

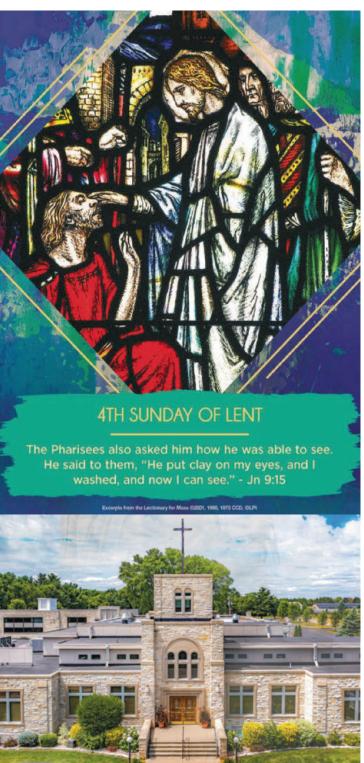
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Monday-Thursday: 8am-3:30pm • Friday: 8am-12:00 noon Scrip is available for purchase during parish office hours.

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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 dass 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 March 3, 2024



General	\$10,290.00
Plate	\$1,192.00
Building Maintenance	\$475.00
Total	\$11,957.00

LECTIONARY READINGS

Readings for the week of March 10, 2024

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16,19-23/Ps 137/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23/Eph 5:8-14/

Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 Is 65:17-21/Ps 30/Jn 4:43-54

Monday: Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46/Jn 5:1-16 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145/Jn 5:17-30 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7/Jn 7:40-53 Saturday:

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130/Rom 8:8-11/ Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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SANCTUARY CANDLES



The Sanctuary Candles burn the week of March 9 – March 15 in memory of

> Robert Orheim By: Jeanette & Family

Magnificat...The order will renew in May. If you wish to be added or removed from the list, please call the parish office. The cost for renewal will be \$35.00.



Knights of Columbus annual drive

Please bring bottles back by the weekend of March 9/10 Please return bottles if not using them.



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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 jrayles@assumptioncatholicschools.org

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 20th. 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 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





OCIA Second Scrutiny

This week, our elect will celebrate the Second Scrutiny. "By this means, the elect are instructed gradually about the mystery of sin, from which the whole world and every person longs to be delivered and thus saved from its present and future consequences. Second, their spirit is filled with Christ the Redeemer who is the light of the world." Continue to pray for all those who are 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.

Employment Opportunity

St. Lawrence Parish is looking for a part-time custodian/maintenance to start immediately. Please contact Caren at the parish office (715-421-5777 or slparishwr@gmail.com) for more details.

Assumption Middle School is in search of some volunteers to help with our middle school <u>Forensic</u> event on <u>Thursday, March 14th</u> <u>Time: 8:30am - 11am</u> (The end time is approximate as we may conclude sooner)

No prior forensic judging experience is required to help, just looking for adults interested in listening to our students perform their forensic pieces and offering kind and constructive feedback.

If you or someone you know would be able to help, please call the middle school office at 715-422-0950.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Sunday, April 7, 2024

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

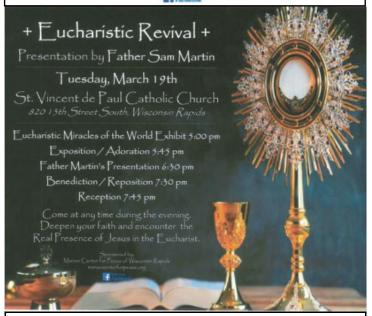
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Afternoon will include:

- 1:15 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament / Confessions
- . 2:45 Reflection on Divine Mercy
- . 3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet (sung)
- . 3:20 Benediction / Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

(To earn the Plenary Indulgence on this day, participants are asked to go to Confession remaining free from all attachment to sin, receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday, recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet in front of the Blessed Sacrament and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. The purpose of Lent is to prepare us for Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday, so one shouldn't wait until the last moment to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Going earlier shows pastoral sensitivity to the fact that there is a shortage of priests to hear everyone's confession on Divine Mercy Sunday.)

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March 17 & April 7 & 21 AHS Doors open at 12:00 Bingo begins at 1:00 Progressive Bingo is +\$1000!

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/1/37078635)

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

Easter Flowers... If you wish to donate for flowers in memory of a loved one, please have your donations to the office by Monday, March 18th. If they are turned into the office after the bulletin deadline, they won't be listed in the Easter bulletin.



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.

Spring Deanery—St Joseph Parish Center 151 East State St., Adams, WI Thursday, April 18, 2024—Cost: \$25.00

5:00 pm Social Hour 6:00 pm Dinner

7:00 pm Program

After the program: Dessert, Raffle Basket and

Door Prize Drawing

RSVP to your PCCW Treasurer by Friday, March 22. Mary Pierce-431 11th Ave N Wisc. Rapids, WI 54495

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 11, 2024

8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024

9:00 am Children's Mass † Mike Honkomp by: OLQH School Staff

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024

8:00 am Mass Collective Intentions

- **†** Ted Mitchell by: Janeen Sievers
- **†** Doug Wettstein by: The Family
- † Judy Tritz by: Lee Tritz
- † Jerry Wirtz by: Mike & Diane Moss
- † Poor Souls in Purgatory
- † Greg Gillen by: John & Marilyn Rehberg
- **†** Gail Ashenbrener by: Dick & Family
- † Al Schlinsog by: John & Bonnie Joosten
 **Special Intention for Morrical

6:00 pm Religious Formation Grades 1-8

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024

9:00 am Bible Study

10:30am—10:00 pm Rocky Rococo Youth Fundraiser

1:00 pm Choir Practice

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024

8:00 am Mass † Ken Mertes by: Linda Paterick

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024

8:00 am Mass † Walter McCaughna by: Tom Lobner

8:30 am Confessions

3:00 pm Confessions

3:35 pm Stations of the Cross

4:00 pm Mass † Doreen, Jim & Leona Dekarske by: Family

Sunday, March 17, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:05 Stations of the Cross

7:30 am Mass † Anita Hager by: The Family

9:35 am Stations of the Cross

10:00 am Mass + Beverly O'Donnell by: The Family

GREETERS



Saturday - March 16 4:00 pm Mark & Jeri Ann Reichl Sunday - February 17 7:30 am Jerold & Nancy Mischnick 10:00 am Marge Gee & Liz Musch

ECTORS



Saturday - March 16 4:00 pm Doris Seifert Sunday - March 17 7:30 am Mary Benbow 10:00 am Angela Peters

SERVERS



Saturday - March 16 4:00 pm Dave Anderson, Corby Olson John Hokamp or Kelly Rosekrans Sunday - March 17

7:30 am Cade & Christian Statz 10:00 am Katharina & Jakob Gokey Teegan Korte

PASTORAL THOUGHTS...

Learning Forgiveness through Sacred Art and the Bible

Have you ever noticed the large picture above the display cabinet in the gathering space? This picture is of a painting by Rembrandt in 1669. Based on the parable in Luke 15:11-32, "The Return of the Prodigal Son." This parable is one of the most significant parables of the Bible.

The parable begins with a young man returning home after spending all his father's hard-earned money abroad on a lavish lifestyle. He returns financially and emotionally broke and asks for his father's forgiveness. His father welcomes him home and orders a fattened calf to be killed in his honor. The father's actions infuriated the older brother, who had spent all his life obeying his father and was never rewarded. When the older son asks his father why he would reward his younger brother for his behavior, the father replies:

"Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found."

What can we learn about the virtue of forgiveness from this passage and art piece? Just like the father in this parable, God wants us to return to Him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. When we make mistakes like the younger son, we need to acknowledge those mistakes, be genuinely sorry, and return to our Heavenly Father. Lent is a perfect time to reflect on the meaning of forgiveness. In many of our scripture passages for Lent, Jesus shows us by example how we are to forgive others.

Forgiveness can be challenging, especially when we harbor hate within our hearts. The power that hate can have over a person is beyond wild! Hate isolates yourself from friends, family, and our Heavenly Father. When we harbor hate, we put up spiritual blocks between God and ourselves. Hatred eventually takes over everything and makes us something hideous. Only you can decide if you genuinely want to be healed; no one else can force you to be healed.

If you struggle with hatred and forgiveness, don't hesitate to go to a priest first for spiritual guidance. Most of the time, this conversation will lead to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. However, we still need to remember that priests are here for spiritual guidance and that sometimes, our struggles go into the category of counseling. Your struggles may require someone other than a priest to address the situation.

This Lent, I challenge you to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation more than once. Come back to our Heavenly Father with a contrite heart.

If you would like to reflect more on the meaning of Rembrandt's painting, Henri Nouwen's book *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming* is a great way to continue your reflection.

For those who are fearful, dubious, unrepentant, or otherwise reluctant, Bishop Louis Gaston de Segur provides **Confession:** A Little Book for the Reluctant to allay fears and to give courage in approaching Confession. By Rebecca Zalar, Director of Religious Education

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS







School News

If you do not already have your child registered at your Catholic school, please contact our office and we will get you all set up for the 2024-2025 school year. We are always eager to share our school life with those in the community.

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.

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
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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.

Students and families were trained in Hands-Only CPR and AED at our "Save a Heart Family Night"



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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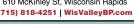
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