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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 JANUARY 21, 2024



General	\$6,802.00
Plate	\$1,102.95
Building Maintenance	\$437.00
Direct Donation 01/20/24	\$4,267.52
Total	\$12,609.47

LECTIONARY READINGS

Readings for the week of January 28, 2024

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

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SANCTUARY CANDLES



The Sanctuary Candles burn the week of January 27 – February 2

Living & Deceased Members of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish



We welcome to the family of God:
Lucy Belle-Raylee Jochimsen
Daughter of Rachel Jochimsen



Please remember in your prayers

Eldin "Bill" Hielke
John Piatt

May God grant them eternal rest.

Pancake/French Toast Breakfast

Sunday, February 4th
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage, Ham, Pastries, Coffee, Milk, Orange Juice



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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PARISH FAMILY SUNDAY'S PRESENTS

THE PRINCE OF EGYPT

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

12:00 Pizza
12:15 Talk on the Passover
1:00 Movie (1:39 minutes)

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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.

He has helped tens of thousands of men and women hear the Gospel message and encounter the mercy, love, and power of Jesus Christ.

- Night 1: The Father's Delight
- Night 2: Breaking the Power of Sin
- Night 3: Unleashing the Spirit

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OLQH Knitting and Crocheting Group

The knitting and crocheting group will meet on **Friday morning February 2, 2023 at 9:00 AM** in the gathering area at church. Remember there is still quite a bit of donated yarn in the bins and under the sink. Please take it if you can use it. If you are not able to make the meeting, we will continue to work on winter items such as hats or mittens; and lap blankets for the nursing homes. Also you can begin working on baby items for the Lenten Collections, though the infant pantry and First Choice have quite a few baby blankets already. You may drop off any knitted or crocheted items in the bins at church and I will pick them up. Thank you to everyone who has been bringing hand made items to church. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

SS Peter & Paul—Wisconsin Rapids

Join us for an SSPP Youth Fundraiser Brunch on Sunday, February 11th, from 10 AM to Noon in the church basement! Money raised will go toward providing youth activities throughout the year. The brunch will consist of french toast, sausage, scrambled eggs, drinks, and sides. Cost is \$8/adult and \$5/child (4-12). \$40 max per family. To-Go option available for \$6. We will also have raffle baskets (need not be present to win). Drawing will be at Noon.

ST BRONISLAVA PARISH
YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTS

A Taste of Italy

Saturday, February 17th
4:30 PM - 7:00 PM
\$15 per person

Our Menu

- Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce
- Chicken or Classic Alfredo
- Lasagna
- Combo Entrée
- Beverages (Soda, Wine, & Beer)
- (includes Salad, Breadstick, & Dessert)


Reservations

Please Call Laura Hanneman at 715-344-5038
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!
All proceeds to benefit St. Bronislava Youth Ministry!
Thank You for your continued support!

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 so there is enough food! Or scan the QR code!

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.

Adult Faith Formation Study

Join us starting **February 1 at 9:00 am** to discover a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit. Fr. Dave Pivonka will lead us in a series for the next nine weeks, The Wild Goose. The term "wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. The Wild Goose invites viewers to an encounter, or a renewed encounter, with the Holy Spirit.

Parish Family Sunday: The Prince of Egypt

Assumption Catholic Schools has several job openings for both the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school year. Details can be found on the web site: <https://www.assumptioncatholicschools.org/acs-central-office/human-resources/>



What's on Formed.org for February & Lent?

The World's First Love: Mary, Mother of God by Fulton Sheen



With eloquence and brilliance, Fulton J. Sheen presents a moving portrayal of the Blessed Virgin Mary, combining deep spirituality, history, philosophy, and theology. Sheen gives profound insights into all the Marian beliefs ranging from the Immaculate Conception to the Assumption to the miracle of Our Lady of Fatima. Sheen stresses mankind's need for the Mother of God and her burning love for all her children.

Metanoia: A Journey with Christ into Conversion

Metanoia- and believe in the Gospel. In the Gospel of Mark, the first words of Jesus are an invitation to metanoia, to repent, to change, and to be converted. This series is beautifully filmed on location in the Holy Land, highlighting sacred places such as the Sea of Galilee, the River Jordan, the desert of Temptations, and many of the holy sites in Jerusalem.

Each of the ten episodes explores areas of our life where conversion is so often necessary. Metanoia will examine topics such as who is Jesus, what must we do to inherit eternal life, and many other significant matters of faith.



UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2024

8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024

9:00 am Mass † Gail Seefeldt by: Mom & Dad

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024 ST JOHN BOSCO

8:00 am Mass Collective Intentions

† Jerry Wirtz by: Karen Pagel

† Judy Tritz by: Lee Tritz

† Arne Weinfurter by: Jim & Lois Mancl

† Jim Schmutzer by: The Family

Special Intentions of Ron & Don Borre

6:00 pm Religious Formation Classes Grades 1-8

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024

9:00 am Bible Study

1:00 pm Choir Practice

5:00 pm Mass † Millie Freeberg by: Tom & Val Pankonen

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024 PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

8:00 am Mass † Scott Lobner by: Mom

8:30 am Adoration & Confessions

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

8:00 am Mass † Don & Diane Slattery by: The Family

8:30 am Confessions

3:00 pm Confessions

3:30 pm Rosary

4:00 pm Mass † Jerome Thrun by: Diane Mancl

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024

7:30 am Mass † Jerome Strub by: Yvonne & Family

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

GREETERS



Saturday - February 3

4:00 pm Gary & Kathi Wierzbicki

Sunday - February 4

7:30 am Mark & Jeri Ann Reichl Family

10:00 am Vi Dionne & Marge Gee

LECTORS



Saturday - February 3

4:00 pm Doris Seifert

Sunday - February 4

7:30 am Mike Hittner

10:00 am Mike Mancl

SERVERS



Saturday - February 3

4:00 pm Dave Anderson, Corby Olson

Greg Bathke

Sunday - February 4

7:30 am Cade & Christian Statz

10:00 am Violet Moss, Paul Richmond

Rick Anderson

HOSPITALITY



Because of the pancake breakfast, hospitality is cancelled for Feb 3/4. The next date is Feb. 17/18.

PASTORAL THOUGHTS...

BLESS ME FATHER FOR I HAVE SINNED.....

Just recently a cradle Catholic asked me why, do we have to go to confession, why can't we just pray to God and ask him to forgive our sins? I think that at some time or another, most Catholics, and especially our protestant brothers and sisters, have asked the same thing, just confess your sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.



In answer we first must understand that confession is a sacrament, a sacrament of penance, and like the other sacraments it was instituted by God, to give grace. We also must understand that the confessor, the priest himself, is acting in the person of Christ, "Persona Christi," as he is when he is consecrating the bread and wine into the very Body and Blood of Christ.

When a priest is ordained, his hands are wrapped together as the Bishop anoints and prays over them. Those hands are now consecrated, they will be "Persona Christi," to change the water and wine into our Saviors Body and Blood. (Note- at the consecration, and at distribution of the Eucharist, the Deacon at the altar, will also kneel, as will the rest of the congregation. If there is a concelebrating priest, he will receive the host directly from the Eucharistic Paten, but you will also notice that the Deacon does not, he will receive directly from the priest, the sacredness of the priesthood.

So as in confession, the confessor is following Apostolic Succession where Jesus by his authority gives his own Apostles the power as was noted, "Jesus breathed on the Apostles and said, receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive they are forgiven them, whose sins you retain they are retained." This is then passed on by the Sacrament of Holy Orders from the Bishops to the Priests.

Verbal confession from Penitent to Confessor is necessary. The Church teaches that we are to follow our consciences in all aspects of life, but we must also realize that the Church says to follow your conscience but one that is properly formed. It is easy to see that without the guidance of the Church's teachings, prayer, and the Holy Spirit, each individual person's truth is going to justify any action or actions, that they become used to, or that society sees as not wrong. That will give us the sense that we do not need to confess our sins verbally to a priest.

The priest is bound by the seal of confession, and will not and cannot divulge, reveal what is said between the confessor and the penitent. It comes down to the purpose of confession, which is to reconcile us with God, acknowledge our sins, and receive forgiveness, and receive the grace to restore our souls, through this beautiful sacrament.

"I ABSOLVE YOU FROM YOUR SINS IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT"

Deacon Tom

Sacred Heart in Polonia will be selling "made from scratch" ponczkas from 2:00-6:00pm on Saturday, February 10, and from 7:30-9:30 am on Sunday, February 11. (We will not be taking pre-orders.) The cost is \$13.00 per dozen for filled (prune or jelly) and \$12.00 per dozen for plain. Peanut squares will also be sold. If you have any questions, please call Debbie at 715-345-1257.

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



School News

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated from Jan. 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.



OLQH 5K KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024
From 4-6 pm at OLQH School

Please bring your child's birth certificate and immunization record.

Questions?
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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. 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 1st. 4K and 5K are eligible for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program.





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