




# Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish

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Please submit bulletin notices to [bulletin@our-lady.org](mailto:bulletin@our-lady.org) by noon on Monday.



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

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### PARISH CLERGY

Fr. Alan M. Guanella, JCL • *Pastor* • [fr.guanella@our-lady.org](mailto:fr.guanella@our-lady.org)

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Deacon Thomas C. Anderson • [dcn.anderson@our-lady.org](mailto:dcn.anderson@our-lady.org)

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday: 8am–3:30pm • Friday: 8am–12:00 noon  
Scrip is available for purchase during parish office hours.

### PARISH STAFF

Business Manager ..... Janeen Sievers  
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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.

### OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN SCHOOL

Principal Shelley Bruley • Administrative Asst. Jenny Zacher  
Tel: 715-422-0980 • [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 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 14, 2024



General	\$5,799.00
Plate	\$865.00
Building Maintenance	\$165.00
Direct Donation 01/10/24	\$7,354.00
Scrip Rebate Nov/Dec	\$1,050.98
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,233.98</b>

## LECTIONARY READINGS

### Readings for the week of January 21, 2024

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20  
 Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89/Mk 3:22-30  
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24/Mk 3:31-35  
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89/Mk 4:1-20  
 Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117/Mk 16:15-18  
 Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8/Ps 96/Mk 4:26-34  
 Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51/Mk 4:35-41  
 Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

## ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

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## SANCTUARY CANDLES



The Sanctuary Candles burn the week of January 20 – January 26 in memory of

**Deceased Family Members of Wayne & Paula Tracy**

**In Sympathy**

Please remember in your prayers

**William Stellmach  
Patrick Daly**

May God grant them eternal rest.

**Update on the Pictorial Directory:** As there have been many inquiries, the pictorial directory is currently at the publisher in the design phase. The parish then must proof it so as to make sure all names are spelled correctly and that the correct name is listed with the correct photo. After proofing, it will take about 30 days for printing. We expect the copies to be available around March. Thank you for your patience.

We offer our sincerest *thank you* to everyone who offered us Christmas cards, gifts, treats, and other items this past Advent and Christmas Seasons. While we are unable to offer individual thank yous to everyone, we are humbled by your kindness and generosity. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we pray for all of you. God bless you!  
 —Fr. Guanella, Fr. Weller, and Dcn. Tom

*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 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 February 19th.

**A Pro-Life Rosary** will be said on Monday, Feb. 12th 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, February 7th. 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



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## "The Holy Eucharist"

Retreat  
**Saturday, January 27, 2024**  
 Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 3500 County Road J North, Custer.

The retreat begins with Saturday morning Holy Mass at 8:00am and will conclude around 2:30pm. The retreat will have two conferences during the day along with Adoration, prayers, and confession,

Please bring a bag lunch.  
 For more information or to register, call Debbie at 715-345-1257, Father Genovesi at 715-592-4954, or visit [www.OLBSHermitage.com](http://www.OLBSHermitage.com)

**Please register by Thursday, January 26, 2024.**

## LENTEN MISSION

St. Peter, 800 4th Ave., Stevens Point  
 February 25, 26, and 27, 2024  
 6:30 p.m.



Guest Speaker: Deacon Kelth Strohm  
 Deacon Strohm is the Executive Director of M3 Ministries and a deacon for the Archdiocese of Chicago. He is also an author and sought after international speaker.

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## THEOLOGY OF THE STORYTELLER

### THE LORD OF THE RINGS


If you are interested in movies and your faith, Theology of the Storyteller (TOTS) might be a good fit for you! Our last TOTS was a success for watching *The Fellowship of the Ring*, a movie based on JRR Tolkien's Catholic novel full of meaning. Our next film is *The Two Towers* on January 28th at Our Lady cafeteria at noon. We start with pizza and snacks, then a short talk on the theology of the movie, watch the movie, and finally, we sing Vespers (Evening Prayer) around 5PM.

If you are interested and have not signed up already, email Fr. Weller at [WisconsinRapidsYM@gmail.com](mailto:WisconsinRapidsYM@gmail.com) so there is enough food! Or scan the QR code!



### DIocese OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or [intakeagent@diolc.org](mailto:intakeagent@diolc.org). The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: [diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting](http://diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting). Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or [tbrown@diolc.org](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org).



**January 21 & February 4 & 18**  
**AHS Doors open at 12:00**  
**Bingo begins at 1:00**  
**Progressive Bingo is +\$1000!**

### 50th Wedding Anniversary

If you will be celebrating your 50th wedding anniversary in 2024, please contact the parish office at 715-423-1251. Thank you



May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

## 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?

### Volunteers Needed at the Food pantry

Our parish has the week of February 5-9 at the FOCUS (Feeding Our Communities with United Services) food pantry. The hours are 11:45 to 4:00 pm Monday, Thursday and Friday. On Tuesday the hours are 3:45 to 7:00 pm. **The pantry is closed on Wednesday.** The pantry is at 2321 West Grand Ave. If you can help one or more days with this worthwhile community program please call Cindy Holberg at 715-421-2311 or email at holberggc@hotmail.com

## HOSPITALITY



**Saturday—February 3**  
4:00 pm Laura Danczyk  
**Sunday—February 4**  
7:30 am Andy & Joanne Dachel  
10:00 am John & Rosemary Hokamp

## UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS

### MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN  
8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024 STS. VINCENT & MARIANNE COPE

9:00 am Children's Mass † Millie Freeberg  
by: John & Rosemary Hokamp

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024 ST FRANCIS DE SALES

8:00 am Mass Collective Intentions  
† Bill & Pat Stellmach by: John & Bonnie Joosten  
† Judy Tritz by: Karen Pagel  
† Milly Schill by: Lois & Ron Rogney  
† Pat Daly by: Jerry & Julie Bach

6:00 pm Religious Formation Classes Grades 1-8

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024 THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

9:00 am Bible Study  
5:00 pm Mass † Peggy Kubisiak by: Greg & Sally Stelmacher

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024 STS. TIMOTHY AND TITUS

8:00 am Mass † Gail Ashenbrener by: Tom & Joan Freidel

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024

8:00 am Mass † W.L., Anne, Eileen & Gunny O'Connor  
by: Pat O'Connor  
8:30 am Confessions  
3:00 pm Confessions  
3:30 pm Rosary  
4:00 pm Mass † Doreen, Jim & Leona Dekarske by: Family

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024

7:30 am Mass † Jerome Thrun by: Marge Ceplina  
10:00 am Mass † Jim Hackman by: Tom & Teresa Plante

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

## GREETERS



### Saturday - January 27

4:00 pm John & Peg Wasshausen

### Sunday - January 28

7:30 am Jerold & Nancy Mischnick

10:00 am Confirmation Class

## LECTORS



### Saturday - January 27

4:00 pm Brenda Walczak

### Sunday - January 28

7:30 am Diane Moss

10:00 am Elaine Skibba

## SERVERS



### Saturday - January 27

4:00 pm Rick Anderson, Joe Fidler  
Mason Hackman

### Sunday - January 28

7:30 am Cade & Christian Statz

10:00 am Teegan Korte

Katharina & Jakob Gokey



**Idolatry, that Ancient Sin**



Idolatry, in its basic sense, is the sin of worshipping something other than God. It is the confusion of the most severe priority, the replacement of the Creator with his creation. Most of us can easily think of some examples of this: like pagans worshipping trees or biblical examples of worshipping a golden calf or the false god, Baal. Yet, idolatry today is still very close to home. As the Catechism states, "Idolatry not only refers to false pagan worship... Man commits idolatry whenever he honors and reveres a creature in place of God" (CCC 2113). In short, idolatry occurs whenever we value things over and above God.

The most common examples I see today of idolatry occur with the prioritization of Mass on Sunday. How many times does sleeping in and a sports game prevent someone from going to Mass? Sleeping in can be a good thing, as can a Packer game and a sports game; but when such things are valued to the expense of worshipping God, it is thereby being given honor that is due to God alone. We become what we worship. The worshipers of sleep become soft like their beds; and the worshipers of sports become happy and chipper when their team wins and depressed when they lose. Workaholics become their work, which is never play and never good enough. When we value our preferences and desires over God's preferences and desires, we worship ourselves, and then we become little idols, pagan rivals to the One Majestic King of the Universe. Worship has everything to do with identity; what we live for has everything to do with how we view ourselves.

When we worship God as we are meant to, we become like Him, loving and creative, and possessing sacrificial heroism. Hence we eat Him in the Mass; we eat Jesus to become Jesus, and Jesus lives his sacramental life in us. Each small choice slowly reveals who we really are. Either we are a creature whose life exists for itself and its own autonomy or we exist for God and his will. Either we are our own god, or God is our Lord.

At this point, I must be clear: there are certain things that can legitimately dismiss one from the obligation of Mass, like health-care workers who need to work over all Mass times (which is why this city has Saturday night Masses and a Sunday night Mass). Likewise, those who are too ill or unable to come to Mass because of some condition are also not required. I am not writing about these so much as I am about the dangerous mindset that we can get ourselves into. The dangerous mindset we get ourselves into is pride when it comes to religion; to play out our thoughts and desires at the expense of God's desires and preferences. It is the primordial sin from the first temptation from the Garden of Eden, "you shall be like God" (Gen 3:5). Such sin is the same today whenever we belittle that which God commands, for we, it is true, act in defiance of the majesty of God whenever we act against his precepts in the Catholic Church. Whenever we sin, we act like we are our own god, with our own laws and opinions about the universe instead of God's. May the Lord give us obedience and conformity to His will.

May He make us His forever,  
Fr. Weller



**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 our wonderful ACS schools! An all-ACS Mass will be held at 10:00 am at SVDP Parish on Wednesday, January 31.

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**OLQH 5K KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

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Questions?  
Call Kerry Meinel at 715-422-0901



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**Seeking all Catholic 4 and 5 year olds!**


Please consider attending the Assumption Catholic Schools 4K and 5K programs. 4K is new for 2024 and will be based at OLQH in a full day format. Must be 4 prior to September 1, 2024. Informational meeting on January 23 at 6 PM OLQH cafeteria. Watch the Assumption Catholic Schools web site for a flyer. 5K students must be 5 prior to September 1, 2024. Registration for both open on February 1<sup>st</sup>. 4K and 5K are eligible for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program.





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