#### February 18, 2024

#### First Sunday of Lent

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## Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish

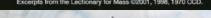
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# 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:15





#### PARISH CLERGY

Fr. Alan M. Guanella, JCL • *Pastor* • fr.guanella@our-lady.org Fr. Steven Weller • *Parochial Vicar* • fr.weller@our-lady.org Deacon Thomas C. Anderson • 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
-	jsievers@our-lady.org
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	reoffice@our-lady.org
Choir Director	Mary Englert
Maintenance & Grounds	Paul Richmond
Custodian	LuAnne Birkhauser
Sacristan	Karen Pagel

#### 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

#### 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 FEBRUARY 11, 2024

A REAL	General	\$9,497.00
	Plate	\$1,154.70
A)	Building Maintenance	\$105.00
	Direct Donation 02/10/23	\$7.374.00
	Total	\$18,130.70

#### LECTIONARY READINGS

#### Readings for the week of February 18, 2024

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15 Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19/Mt 25:31-46 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34/Mt 6:7-15 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51/Lk 11:29-32 Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23/Mt 16:13-19 Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130/Mt 5:20-26 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119/Mt 5:43-48 Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116/ Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

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#### SANCTUARY CANDLES



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

#### Living & Deceased Members of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish

**Synod 2021–2024.** Your input is requested! With the ongoing Synod on Synodality, the Church values your feedback regarding how Church structures and organization further or hinder the Church's mission and how such structures can help all the baptized to respond to the call to proclaim the Gospel. Please take some time to offer consultation using an online questionnaire at <u>https://forms.office.com/r/SVPGxJChAv</u> Consultation must be received by March 20, 2024. Thank you for your participation.

#### 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

#### Pancake Breakfast

Funds raised \$2,882.00/includes 50/50 raffle Thank you to: Dairy State Cheese for donating butter Sue Wirtz for donating blueberries



February 18, March 3 & 17 AHS Doors open at 12:00 Bingo begins at 1:00 Progressive Bingo is +\$1000!

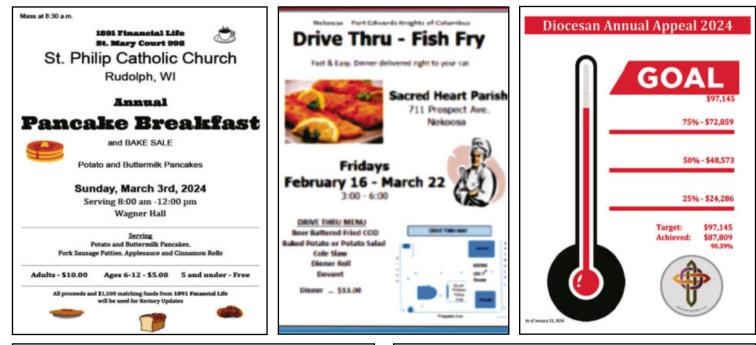
**Grief Support Group**- Wisconsin Rapids Deanery "Serenity" Grief Support Group meets on the 3rd Monday of the month in the Gathering Space of St Vincent de Paul Church from 1-2 pm. The next meeting is February 19th.

<u>A Pro-Life Rosary</u> will be said on Monday, March 11th 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, March 6th. 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

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#### Invest in our Youth: Be a Trip Stockholder

Our youth will travel **June 23-28** (New Date) 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." For just **S10 per share,** 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 24-25 to visit with you - please stop and say hi! Donation forms are on the table in the gathering space.

#### **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) <u>at the Lowell Center</u>. This program is a "Drop-Off & Pick –Up" Service.

<u>Appointments are necessary!</u> 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."

**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.

#### 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 guide 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://qr.codes/SNXIu3



St Lawrence Cod Fish Fry 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



#### Knights of Columbus annual drive

Bottles will be available for pick up the weekend of Feb. 24/25.

#### 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.

#### 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.<u>https://</u>



www.assumptioncatholicschools.org/ acs-central-office/human-resources/

#### 2024 Lenten Collections until March 31<sup>st</sup> (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 - <u>https://www.amazon.com/Broken-Like-Workbook-Incarcerated- Person/dp/1737078635</u> )

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.



#### HOSPITALITY



<u>Saturday - February 24</u> 4:00 pm Rebecca Zalar <u>Sunday - February 25</u> 7:30 am Shelley Bruley/Kerry Meinel 10:00 am Jeri Ann & Mark Reichl

#### UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS

#### Monday, February 19, 2024

8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024

9:00 am Children's Mass † James Krekowski by: The Family 5:30 pm Baptism Class

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024 ST PETER DAMIAN

8:00 am Mass Collective Intentions

- **†** Ted Mitchell by: Janeen Sievers
- Al Sievers by: Janeen & Family
- **†** W. L., Anne, Eileen & Gunny O'Connor by: Pat O'Connor
- **†** Richard Schmutzer by: Dave & Bonnie Cherney
- Bob Auclair by: Sandy Huber Special Intention
- \*\*Special Intention

\*\*Living & Deceased Family Members of Dennis & June Tomczyk 6:00 pm Religious Formation Grades 1-8

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024 THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER 9:00 am Bible Study

5:00 pm Mass † Lester & Lucy Steinhilber & Francis & Bernice Urlaub by: Lee & Janis Steinhilber

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024** ST POLYCARP 8:00 am Mass † Mary Rayome by: Tom Rayome

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024

8:00 am Mass † Dan Weinfurter & Debbie Beck Schwandt by: The Weinfurter Family

- 8:30 am Confessions
- 3:00 pm Confessions
- 3:35 pm Stations of the Cross

4:00 pm Mass † Clement & LaVonne Ruesch by: Scott Ruesch

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024 Second Sunday of Lent 7:05 Stations of the Cross 7:30 am Mass † Peggy Kubisiak by: Greg & Sally Stelmacher 9:35 am Stations of the Cross 10:00 am Mass † Roman & Germaine Korslin by: The Family

#### GREETERS



<u>Saturday - February 24</u> 4:00 pm Volunteers Needed <u>Sunday - February 25</u> 7:30 am Mark & Jeri Ann Reichl Family 10:00 am Jim & Mary Krause

#### Lectors



Saturday - February 24 4:00 pm Carol Dean Sunday - February 25 7:30 am Deb Eron 10:00 am Karen Abbott

#### Servers



<u>Saturday - February 24</u> 4:00 pm Corby Olson, Greg Bathke Joe Fidler <u>Sunday - February 25</u> 7:30 am Cade & Christian Statz 10:00 am Katharina & Jakob Gokey Teegan Korte

#### PASTORAL THOUGHTS...

The English term 'Lent' comes from an Anglo-Saxon word that means 'Spring' since the Season of Lent falls during the Spring season. In Latin, Lent is called *Quadragesima* which means 'fortieth day' and tells us of the great forty day fast that Christians undertake during the Season of Lent. The Code of Canon Law classifies the Season of Lent as a



penitential season and thus Christians throughout the Season of Lent spend time in preparation for the coming Easter celebration through prayer, penance, repentance, almsgiving, and self-denial, such as through fasting from food and abstaining from meat.

The three great pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Each of these three pillars is like one leg of a three-legged stool: all must be in place for a fruitful Lent or a sturdy stool. The Lenten pillar of prayer can be practiced in many different ways: through the Stations of the Cross, attending daily Mass, spending time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, or by joining one of the Lenten study or prayer groups at local parishes. You may also want to read and pray with the so-called seven penitential psalms: psalms 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, and 143 or by reading the Passion Narrative in the Gospels, the final chapters of the Gospels that tell the story of Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection. Participation in the Sacrament of Penance is highly encouraged for all during the Season of Lent.

The Code of Canon Law requires fasting only on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Complete abstinence from meat is required on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday. Why do we fast? Christians fast during Lent to imitate Christ as he fasted for forty days and forty nights in the desert and also to order the bodily desires under the higher powers of the soul: the intellect and will. It is within this pillar of Lent where "giving up" something for Lent comes into play—we order our physical desires under the control of reason through fasting and sacrifice and order our reason under the power of God. St. Leo the Great tells us: Let us use fasting to make up for what we have lost by despising others. Let us offer our souls in sacrifice by means of fasting.

Almsgiving means supporting the Church and our neighbor financially, as well as with our time and talents. There are many opportunities to give financially to the poor and needy in Lent, through the Church and other organizations. Volunteering at local organizations whose mission is to help the poor can also be a part of almsgiving. The old 1907 Catholic Encyclopedia admonishes us: Almsgiving should be discreet, so as to reach deserving individuals or families; prompt, so as to warrant opportuneness; secret and humble; cheerful; and abundant. St. Leo the Great also tells us, concerning almsgiving: The giver of alms should be free from anxiety and full of joy. His gain will be greatest when he keeps back least for himself. While Lent may be a season of penitence, it, as the English name suggests, is a season of spring: a season of new life and growth where we Christians grow in grace, even through the "night" of our penance and self-denial.

-Fr. Guanella

#### **Assumption Catholic Schools News**







#### School News

### Registration is open for the 2024-2025 school year!

At Assumption Catholic Schools, we strive to uphold our Mission--To inspire excellence and personal growth grounded in Catholic principles and tradition. Our curriculum provides a Christ-centered learning environment, using state and diocesan educational standards. All ACS schools are accredited and our class sizes are small, allowing us to give our students the individual attention they deserve.

Call or email for a tour or check us out online: www.assumptioncatholicschools.org Mrs. Kerry Meinel 715.422.0901 kmeinel@assumptioncatholicschools.org

**Wisconsin Parental Choice Program**: Did you know that your child could attend Assumption Catholic Schools tuition-free? This program is open to new students AND current students entering K, 1<sup>st</sup>, or 9<sup>th</sup> grade. The 2024-2025 application period is February 1–April 18, 2024. For more qualifications

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