:3-9/ Mk 13:33-37
 Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122/Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23/Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118/Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
 Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

SANCTUARY CANDLES



The Sanctuary Candles burn the week of December 2–December 8 in memory of

Eleanor & William Slattery

By: The Family



Please remember in your prayers

Gail Ashenbrener

May God grant her eternal rest.

December 24th Children's Nativity & Mass

We are in the planning stages for this years 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).



January Bible Study

Join us for our next Adult Faith Formation Study on The Book of Ruth. Books for this study cost \$13. We will begin on January 4th at 9:00 am in the gathering space. To order a book please get in touch with the parish office.

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 December 18th.

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).

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Pop-up Movie: December 12

Join us for a viewing of *Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message* on December 12 after the 9:00 am Mass. This video traces the history of this transformative event from the 16th century to the present. Featuring interviews with leading theologians, historians, and experts on the scientific inquiries into the miraculous image, this gripping film explores both the inexplicable mysteries behind the image and the continued relevance of the Guadalupe apparition to the modern world. Video is 58 minutes long

What's on Formed.org for Advent?

Rooted: Rediscover the Jesse Tree this Advent



This new 22-episode series guides Catholics through a daily Advent reflection using the Jesse Tree model traditionally practiced by families. Each seven-minute episode introduces the ancestors of Jesus Christ, shares a Scripture passage, and offers an engaging, practical reflection. Hosted by Dr. Scott Hefelfinger *Rooted* helps viewers apply the passage and related teachings to each day of Advent, guided by the Church's teaching. Episodes begin on December 3, the First Sunday of Advent, and end on December 24, the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

Drawing Closer to God

Journey through Advent with the whole family! Art teacher Ms. Kim teaches children to draw different scenes from the Christmas story, including the Annunciation, the shepherds' visit, the Nativity scene, and more. With compelling storytelling, Ms. Kim highlights key Scripture and details of Catholic tradition. As kids follow along and learn new art skills, they also learn to see the connections between the big picture of God's story and their place within it.



PARISH FAMILY CHRISTMAS

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BAKE SALE WILL BE AFTER EACH MASS



“KEEP THEM WARM” TREE

During this Christmas season our familiar bare tree, located across from the Parish Office anxiously awaits new children and adult mittens, hats, slippers, clothing, etc.; any new items that will keep our less fortunate friends warm during the cold winter months. If you prefer, new toys for children or useful items for adults are also welcome.

Items will be collected now through December 21st and distributed to area families.

Christmas Blessings to our Parish family!

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Council of Catholic Women (CCW)

“The fruit of love is service, which is compassion in action.”

~Mother Teresa



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3200 Plover Rd, Plover
“All You Can Eat
Pancake Breakfast”
Sunday, December 10, 2023
Serving 8:30AM to Noon

Solemnity of Our Lady of Guadalupe December 12, 2023

Nearly 500 years ago, Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Saint Juan Diego in Mexico. The Solemnity of Our Lady of Guadalupe is Dec. 12th. All are invited to celebrate at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in La Crosse, WI. The day includes a Bilingual Mass offered by Cardinal Burke. Learn more at GuadalupeShrine.org/events !

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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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Monday, December 11: Fourth Degree Christmas Party with the ladies at Sacred Heart Parish in Nekoosa. The social will begin at 5:30 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm. Invitations will be sent.

Thursday, December 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.

Sunday, December 17: Council Christmas Party at Our Lady Queen of Heaven cafeteria. Doors will open at 2:30 pm with chowder being served starting at 3:00 pm. Bingo will follow. All members, their wives, and families are invited. The price is \$5.00 per person with those under 12 free.

Reservations are required by December 13th and can be made by calling Bill Plante at (715) 421-1698 or Len Schliesman at (715) 423-1296.

Saturday, December 30: The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Corporate Communion Mass at the 4:00 pm Mass at Our Lady Queen of Heaven. All members are invited and the Fourth Degree Honor Guard will process.



NEW LOCATION: All are welcome to celebrate the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** on **Tuesday, December 12th** at **St. Bronislava Catholic Church** 3200 Plover Road, Plover, WI, and venerate the sacred relic image of Our Lady of Guadalupe! The day will begin with 6:00 AM

Las Mañanitas, later followed by 4:00 PM Confessions offered in both English and Spanish, and a 5:30 PM Spanish Mass. The celebration will continue with a potluck meal and entertainment provided by Mariachi musicians.

For more information: 715-424-6279; mariancenterforpeace.org; find us on Facebook.

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.



UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023 *St. John Damascene*
8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023
9:00 am Mass † Poor Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023 *St. Nicholas*

8:00 am Mass Collective Intentions
† James Krekowski by: The Family
† Ted Mitchell by: Karen Pagel
† Bob Hanley by: Tom & Joan Freidel
† Marvin Kehrberg by: The Family
† Helen Ponczoch by: Dan McCarville
† Mary Tomlinson by: John & Rosemary Hokamp
† Gunny, Mona, Eileen O'Connor by: Pat O'Connor
6:00 pm -Religious Formation Classes-Grades 9-10

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023 *St. Ambrose*

5:00 pm Vigil Mass - *IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY*
† Edith Tomsyck by: Ron & Jean Borre

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023 *HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION*

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
9:00 am Children's Mass † Don & Diane Slattery by: The Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023

8:00 am Mass † Living & Deceased Family Members of Jerry Mischnick

8:30 am Confessions

3:00 pm Confessions

3:30 pm Rosary

4:00 pm Mass † Stella White by: Annette Molepske & Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023 *Second Sunday of Advent*

7:30 am Mass † Jesse Plante by: Tom & Teresa Plante

10:00 am Mass † Nick Pagel & Robert Gebert by: The Edwards Family

GREETERS



Saturday, December 9

4:00 pm John & Peg Wasshausen

Sunday, December 10

7:30 am Confirmation Class

10:00 am Confirmation Class

LECTORS



Saturday, December 9

4:00 pm Brenda Walczak

Sunday, December 10

7:30 am Diane Moss

10:00 am Elaine Skibba

SERVERS



Saturday—December 9

4:00 pm Dave Anderson, Greg Bathke
Mason Hackman

Sunday—December 10

7:30 am Cade & Christian Statz

10:00 am Hugo & Ruby Marti,
Paul Richmond

HOSPITALITY



Saturday—December 2

4:00 pm Rebecca Zalar

Sunday—December 3

7:30 am Joanne & Andy Dachel

10:00 am Nick & Ashley Marti

PASTORAL THOUGHTS...

Dear Friends in Christ,

Earlier this year I wrote a bulletin column about praying for the deceased members of our families and friends. In that column I used the term "indulgence" and I had a number of people ask to write more about indulgences and the Church's teaching on them.



We first have to be reminded that sin has a double consequence. The first consequence is called "eternal punishment" which is the deprivation of communion with God. This is usually what we think about when we talk about the punishment of sin. Nonetheless, every sin, even venial sin, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures. This punishment is called "temporal punishment" and can be purified either here on earth or after death in Purgatory. The *Catechism* notes that these two punishments must not be conceived as a kind of vengeance inflicted by God but as following from the very nature of sin.

When a person goes to confession and his/her sins are forgiven, the absolution entails the remission of the eternal punishment. The vestiges of sin, the temporal punishment, remains. To remove the temporal punishment, here on this earth, the Church offers us indulgences. An indulgence is the remission before God of the temporal punishment due sins already forgiven as far as their guilt is concerned. The Church is able to offer this since she is the minister of the Redemption, and authoritatively dispenses and applies the treasury of the satisfaction won by Christ and the saints. An indulgence can be applied to oneself or applied to the dead as suffrages.

There are three general types of indulgences. The first is granted to the Christian faithful who, while performing their duties and enduring the difficulties of life, raise their minds in humble trust to God and make, at least mentally, some pious invocation. This 'pious invocation' might be "Lord, have mercy" or "Jesus, help me" or "Jesus, Mary, and Joseph" or something similar. The second type is granted to the Christian faithful who, prompted by a spirit of faith, devote themselves or their goods in compassionate service to their brothers and sisters in need." This grant concerns charity provided to those who, for example, are in need of food, clothing, instruction, or comfort. The third type is granted to the Christian faithful who, in a spirit of penitence, voluntarily abstain from something which is licit for and pleasing to them. This concerns fasting and abstinence when not required by the Church to do so.

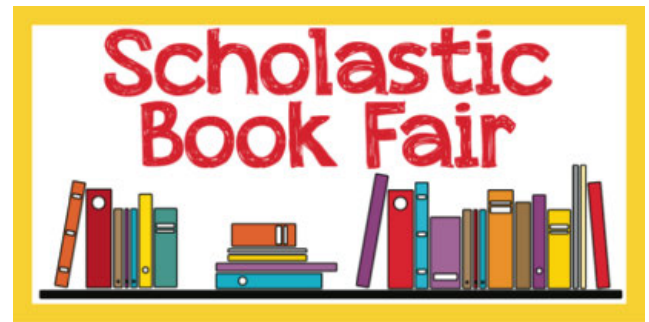
To obtain these general grants of indulgence, a person must have at least the general intention of doing so and must be in a proper disposition (that is, not in a state of grave sin). There are other types of indulgences, which is what most people think about when speaking about indulgences. Certain prayers (such as the rosary) and pious works (such as reading scripture) also have indulgences attached to them. These usually consist of several conditions. I will write about them in my next column. As always, feel free to ask me if you have further questions.

—Father Guanella

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



THIS WEEKEND and Next!



St. Vincent de Paul School will be holding their book fair December 2-10. Great for stocking stuffers and our book lovers!

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
- *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



Greetings from the Social Justice Committee:

The Giving Tree is up in the gathering area of the church. We also have a list of a couple of families, if you wish to sponsor a family

If you take a card, please sign it out on the signup sheet.

Please return the gifts by **Monday, December 11th**. We will deliver them to Social Services that morning. They are asking that the gifts are **unwrapped**. You can put them in a gift bag or box if you wish. Then attach the card to the gift so we know who it goes to.

The social workers look at the gifts: 1) to make sure it is for the correct child-not a girl item for a boy and 2) to make sure one child in a family doesn't get more than the others children in the family. They want to make it equitable. So it will help them immensely if it is not wrapped up.

Parents are asking for cleaning supplies, toilet paper, trash bags, laundry detergent and hygiene items like shampoo, bar soap, body wash or gas cards. If you place any of these items in the food pantry bins near the doors into church, for the month of December, we will get these items to Wood County Social Services as well.

If you have any questions please contact Mary at memos@charter.net




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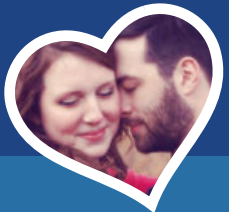


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