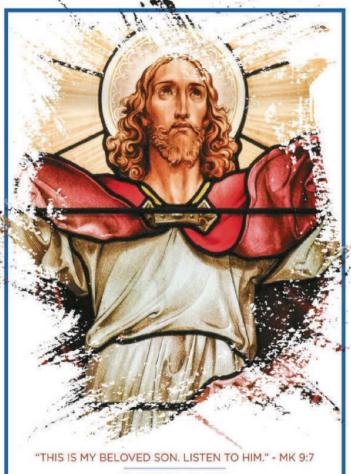
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# Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parísh

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#### 2 ND SUNDAY OF LENT



#### PARISH CLERGY

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#### **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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Sacristan	Karen Pagel
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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

#### **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 April 9th 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 18, 2024

General	\$13,037.00
Plate	\$1,170.35
Building Maintenance	\$490.00
Ash Wednesday	\$2,729.00
Total	\$17,426.35

#### Lectionary Readings

#### Readings for the week of February 25, 2024

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116)/ Rom 8:31b-34/ Mk 9:2-10 Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79/Lk 6:36-38 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50/Mt 23:1-12 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1/Lk 16:19-31 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19/ 1 Cor 1:22-25/

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The Sanctuary Candles burn the week of February 24 – March 1

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Please remember in your prayers

#### William McMahon

May God grant him eternal rest.

**Domestic Church Retreat - Save the Date.** The next Domestic Church Retreat will be held April 13-14, 2024, at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Wisconsin Rapids. During the retreat, couples are invited to delve more deeply into the graces of their shared spiritual journey.

#### 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



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 March 18th.

<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



#### 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 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

Please bring bottles back by the weekend of March 10/11 Please return bottles if not using them.

#### 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 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-</u> 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. **Paper Grocery Bags Only.** Thank you

**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.

Knights of Columbus Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner (Regular & Swedish Meatballs) Sunday, March 10th, Serving 7:30—1:00 pm St. Wenceslaus Church, Milladore

#### HOSPITALITY



<u>Saturday - March 2</u> 4:00 pm Rebecca Zalar <u>Sunday - March 3</u> 7:30 am Joanne & Andy Dachel 10:00 am Nick & Ashley Marti

#### UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS

#### Monday, February 26, 2024

8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024

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

#### Wednesday, February 28, 2024

- 8:00 am Mass Collective Intentions
  - **†** Tom Ebacher by: Dad & Family
  - **†** Judy Tritz by: Lee Tritz
  - John Piatt by: Karen Pagel
  - + Milly Schill by: Dan McCarville
  - † Gordon Boerner by: Dee Boerner
  - **†** Gail Ashenbrener by: Dick & Family
- \*\*Special Intentions of Cade Statz by: Jan Ermilio 6:00 pm Religious Formation Grades 1-8

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024

9:00 am Bible Study 1:00 pm Choir Practice 5:00 pm Mass † Tony & Evelyn Ksionek by: The Family

**FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024** WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 8:00 am Mass † Janice Stublaski by: Andy & Family 8:30 am Adoration & Confessions

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024 8:00 am Mass + Theresa (Falkosky

8:00 am Mass † Theresa (Falkosky) Burns by: Mom & Dad
8:30 am Confessions
3:00 pm Confessions
3:35 pm Stations of the Cross
4:00 pm Mass † Barbara Niles by: The Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Lent 7:05 Stations of the Cross 7:30 am Mass † Jackie Ashbeck by: Jon & Audrey Arndt 9:35 am Stations of the Cross 10:00 am Mass † Harry Richmond by: The Family

#### Greeters



<u>Saturday - March 2</u> 4:00 pm Gary & Kathi Wierzbicki <u>Sunday - February 3</u> 7:30 am Statz Family 10:00 am Vi Dionne & Marge Gee

#### Lectors



<u>Saturday - March 2</u> 4:00 pm Therese Miller <u>Sunday - March 3</u> 7:30 am Mike Hittner 10:00 am Nick Marti

#### Servers



Saturday - March 2 4:00 pm Corby Olson, Mason Hackman Dave Anderson Sunday - March 3 7:30 am Cade & Christian Statz 10:00 am Ruby & Hugo Marti Violet Moss

#### PASTORAL THOUGHTS...

## *"IF IT'S A SYMBOL, TO HELL WITH IT!" (Part One)*

These words were spoken by Flannery O'Connor, a devout Catholic in 1950, in response to Mary McCarthy a career writer and fallen away Catholic, about the Eucharist, after she said, "I



think of the Eucharist as a symbol." Flannery O'Connor who herself will become a prominent Catholic writer was quick to respond, "If it's a symbol, to hell with it."

When one hears that over half of practicing Catholics do not see the Eucharist any more than just a symbol, it is time for a Eucharistic Revival. In the Catechism, # 1324 it says; "The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life." The other sacraments of the Church, the Church ministries, and all its works, are attached and point to the Eucharist. Thomas Aquinas said that Jesus' power is in effect in the other sacraments, but he is truly present in the sacrament of the altar.

The substance of the bread and wine become the substance of Christ's body, while the appearance remains as bread and wine. (Transubstantiation) Jesus used many times, when he spoke, parables, analogies to help those who heard his words better understand their meaning.

In many of our Scripture readings we hear what Jesus said about the bread of life, the bread of eternal life. <u>"Do not work for the food that perishes, but</u> for the food that endures for eternal life." (John 6:26-27) <u>"Your ancestors ate the manna in</u> the wilderness and died, this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die." (John 6:49-50) Jesus then says, <u>"I</u> am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; AND THE BREAD THAT I WILL GIVE FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD IS MY FLESH." (John 6:51)

Jesus spoke to his disciples about eating his flesh and drinking his blood and many were driven away. Jesus could have easily said wait I was not talking literally only symbolically, but instead he continued, "For my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink." (John 6:55)

The bread of life discourse shows that the disciples of Jesus understand that this Jesus they have been following, meant exactly what he had said. Even Jesus knew that this was a statement he had to make and when those who heard it had left, he turned himself to the twelve and asked, <u>"DO YOU ALSO WISH TO GO</u> AWAY?

Deacon Tom (Part Two next month)

**Lectors**... Karen is working on the new lector schedule. This schedule will run through the end of September. If there any dates that you are unavailable, please email Karen at <u>kabbott@our-lady.org</u> Thank You

If anyone has any old copies of the magnificat and would like to get rid of them, you can drop off at the parish office. Thank You.

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







#### School News

What Parents Say About Assumption Catholic Schools Parents of the students of your Catholic schools rave about the education their students receive. We are thankful for the spiritual leadership, teaching the same virtues and values at school that our children receive at home, the tenderness and caring of teachers, the smaller class sizes support quality learning practice, the participation in school of other parents... the list is endless and priceless. Talk to a parent of an Assumption student. Consider enrolling your most precious child–for more information, please call 715/422-0901.

#### Assumption Catholic Schools Registration for the 2024-2025 School Year- Opened February 1st

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. Class sizes are small, allowing us to give 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 ACS tuition-free? The application period is February 1<sup>st</sup> – April 15<sup>th</sup>. Visit <u>www.dpi.wi.gov/</u> <u>choice</u> for more information and the online application.

Congratulations to the Knights of Columbus contest winners: Christmas Poster, Spelling, Math and Free-throw. Your support of our Catholic school is appreciated



