

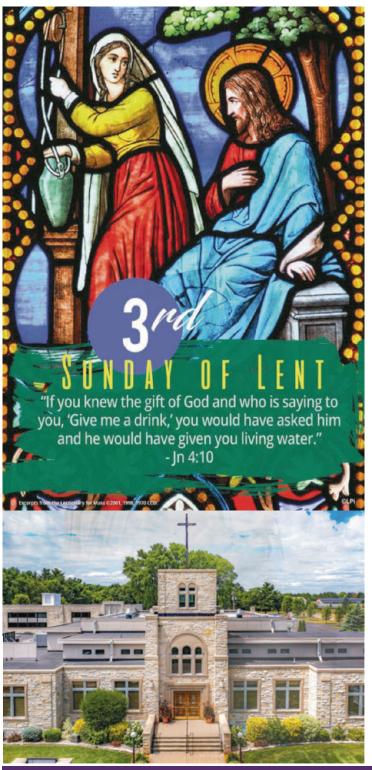
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Monday-Thursday: 8am-3:30pm • Friday: 8am-12:00 noon Scrip is available for purchase during parish office hours.

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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

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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 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 25, 2024



General	\$9,767.00
Plate	\$1,017.10
Building Maintenance	\$405.00
Direct Donation 02/20/24	\$3,897.00
Total	\$15,086.10

LECTIONARY READINGS

Readings for the week of March 3, 2024

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42/Lk 4:24-30 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25/Mt 18:21-35 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147/Mt 5:17-19 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95/Lk 11:14-23 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81/Mk 12:28-34 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137/Eph 2:4-10/

Jn 3:14-21

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SANCTUARY CANDLES



The Sanctuary Candles burn the week of March 2 – March 8 in memory of

Colton Siegler

By: The Siegler Family

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 kabbott@our-lady.org Thank You



Knights of Columbus annual drive

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

Lenten Regulations:

Lenten regulations are as follows:

- 1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on 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 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

Assumption's Flag Football Academy is open to all (boys & girls) in grades K-12.

Participants do NOT have to be enrolled in an ACS school to join.

All are welcome.

Teams will be grouped by grade levels and all games will be played at the Our Lady Queen of Heaven football field.

To register by April 5th, email Joe Rayles at <u>jrayles@assumptioncatholicschools.org</u>

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.

A Pro-Life Rosary 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

St Lawrence Cod Fish Fry
Dates: Fridays during Lent
(March 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 Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner (Regular & Swedish Meatballs) Sunday, March 10th, Serving 7:30—1:00 pm St. Wenceslaus Church, Milladore





For the next three weeks, our Elect will celebrate the Scrutinies. "The Scrutinies are rites for self-searching and repentance. They are celebrated to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, protect them against temptation, and give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life." Continue to pray for all those preparing for the Easter Sacraments.

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. Donation forms are on the table in the gathering space.



St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church 820 13th Street South, Wisconsin Rapids, will host a presentation by Father Sam Martin on the "Eucharistic Revival", Tuesday, March 19th.

The evening will include:

The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit beginning at 5:00 PM

Exposition / Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:45 PM

Father Martin's presentation at 6:30 PM Benediction / Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 PM

Reception at 7:45 PM

All are welcome. Come at any time throughout the evening. This is a free event sponsored by the Marian Center for Peace. For more information: (715)424-6279; mariancenterforpeace.org; find us on Facebook.

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."



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

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.

2024 Lenten Collections until March 31st (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 - 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. **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 https://forms.office.com/r/SVPGxJChAv Consultation must be received by March 20, 2024. Thank you for your participation.

What's on Formed.org for March?

Formed is excited to offer a reflective series on the gift of the Eucharist:



Daily Bread: Discover the Eucharist in Scripture. In this series, viewers can reflect on how the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. With insightful commentary from Dr. Brant Pitre, each episode walks through Scripture to understand how great and magnificent this gift truly is. Daily Bread captures how we are invited into this great mystery in the season of Lent and during all seasons of life.

HOSPITALITY



Saturday - March 16
4:00 pm Mary Anderson
Sunday - March 17
7:30 am Tom & Joan Freidel
10:00 am Bill & Cheryl Johnson

UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024 St. CASIMIR 8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024

9:00 am Children's Mass † Karen Compton by: The Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024

8:00 am Mass Collective Intentions

- † Tim Ebacher by: Dad & Family
- † Clements & Diane Skiba by: Ed & Pam Skiba
- † Delphine & Ed Kaiser by: Lee Tritz
- † Al Schlinsoz by: Jim & Mary Krause
- † Arthur, Julia & Larry Johnson by: Robert & Carol Heuer
- † Gail Ashenbrener by: Dick & Family
- † Deceased Members of the Buetow Family
- † John Moerchen by: The Family

6:00 pm Religious Formation Grades 9-10

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024 STS. PERPETUA & FELICITY

9:00 am Bible Study

5:00 pm Mass † Dave Van Asten by: Agnes Van Asten & Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2024 ST. JOHN OF GOD

8:00 am Mass † Millie Freeberg by: John & Rosemary Hokamp

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024

8:00 am Mass † Jim Fieber by: The Family

8:30 am Confessions

3:00 pm Confessions

3:35 pm Stations of the Cross

4:00 pm Mass † Rick Gebert by: Doug & Karen Pagel

Sunday, March 10, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Lent (Daylight Savings Time Begins)

7:05 Stations of the Cross

7:30 am Mass † Helen Swetz by: Charleen Moscinski

9:35 am Stations of the Cross

10:00 am Mass † Peggy Kubisiak by: Ed Heller

GREETERS



Saturday - March 9
4:00 pm John & Peg Wasshausen
Sunday - February 10
7:30 am Confirmation Class
10:00 am Confirmation Class

LECTORS



Saturday - March 9
4:00 pm Brenda Walczak
Sunday - March 10
7:30 am John Benbow
10:00 am Cindy Holberg

SERVERS



Saturday - March 9
4:00 pm Joe Fidler, Paul Richmond
John Hokamp or Kelly Rosekrans
Sunday - March 10

7:30 am Cade & Christian Statz 10:00 am Rick Anderson, Violet Moss Noah Unversaw

PASTORAL THOUGHTS...

"IF IT'S A SYMBOL, TO HELL WITH IT!" (Conclusion)

"Through Him, with Him and in Him," is the Eucharistic prayer that we hear at Mass, and very well describes that which we are about to partake in.



Through general reading of what sacraments are, we come to understand that they are signs, signs of grace, and through them we receive grace. Thomas Aquinas simply said; "They cause what they signify." The Eucharist is necessary to nourish a life of grace. It is the mystery of water and wine that we come to share in the divinity of Christ. Just as he comes into our life to share in our humanity.

Bishop Barron explains the substances of bread and wine changing into the Body and Blood of Jesus, while remaining in appearance bread and wine, by saying, "The same God who made bread and wine from nothing and sustains them from moment to moment can transform the deepest ontological (the nature of existence) centers of those things into something else." Pope Benedict defined this very well when he said, "...the bread and wine lose their independence as creatures and become through God's power, pure signs of Christ's presence."

An important statement to remember is that of Thomas Aquinas when he said, "God does not know things because they exist, but rather that things exist because God knows them." Jesus' words in his ministry have an effect and they transform or alter to whom or what he is referencing. That is why when we now come to the Last Supper and we hear Jesus say; "This is my Body" and "This is my Blood," that altered, changed that bread and wine into his Body and Blood.

Bishop Barron said, "This efficacious or effective word of Christ...endures in the Church...in its preaching, its teaching, its sacraments and above all in the Eucharistic liturgy." The priest states these words of Christ at the Last Supper, at each Mass and then in the person of Christ (Persona Christi) he states Jesus' words, "This is my Body, which will be given up for you...the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant."

The real presence of Christ in the Eucharist is the effect of power of the word, the word which is Jesus himself. If the elements of bred and wine were merely symbols we would be able to say "TO HELL WITH IT" But they are truly the presence of God through the word of Jesus, and now the priest, and it has an effect on our lives as Christians for when we receive and say Amen, we are saying, "I BELIEVE"

(Acknowledgements: This is my Body by Bishop Robert Barron, "We Believe..." by Father Oscar Lukefahr, C.M., and the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

Deacon Tom

Sacred Heart Parish in Polonia will be having bingo on Sunday, March 3rd in the church basement. Doors open at 11:00am and bingo will start at 1:00pm seating availability will be limited to 200. The bingo will offer over \$600 in cash prizes. Concessions, 50/50 Raffle and Cherry Tree.

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS







School News

Registration is open for the 2024-2025 school year!

Contact Mrs. Kerry Meinel for a tour

kmeinel@assumptioncatholicschools.org, 715-422-0901

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, 1st, or 9th grade. The 2024-2025 application period is February 1–April 18, 2024. For more qualifications and information, please visit the ACS website www.assumptioncatholicschools.org. Visit www.dpi.wi.gov/choice for more information and the online application.

Come work with us, you'll ♥ it!

OLQH is seeking a teacher for our new Catholic 4K program starting in the 2024-2025 school year. Do you have a passion for your Catholic faith? Love working with the younger students? Have experience working in early childhood and a teaching license? Position starts early August 2024. To apply send a letter of interest, resume and 3 references to Shelley Bruley, OLQH principal,

<u>sbruley@assumptioncatholicschools.org</u> Please contact the Shelley Bruley for more details.

CONGRAGULATIONS TO OUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST WINNERS





First Grade Winners

Second Grade Winners

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Monday, March 11: Fourth Degree meeting at Our Lady Queen of Heaven cafeteria starting at 7:00 pm.

Thursday, March 14: Council Officer's meeting at Our Lady Queen of Heaven cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. with the Council Meeting starting at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 21: Annual Memorial Mass for deceased members at the regular 5:00 pm Mass at Our Lady Queen of Heaven. All area Knights and their families are invited. The Honor Guard will process with a reception following the Mass.



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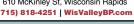
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