




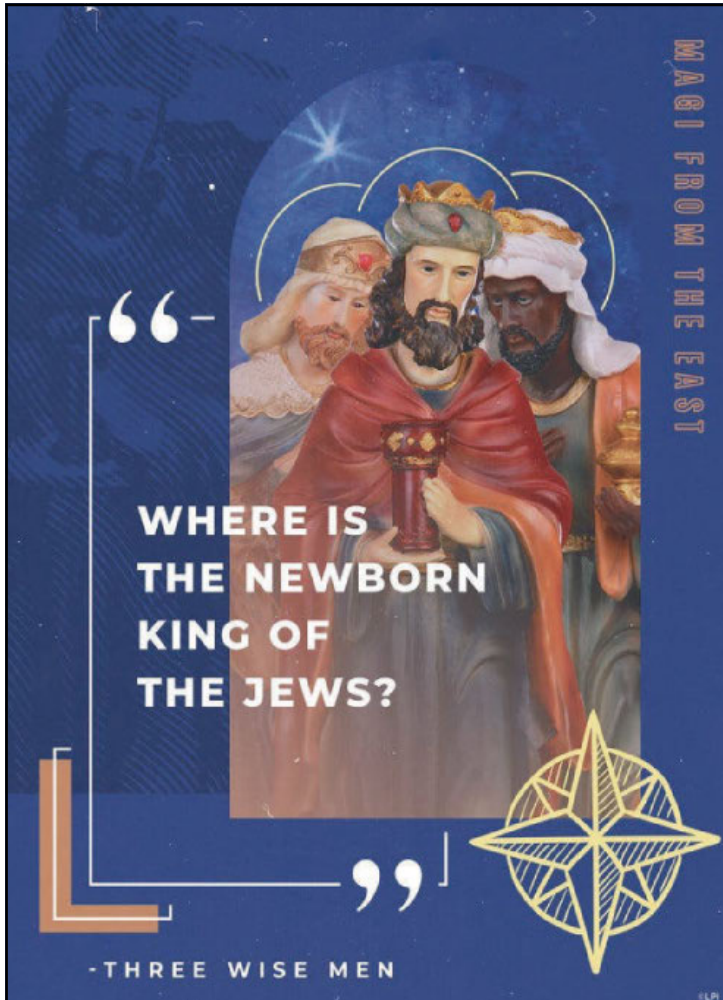
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Monday–Thursday: 8am–3:30pm • Friday: 8am–12:00 noon
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CONFESSION

Saturday: 8:30am–9:30am and 3:00pm–3:50pm
First Fri.: 8:30am–9:30am; 6:30pm–7:30pm with 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 February 20th 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 24, 2023



General	\$19,783.00
Plate	\$1,255.75
Building Maintenance	\$235.00
Christmas	\$15,008.40
Direct Donation 12-20-23	\$4,117.00
Total	\$40,399.15

LECTIONARY READINGS

Readings for the week of January 7, 2024

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
 Monday: Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/
 Mk 1:7-11
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40/Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44/Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89/Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21/Mk 2:13-17
 Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/
 Jn 1:35-42

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The Sanctuary Candles burn the week of January 6 – January 12 in memory of

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 Son of Joshua & Elizabeth (Momont) Thomas



Please remember in your prayers

Judith (Judy) Tritz
Jerome (Jerry) Wirtz

May God grant them eternal rest.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Monday, January 8: Fourth Degree meeting at Our Lady Queen of Heaven cafeteria starting at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 11: Council Officer's meeting at Our Lady Queen of Heaven cafeteria at 6:30 pm with the Council Meeting starting at 7:00 pm.

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 may pay at the 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 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 17th. 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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Christmas Eve 2023
4:00 pm Mass




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What's on Formed.org for January?

January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God



(Understanding Catholic Teaching on the Blessed Virgin Mary by Tom Perna)

Grow more deeply in your relationship with God by knowing Mary more intimately. Let's explore the meaning behind the four Marian dogmas: Mother of God, Perpetual Virginity, Immaculate Conception, and her Assumption into Heaven.

January 2 - Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord *(Who are the Magi?)*

In this FORMED Now! special episode, Dr. Michael Barber sits down to reflect on the Magi from the Gospel accounts and what spiritual lessons can be learned from this historical event recorded in Scripture.

January 8 - The Baptism of the Lord *(The Wild Goose: Episode 10 The Spirit and the Desert)*

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil." - Luke 4:1
On the day Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit anointed him. Immediately after this event the Holy Spirit led Jesus to the desert. The desert was a place of isolation, death, and defeat, but Jesus was led to the desert so that it may be forever changed into a place of grace. The Spirit led Jesus to the desert and also protected and cared for him while he was there. The desert is a part of every Christian's life but it does not have to be a place of despair or isolation. The Holy Spirit is present to life's deserts and when we experience his presence it changes our spiritual life. The desert is no longer a place to be feared but can be a profound encounter with Jesus.

January 22 - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children *(Symbolon: pt2: Session 10: Protecting Human Dignity)*

In an age when life itself seems disposable, how can we follow God's call to protect and promote the dignity of the human person in all places and circumstances?

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. The next Book Study is January 11 at 9:00 am in the Gathering Space. The book costs \$14 and can be purchased at the Parish office.

HOSPITALITY



Saturday—January 20

4:00 pm Mary Anderson

Sunday—January 21

7:30 am Tom & Joan Freidel

10:00 am Nick & Ashley Marti

UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024 *BAPTISM OF THE LORD*
8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024

9:00 am Children's Mass † Francis, Mike & Terry Cherney
by: John & Pat Dekarske

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024

8:00 am Mass Collective Intentions

† Arthur, Julia & Larry Johnson by: Robert & Carol Heuer

† Ted Mitchell by: Janeen Sievers

† Geraldine Ashbeck by: Tom & Joan Freidel

† Helen Ponczoch by: Dan McCarville

6:00 pm Religious Formation Classes Grades 9-10

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024

9:00 am Bible Study

5:00 pm Mass † Richard Dean by: Carol Dean

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024

8:00 am Mass † Millie Freeberg by: Tom & Val Pankonen

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024

8:00 am Mass † Doreen, Jim & Leona Dekarske by: The Family

8:30 am Confessions

3:00 pm Confessions

3:30 pm Rosary

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024 *EPIPHANY OF THE LORD*

7:30 am Mass † Dave & Rose Bubolz

10:00 am Mass † Elizabeth Gebert by: The Edwards Family

OLQH Pancake Breakfast—Sunday, February 4th
Volunteer sign up sheets will be available in the
gathering space next weekend.

The Sister Parish Collection is January 13/14.
It will be after all of the Masses.

GREETERS



Saturday - January 13

4:00 pm Lucy Lawrence

Sunday - January 14

7:30 am Confirmation Class

10:00 am Confirmation Class

LECTORS



Saturday - January 13

4:00 pm Therese Miller

Sunday - January 14

7:30 am Mary Benbow

10:00 am Nick Marti

SERVERS



Saturday - January 13

4:00 pm Greg Fidler, Joe Fidler

John Hokamp or Kelly Rosekrans

Sunday - January 14

7:30 am Cade & Christian Statz

10:00 am Ruby & Hugo Marti

Violet Moss

PASTORAL THOUGHTS...

Christmas greetings to you, my dear brothers and sisters in Christ! The birth of our Lord we celebrate at this time is a mystery of unfathomable depth. Indeed, who among us doesn't have Christmas memories of our childhood—be it 30, 50, or 70 years ago—yet still today fail to wrap our finite and fallen minds around this greatest of all gifts: the gift of God's only Son and, through him, the gift of divine life.



Throughout the Christmas season, attentive ears will hear of the "divine commerce" or "divine exchange" the Father offers us by means of the birth of his Son. During the Prayer over the Offerings at Midnight Mass, for example, we hear about "the holy exchange that restores our life." The Father exchanges his Son for us so that we can now become sons and daughters of God.

Another text that makes the same point occurs each time the deacon or priest adds water to the wine in the chalice at Mass. As he pours the water, he prays that "by the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity."

It is too easy for all of us to see the darkness, the fallenness, and the woundedness that each of us has, and consequently that features so prominently around the world. But God has given us a great gift that overcomes our sadness. We have been made in God's image, and, even though that image has been disfigured by sin, we are given the great possibility of restoring that holy image in ourselves by the birth of Jesus. To adapt a phrase: Jesus took on our image—a human face!—so that we could regain his image.

Brothers and sisters, I pray that you find and put on this divine image this Christmas. Do not be afraid, but rejoice in that new life—here and now—it is ours for the taking. God gives us a great gift in his Son: let us strive to give him the gift of ourselves, for in him we find joy. Merry Christmas!

+Bishop William P. Callahan, OFM Conv.
Bishop of La Crosse



January 7 and January 21
AHS Doors open at 12:00
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ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



School News

† You are very welcome to join our ACS school family at any time. If you would like to visit our schools and see what a day in the life of a Catholic school student involves, please call the ACS Enrollment office at 715-422-0901 to make a reservation.

† Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated from January 28 to February 3. Please join us in our excitement and spread the word about what a great school system we have here!



**OLQH 5K KINDERGARTEN
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Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024
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