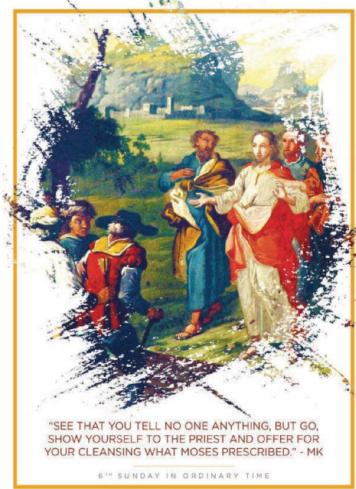
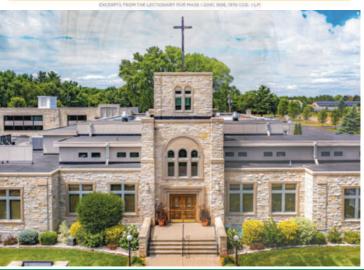


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Saturday: 8:30am–9:30am and 3:00pm–3:50pm First Fri.: 8:30am–9:30am; 6:30pm–7:30pm with Exposition • Any time by appointment by contacting the parish office.

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.

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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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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 FEBRUARY 4, 2024



General	\$10,460.00
Plate	\$1,061.50
Building Maintenance	\$730.00
Total	\$12,251.50

LECTIONARY READINGS

Readings for the week of February 11, 2024

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/

Mk 1:40-45

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119/Mk 8:11-13 Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: JI 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4,

5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1/Lk 9:22-25 Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51/Mt 9:14-15 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

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The Sanctuary Candles burn the week of February 17 – February 23

Jerry Wirtz By: The Family



Please remember in your prayers

Allen Schlinsog

May God grant him eternal rest.

Mission Trip Stock Sale This year, our rising 7th-12th graders and adult chaperones will travel July 7-12 for a summer youth camp in Mason, WI. Adventure Camp allows young people to grow more deeply in their relationship with Christ and connect it to every aspect of their lives. You are invited to invest in this work by participating in our annual "Stock Sale." Shareholders will receive a stock certificate, daily email updates from the trips with photos and news, and a seat at the popular "Shareholder's Luncheon" in the fall, where the youth will talk about the trip and share a slideshow of their experience. Youth Campers will be available after all the Masses on February 10-11 to visit with you - please stop and say hi! Donation forms will also be available - Thank you for your support!



February 18
AHS Doors open at 12:00
Bingo begins at 1:00
Progressive Bingo is +\$1000!

Feast of Blessed Brother James Miller – Please join us at Sacred Heart Parish, 7379 Church Street, Custer, WI for Eucharistic Adoration and Mass on Tuesday, February 13th. Adoration will begin at 3:00pm and Mass will be at 6:00pm. There will be a first-class relic from the Blessed Brother James Miller family displayed.

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.

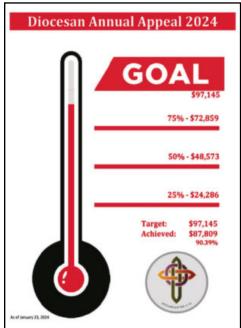
A Pro-Life Rosary will be said on Monday, Feb. 12th at 4:00 pm along Eighth Street. All are welcome to join us. We will gather in Grace's parking lot at 3:45.

Mission Rosary Makers—The next date is Wednesday, February 21st. 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







Free Tax Service

"Need help filing your income taxes? The AARP Tax Aide Program was designed to provide free assistance for low to middle-income taxpayers, with special attention to those age 60 and older. Volunteer counselors, trained in cooperation with the IRS will be available every Monday, Wednesday and select Thursdays starting February 5 through April 11 (8:00 am until 3 pm) at the Lowell Center. This program is a "Drop-Off & Pick -Up" Service.

Appointments are necessary! You can call 715-422-2778 between the hours of 10:00 am and 1:00 pm. Monday through Friday, to schedule your personal tax appointment. Appointments will be determined on a first-call, first-serve basis. As a reminder, although this is a free service, donations are appreciated and greatly benefit Lowell Senior Center programming."

We would like to thank everyone for the overwhelming response to help out at the parish breakfast on February 4th. To those who helped out on Saturday morning and on Sunday it was greatly appreciated and a fun day of fellowship. The 50/50 raffle was won by John Hokamp who graciously donated his winnings of \$113.00 back to the parish. Thank you John!! Chairpersons Janet Hohl and Carol Wesenberg

The parish wishes to thank Janet and Carol as well.

St Lawrence Cod Fish Frv **Dates: Fridays during Lent** (February 16, 23 March 1, 8,15, 22) St. Lawrence Catholic Church 530 10th Ave N Wisconsin Rapids 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Adults: \$13.00 Children: \$8:00

(Salad Bar included for dine in meals) Carry Out Menu: Fried or baked Cod Fish, Potato Salad, or French Fries, Baked Beans or Pasta Salad, Cole Slaw, Bread, Tartar Sauce. Dessert

Dining Room Desserts: \$2.00

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Open House

Have you been hearing about the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and wondering what it is? Now is your chance to hear first-hand from an expert on CGS. Thursday, Feb. 29, at 6:00 pm at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School, nationally recognized Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Formation Leader and AMI certified Montessori quide Carolyn Kohlhaas will be giving a presentation, "What is CGS and is He calling You?" Please come learn more about this beautiful work, observe a presentation as the children do, and explore the Atrium.

Stop in anytime from 4-7 to speak to Carolyn, tour the Atrium. or share a meal with other curious Christians.

The schedule for the evening:

4-5:30--Tour Atrium or speak with Carolyn and other Catechists.

5:30-6:00--Share a meal in the OLQH cafeteria

6-7:00--hear a talk by Carolyn and watch a typical presentation

In order to get an accurate meal count, please respond on the following link. https://gr.codes/SNXIu3



Adult Faith Formation Study

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 February 11th @ Noon

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/

2024 Lenten Collections February 14th (Ash Wednesday) – March 31st (Easter) Greetings from the Social Justice Committee. During

Greetings from the Social Justice Committee. During Lent, in addition to giving up something, consider doing something extra to help someone else. As we have done in the past, here are some ideas:

Suggestions for Lenten Collections	
SWEPS	Dry pasta, jelly & canned soups. They have an urgent need for paper bags. Any hygiene items such as shampoo, hand soap, razors, shaving cream, toothpaste, deodorant, toilet paper
First Choice Pregnancy Center & SWEPS Infant Pantry	Diapers, baby wipes, baby toys, onesies or infant undershirts, bottles/sippy cups, Infant books, Baby bath, shampoo or lotion., bibs, or baby spoons. Small gift cards for the mothers.
Family Center	Kids toothbrushes, dental floss, women's deodorant, body wash, toilet paper, dry pasta, spaghetti sauce, soups, fruit juices pancake syrup.
Shepherd's Loft	Gently used children's clothing. Any type of gently used blanket and towels. Always can use pill bottles
Wood County Jail	Black and white composition notebooks (No spiral bound and no staples) Cheater glasses- 2.5 or less strength Puzzle books or Word Search (no staples), "How to draw" books Board games: Sorry, Monopoly, Rook, Uno, Skipbo, Checkers Chess "Broken Like Me" workbooks only (available on Amazon - https://www.amazon.com/Broken-Like-Workbook-Incarcerated- Person/dp/1737078635)

You can place your donations in the bins near the exterior doors of church and we will get them delivered to the right place. Thank you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Monday, February 12: Fourth Degree Valentine's Day dinner with the Ladies. The Social will begin at 5:30 pm with Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Invitations have been sent.

SERVERS



Saturday - February 17
4:00 pm Corby Olson, Dave Anderson
Mason Hackman
Sunday - February 18
7:30 am Cade & Christian Statz
10:00 am Hugo & Ruby Marti

Teegan Korte

UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024

8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024 BLESSED JAMES MILLER 9:00 am Mass † Bruno Cetnarowski by: Mike & Karen Abbott

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024

9:00 am Children's Mass Collective Intentions

- † Jane Roseno by: Ron Lorbeck
- † Gail Seefeldt by: Mom & Dad
- † Hank & Monica Winiecke by: Andy & Deb. Kaminski
- † Jerry Wirtz by: Mike & Diane Moss
- † Judy Tritz by: Lee Tritz
- † Mary Lou Pascavis by: Ron & Jean Borre
- 12:10 pm Mass † Karen Compton by: The Family
- **6:00 pm Mass †** Rita & Roland Bernhagen by: Carol Dean
- 6:00 pm Religious Formation Students should attend Mass Students may sit with their families

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024

9:00 am Bible Study

1:00 pm Choir Practice

5:00 pm Mass † Fabian, Sylvia, Joanne & David Krekowski by: Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2024

8:00 am Mass † Chloe Barlow by: Beth & Jeff Kuhn

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024

- 8:00 am Mass † Doreen, Jim & Leona Dekarske by: Family
- 8:30 am Confessions
- 3:00 pm Confessions
- 3:35 pm Stations of the Cross
- 4:00 pm Mass † Judy Schmidt by: Patsy Kell & Corby Olson

Sunday, February 18, 2024 First Sunday of Lent

7:05 Stations of the Cross

7:30 am Mass † Arthur, Julia & Larry Johnson

by: Robert & Carol Heuer 9:35 am Stations of the Cross

10:00 am Mass † Marvin Kehrberg by: The Family

GREETERS



Saturday - February 17
4:00 pm John & Peg Wasshausen
Sunday - February 18
7:30 am Statz Family
10:00 am Marge Gee & Liz Musch

LECTORS



Ash Wednesday—February 14
12:20 pm Mike Hittner
6:00 pm Therese Miller
Saturday - February 17
4:00 pm Jerry Bach
Sunday - February 18
7:30 am Diane Moss
10:00 am Tim Huebner

HOSPITALITY



Saturday - February 17
4:00 pm Rebecca Zalar
Sunday - February 18
7:30 am Shelley Bruley/Kerry Meinel
10:00 am Jeri Ann & Mark Reichl

PASTORAL THOUGHTS...

Fasting and Lent

Lent is in a few days. It is at once the dreaded season and the fruitful season for the Catholic. It is when we sacrifice most intentionally for the Lord, and therefore we both hate and love it. It is in this way most comparable to a root canal procedure, or perhaps like an open-chest



heart surgery. No one in their right mind would ever desire to experience these painful operations, yet all would also desire to have these done when needed. We like the results, but we hate the work; we love the Promised Land, but we hate the desert of the Exodus.

Here, on the brink of Lent, a Catholic intuitively relearns what religion is about. Religion is about God, and if we are honest, our lives are not about God even though they should be. We are addicted to sins, things, opinions, scrolling, and a whole host of things that are not God. Therefore, God wants to do work on our hearts; he is the heart surgeon, and Lent is his operating room. For Lent, we are addicts in rehab, and the Doctor prescribes cold turkey so that our heart stays healthy. And so, the question naturally arises at the check-in before Lent: what is your addiction? That is a good place to start when deciding how to make a good Lent.

The Church describes three practices characteristic of the Lenten season: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Fasting is simply giving up things to help focus on the most important things, or rather to focus on the most important Person. Some simple fasts are not eating between meals, taking a cool shower, or not using any screens for recreation. Do not cheat yourself on fasting; it should not be simply giving up chocolate when you will just eat ice cream. Make it a "no" that hurts a bit. Fasting from all unnecessary screens is a great way for a family to fast; it will put screens in their proper place in our lives.

Lent is not just fasting, though, it is also a time to increase in prayer. If a family gives up screens, then praying a Rosary is a good substitute for the family. I encourage your family to try praying together this Lent. We do not want our fasting to lead us to another addiction; instead, prayer should fill the gap. Lastly, almsgiving is another practice to accompany our fast; we give financial and temporal assistance to those in need. Helping at the food pantry or making a donation to charity is a great way to make Lent special this year.

May the Lord give us a fruitful Lent this year,

Fr. Weller

Lenten Regulations:

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wed., Feb. 14. Lenten regulations are as follows:

- 1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.
- 2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted

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Wisconsin Parental Choice Program: Did you know that your child could attend ACS tuition-free? The application period is February 1st – April 15th. Visit www.dpi.wi.gov/choice for more information and the online application.

Congratulations to the winners of our 2023 School Spelling Bee. 'Spell on, Caleb'.





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