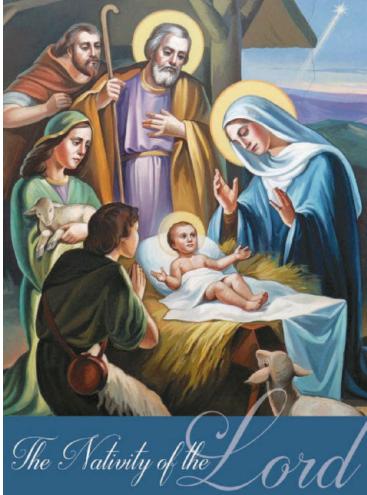


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Saturday: 8:30am–9:30am and 3:00pm–3:50pm First Friday: 8:30am–9:30am with Eucharistic Exposition • Any time by appointment by contacting the parish office.

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.)

— No Mass Celebrated on December 31, 2023 —

SACRIFICIAL GIVING FOR DECEMBER 10, 2023



General	\$19,822.00
Plate	\$1,212.75
Building Maintenance	\$340.00
Immaculate Conception	\$1,172.00
Total	\$22,546.75

Year End Contributions

As the end of the calendar year approaches, you are reminded that charitable contributions must be applied to the year in which they are received. The only exception is when a check is mailed: it is applied to the year the check/envelope is postmarked, even if it is received in the next calendar year.

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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The Sanctuary Candles burn the week of December 23 – December 29

Living & Deceased Children of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish



Please remember in your prayers

Marvin Erdmann

May God grant him eternal rest.

LECTIONARY READINGS

Readings for the week of December 24, 2023

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89/Rom 16:25-27/

Lk 1:26-38

Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/

Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31/Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124/Mt 2:13-18 Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96/Lk 2:22-35 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96Lk 2:36-40 Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15/Ps 128/

Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:22-40

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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.

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 January 15th.

A Pro-Life Rosary will be said on Monday, Jan 8th 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, January 3rd. 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).

PASTORAL THOUGHTS...

I HEARD THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

On July 9, 1861 Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's wife, Fanny, was setting her daughter's hair with a hot sealing wax when suddenly her dress caught fire. Henry, sleeping in the next room, heard her screams and rushed to her aid. In desperation he tried to put out the flames



and in doing so severely burned his face and hands. His wife was burned so badly that within a day she lapsed into a coma and died. Henry was so severely burned that he was not able to attend her funeral.

As poetry was one of his greatest crafts, he continued to work, but with long periods of silence. His eyes told of his personal suffering. About three years later, his son was seriously injured in the Civil War, fighting for the Union. At this time, Longfellow sat down and wrote about the joys of the season of Christmas. His poem began:

I heard the bells on Christmas Day / Their old, familiar carols play, / and mild and sweet / The words repeat / Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

With the civil war still going on, brother fighting against brother, his own son injured, he continued writing:

And in despair I bowed my head; / "There is no peace on earth," I said; / "For hate is strong, / And mocks the song Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

It was then that he turned to the one who helps solve all of mankind's problems, the One, as they say, can give us true peace on earth:

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: / "God is not dead, nor doth He sleep; / The Wrong shall fail, / The Right prevail, / With peace on earth, good-will to men."

May there be peace on earth this Christmas and good will toward all. *Merry Christmas from Deacon Tom and Mary*

World Mission Sunday



A heart-felt thank you from the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and our Diocesan Mission Office to OLQH Parish for your generous response of prayer and

sacrifices for World Mission Sunday. Your response to Pope Francis' call to have our "Hearts on Fire, feet on the move" gives witness to your commitment to Christ and His teachings. We will forward your financial contribution of \$2,826.00 to our national office. The collected funds will assist in spreading God's message of hope and peace to the poor, those suffering persecution for their faith, and those who are yet to experience the redeeming power of the Gospel.



Scrip News: There are now \$25 scrip cards for El Café in Port Edwards available in the Scrip Office with a 10% rebate

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS







Merry Christmas to everyone from the students and staff of Assumption Catholic Schools!



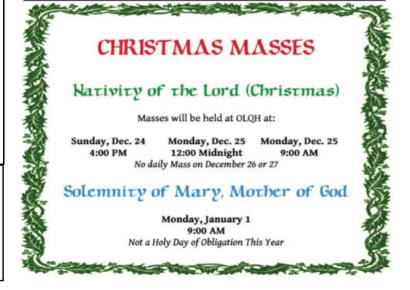






January 7 and January 21 AHS Doors open at noon Bingo begins at 1:00 pm Progressive Bingo is +\$1000!

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Adult Faith Formation January Bible Study on Ruth

Join us this January as we dive into the Book of Ruth. The Book of Ruth gives us an example of how God is always faithful to His promises, without exception. Ruth trusted in God even when her world fell into pieces - and He turned every inch of that pain into the purest light for His faithful daughter. Let God do the same for you. Book Study begins on January 4 at 9:00 am in the Gathering Space. The book costs \$14 and can be purchased at the Parish office. Please read Chapter 1 by January 4.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

The preparations for Christmas include buying or making gifts for those we love. You can give no better gift than the gift that God has given to us: His Son, Jesus. Invite someone who is not Catholic to attend Mass with you at Christmas. For information about OCIA, contact Rebecca at rzalar@our-lady.org or call at 715 - 423 - 1251.

SERVERS

Christmas Eve - December 24 4:00 pm Dave Anderson, Joe Fidler **Christmas - December 25** 12:00 Midnight John Hokamp, Paul Richmond, Corby Olson 9:00 am Cade & Christian Statz **Rick Anderson** Saturday - December 30 4:00 pm Greg Bathke, Joe Fidler John Hokamp Sunday - December 31



7:30 am Cade & Christian Statz **Noah Unversaw** 10:00 am Violet Moss, Rick Anderson

Paul Richmond

Monday - January 1 9:00 am Dave & Rick Anderson

HOSPITALITY



Saturday—January 6 4:00 pm Laura Danczyk Sunday—January 7 7:30 am Shelley Bruley/Kerry Meinel 10:00 am John & Rosemary Hokamp

UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023

NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00 pm Living & Deceased Children of the Parish

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023 NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS) 12:00 am Mass † Eleanor & William Slattery by: Family † Michael Hasenohrl & Al Sievers by: Family 9:00 am Mass † Joe Hokamp by: Dale & Marcy Freeberg † Bridget, Susan, James & Colleen Bord by: Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2023 ST STEPHEN NO Mass - Parish Offices Closed

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2023 ST JOHN NO Mass - Parish Offices Closed **NO Religious Formation Classes**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2023 THE HOLY INNOCENTS 5:00 pm Mass † Douglas Borre by: Mom & Dad

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2023 ST THOMAS BECKET 8:00 am Mass † Peggy Kubisiak by: Greg & Sally Stelmacher

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2023

8:00 am Mass † Milly Schill by: Dan McCarville

8:30 am Confessions

3:00 pm Confessions

3:30 pm Rosary

4:00 pm Mass †William Pavloski & Daughter Sarah by: Mary Pavloski

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023 THE HOLY FAMILY 7:30 am Mass + Bob Auclair by: Sandy Huber 10:00 am Mass † Beverly O'Donnell by: Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024 MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD NOT A HOLY DAO OF OBLIGATION 9:00 AM MASS † Vicki Miller by: John & Rosemary Hokamp

GREETERS



Christmas Eve - December 24 4:00 pm Volunteers Needed **Christmas - December 25** 12:00 Midnight Volunteers Needed 9:00 am Volunteers Needed Saturday - December 30 4:00 pm Mark & Jeri Ann Reichl Sunday - December 31 7:30 am Jerold & Nancy Mischnick 10:00 am Gary & Kathi Wierzbicki Monday - January 1 9:00 am Volunteers Needed

LECTORS



Christmas Eve - December 24 4:00 pm - TBA **Christmas - December 25** 12:00 Midnight Carol Dean 9:00 am Deb Eron Saturday - December 30 4:00 pm Jerry Bach Sunday - December 31 7:30 am John Benbow 10:00 am Tim Huebner Monday - January 1 9:00 am Mike Hittner

We wish to thank everyone who donated for Christmas Flowers In memory of their loved ones.

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