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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A VOICE OF ONE CRYING OUT IN THE DESERT:
 "PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD,
 MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATHS.
 EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE FILLED
 AND EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL SHALL BE MADE LOW."
 —LUKE 3:4-5

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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

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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 DECEMBER 3, 2023



General	\$12,614.00
Plate	\$924.85
Building Maintenance	\$793.00
Total	\$14,331.85

LECTIONARY READINGS

Readings for the week of December 10, 2023

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/

Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/

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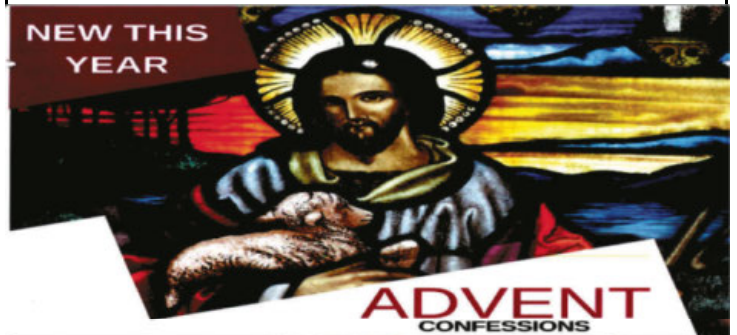
The Sanctuary Candles burn the week of December 9 – December 15 in memory of

Jesse Plante

By: Tom & Teresa Plante

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).



CITY WIDE ADVENT RECONCILIATION

In place of individual parish penance services this year, there will be a city-wide opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation with multiple priests available for confessions.

Sunday, December 17: 12:00 Noon until 6:00 PM
Deanery Mass at 6:00 PM

Held at SS. Peter & Paul Parish, 1150 2nd Street N, Wisconsin Rapids

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 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).

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.



"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

CHRISTMAS MASSES

This year, the Fourth Sunday of Advent falls on Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve Day. The Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas are both Holy Days of Obligation where the faithful must attend Mass. Two obligations require attendance at two Masses. Therefore, the faithful should be sure to attend a Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and for Christmas. One cannot "double dip" and satisfy both obligations with one Mass.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Masses will be held at OLQH at:

Saturday, Dec. 23 Sunday, Dec. 24
4:00 PM 9:00 AM
No 7:30 or 10:00 AM Masses

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Masses will be held at OLQH at:

Sunday, Dec. 24 Monday, Dec. 25 Monday, Dec. 25
4:00 PM 12:00 Midnight 9:00 AM
No daily Mass on December 26 or 27

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Monday, January 1
9:00 AM

Not a Holy Day of Obligation This Year

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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

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

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.

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.

UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023 *ST. DAMASUS I, POPE*
8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023 *OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE*
9:00 am Children's Mass † Janice Stublaski by: Andy & Family
2:30 pm OLQH Christmas Concert Rehearsal
6:30 pm OLQH Christmas Concert

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023 *ST. LUCY*
8:00 am Mass Collective Intentions

- † Joe Hokamp by: John & Rosemary Hokamp
- † Arthur & Russell Lobner by: The Family
- † Robert Rhody Venckunas by: Aunt Judy Lasley
- † Gail Ashenbrener by: Tom & Joan Freidel
- † Jim Fieber by: The Family
- † Al Sievers by: The Family
- ** Very Special Intention

6:00 pm - Religious Formation Classes-Grades 1-8

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023 *ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS*

1:00 PM CHOIR PRACTICE

5:00 pm Mass † Janice Stublaski by: Andy Stublaski & Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023

8:00 am Mass † William Taylor by: Mary Taylor

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 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 † Eleanor Bemke Bockenfeld by: Don & Mary Bemke

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023 *THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

7:30 am Mass † Arthur, Julia & Larry Johnson by: Rob & Carol Heuer

10:00 am Mass † Harry Richmond by: The Family

12:00 pm - 6:00 pm All Day Confessions @ SS Peter & Paul

GREETERS



Saturday, December 16

4:00 pm Mark & Jeri Ann Reichl

Sunday, December 17

7:30 am Sue Basler & Kelly Rosekrans

10:00 am Marge Gee & Liz Musch

LECTORS



Saturday, December 16

4:00 pm Doris Seifert

Sunday, December 17

7:30 am Mary Benbow

10:00 am Mike Mancl

SERVERS



Saturday—December 16

4:00 pm Ric Anderson, Joe Fidler
Corby Olson

Sunday—December 17

7:30 am Cade & Christian Statz
10:00 am Katharina & Jakob Gokey
Teegan Korte

HOSPITALITY



Saturday—December 16

4:00 pm Mary Anderson

Sunday—December 17

7:30 am Tom & Joan Freidel

10:00 am Bill & Cheryl Johnson

PASTORAL THOUGHTS...

Dear Friends in Christ,

In my last column I wrote about general grants of indulgences. Today I want to comment on indulgenced prayers or works, which are most probably what people mean when they refer to 'indulgences.' Such indulgences are listed as "partial" or "plenary" meaning it removes *some* of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven (partial indulgences) or *all* of the temporal punishment (plenary indulgences). The church does not define how much "partial" is other than it is not *all* the punishment (it could be 99%!).

To obtain a plenary indulgence, one must say the prayer or do the work (such as spending a half-hour in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament), and fulfill the following conditions (known as the "usual conditions"): (1) Be free from all attachment to sin, even venial sin; (2) receive sacramental confession (within about 20 days); (3) receive Holy Communion; and (4) say a prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father (e.g., an Our Father and a Hail Mary). The conditions may be carried out several days preceding or following, although it is appropriate to receive Holy Communion on the day the prayer or work is performed. If a person is not fully disposed or if the conditions are not fulfilled, the indulgence is partial. A plenary indulgence may be gained only once on any day. It can be applied to oneself or to the dead (but not to another living person).

So what are some of these prayers or works? Many prayers have a partial indulgence attached to them, such as the Acts of Faith, Hope, Love, and Contrition, as well as the Angelus, the Anima Christi, the Memorare, and the Apostles or Nicene Creed. The Rosary has a plenary indulgence attached to it when the rosary is recited in a church or when recited in a family (partial otherwise). Even the sign of the cross, while saying the customary words, has a partial indulgence attached to it.

Some of the indulgenced works are spending time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (partial or, if a half-hour or more, plenary), visiting a cemetery and praying there for the dead (applicable to the dead only; partial but plenary from November 1-8), reading Sacred Scripture (partial or, if a half-hour or more, plenary), or attending the First Mass of a newly ordained priest (plenary).

Indulgences are a special gift to us from the treasury of the Church. We do not often think about the temporal punishment due to sin but we should. We should try often to keep ourselves out of purgatory by doing good here on earth and assisting those who have already died by Masses said for their souls and applying indulgences to them.

~Father Guanella



Christmas Flower Donations

Please turn in Christmas flower donations by Tuesday, Dec. 13th, if you wish to donate in memory of a loved one.



ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



ACS CHRISTMAS CONCERTS (concerts begin at 6:30 pm)

*ACS Christmas Band Concert

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*OLQH Christmas Concert @ OLQH
12/12/23

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If you wish to claim your parish contribution or diocesan annual appeal donation as a charitable deduction for income tax purposes for 2023, you must have your contribution to the parish office (or diocese) by December 31. If you mail it, it must be postmarked on or before December 31st. Thank you.




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