March 17, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Lent



# Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish

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### **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

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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 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 10, 2024



General	\$9,475.12
Plate	\$1,048.50
Building Maintenance	\$420.00
Total	\$10,943.62

### **LECTIONARY READINGS**

### Readings for the week of March 17, 2024

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

Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8(7)/ Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17,19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23/

Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/

Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105/Jn 8:51-59 Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18/Jn 10:31-42 Friday:

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10/ls 50:4-7/Ps 22/Phil 2:6-11/

Mk 14:1—15:47

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### **SANCTUARY CANDLES**



The Sanctuary Candles burn the week of March 16 – March 22 in memory of

> Gail Seefeldt By: Kathy & Todd Weiler

There will NOT be a 6:00 pm Deanery Mass at SSPP on Easter Sunday, March 31st.



### **Knights of Columbus** annual drive

Please return all baby bottles to the parish. They are used in other parishes. Please return even if they are empty. Thank You!

**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

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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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, April 8tth 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 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

"You are cordially invited to join the local Secular Franciscan Fraternity as we lead the Stations of the Cross and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Please join us at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 21 at St. Lawrence Church."





### 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 \$10 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.

### **Eucharistic Miracles of the World** Display April 12 - 19

Join us for a self-guided tour of 158 Eucharistic miracles collected from 22 countries, praverfully gathered by Blessed Carlos Acutis before his death on October 12. 2006. All verified and approved by the Catholic Church, this is an amazing opportunity to delve deeper into your faith and witness the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Display of the Eucharistic Miracles will be located throughout the Gathering Space.

### **Tenebrae Prayer Service at** Ss. Peter and Paul Parish, Wisconsin Rapids

Please join us for a sung, candlelight prayer service that will feature the choirs and musicians of Ss. Peter and Paul Church of Wisconsin Rapids and Sacred Heart Church of Polonia. This event, inspired by the traditional Holy Week offices of Tenebrae, will take place on Holy Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 7:00 PM at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1150 2nd St. N.

### **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.

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.

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDA



Sunday, April 7, 2024

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

711 Prospect Avenue Nekoosa, WI 54457

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! **OCIA Third Scrutiny** This week, our elect will celebrate their final Scrutiny. The Exorcism reminds the elect that God will free them from the death-dealing power of the spirit of evil.

## 2024 Lenten Collections until March 31<sup>st</sup> (Easter

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)

**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:

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.

Join Cardinal Raymond Burke for a Nine Month Novena, which began March 12 and culminates in a consecration to Our Lady of Guadalupe for her feast day on December 12. You'll receive regular email updates from Cardinal Burke. Visit <a href="https://novena.cardinalburke.com">https://novena.cardinalburke.com</a> to sign up or to find the novena prayer.

## Glacier Lake FNE Explorers Pancake Breakfast Sunday, April 21st, 8:00 am – 12:30 pm at

# SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church 1110 1st Street North, Wisconsin Rapids.

Menu includes: potato pancakes, buttermilk pancakes, sausage, real maple syrup, applesauce, cheese, cookies and choice of beverage. Adults \$10.00; Children ages 5-12 \$5.00; Children 4 & under eat free; Maximum Family Rate \$40.00. Please enter through the Drive-Up Entrance and use the Elevator to reach the Lower Level.

### HOSPITALITY



Saturday - April 6
4:00 pm Laura Danczyk
Sunday - April 7
7:30 am Shelley Bruley/Kerry Meinel
10:00 am John & Rosemary Hokamp

### **UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS**

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024 ST CYRIL OF JERUSALEM 8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024 ST JOSEPH 9:00 am Children's Mass † Gail Seefeldt by: Mom & Dad

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024

8:00 am Mass Collective Intentions

- † Michael Hasenohrl by: The Family
- † Elisabeth Mertes by: Linda & Scott Paterick
- † Stevie Foshey by: Friends
- † Anton Statz by: Bea Statz
- **†** Gordon Boerner by: Dee Boerner
- † Gail Ashenbrener by: Dick & Family
- † Sue Farrell by Karen Pagel
- † Kathleen Kuula by: Deb Purucker
- \*\*Special Intention of Ron & Jean Borre

6:00 pm Religious Formation Grades 1-8

### THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024

9:00 am Bible Study

1:00 pm Choir Practice

5:00 pm Mass † Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus & Phil Hamilton by: The Family

### FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024

8:00 am Mass † Hannah Paterick, Bob & Cindy Affeldt by: Linda & Scott Paterick

### SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024

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

8:30 am Confessions

3:00 pm Confessions

3:30 pm Rosary

4:00 pm Mass † Leonard & Loretta Vakoc by: Sue Morgan

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion 7:30 am Mass † Peggy Kubisiak by: Ed Heller 10:00 am Mass † Barbara Niles by: The Family

### **GREETERS**



Saturday - March 23
4:00 pm Gary & Kathi Wierzbicki
Sunday - February 24
7:30 am Jerold & Nancy Mischnick
10:00 am Vi Dionne & Marge Gee

### **LECTORS**



Saturday - March 23 4:00 pm Doris Seifert Sunday - March 24 7:30 am Diane Moss 10:00 am Elaine Skibba

#### **SERVERS**



Saturday - March 23 4:00 pm Mason Hackman, Greg Bathke Dave Anderson or Corby Olson

Sunday - March 24

7:30 am Cade & Christian Statz
10:00 am Violet Moss, Rick Anderson
Paul Richmond

### PASTORAL THOUGHTS...

### Isn't Protestantism Easier to Get to Heaven?

Alas, that question. There are numerous iterations of this question as I have heard it over some years, and here is a sampling of other ways of asking it: "I feel more fed by the songs and sermons down the road, can't I just go there?"; "Aren't other religions easier and more positive than Catholicism, why not leave?"; "What's the big deal?



Everyone finds God in their own way." In all of these questions, the problem is not the answer, but rather the question. Any Catholic, by asking it, has missed fundamentally the reason for religion. Religion is not a matter of preference like choosing Subway over Pizza Hut. Religion is not a consumer good, and we are not junkies who choose the place that we like best; as St. Paul says, "The kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness" (Rom 14:17). Righteousness, or "being right" with God, that is right-relationship with God is the goal of religion. Now, if "being right" with God is the goal, that means there must be some ways of "being wrong" with God. In other words, not all religions make us "right" with God.

There are some obvious examples of "being wrong" with God. Some religions of the ancient world thought it pious to sacrifice children, and some extremists (even some Christians) use acts of terror to glorify God. These are obviously wrong and despicable to God; they use explicit evils. But what of the more subtle cases as in our original question with Protestantism? Lutherans do not sacrifice children like the pagans, and Baptists have many of the same beliefs as Catholics. So what makes the difference that Catholicism is the way to "be right" with God? What claim do Catholics have that Protestants do not?

People claim to me often that all the Christian religions are essentially the same (which is hilarious because I am a priest who has staked his entire life on Catholicism being the right one). But they are not the same: in fact, they rarely agree on the fundamentals for being "right" with God. Abortion, for example, is wrong, but somehow many Christian denominations accept it. Is this simply not fundamental? What about Jesus being present in the Eucharist, or sexual morality, or any other differences in religion? Who gets to decide what is important and "right" to God? Here we find the greatest difference between Catholics and Protestants, and really the greatest argument for Catholicism being correct: Authority. Protestants claim authority from the Scriptures, but who interprets the Scriptures? There are thousands of interpretations of Scriptures each with their own corresponding Protestant church and morals. There is one Catholic Church, albeit with its sinners, but with an unchanging authority over what is important to God. The job of the bishops (who carry on the teaching authority of the Apostles) is to safeguard the doctrine and moral teachings that have been handed onto them with an unchanging doctrine about the Truth. Catholicism has never been about our preference, it is about what is right.

Be right before God, Fr. Weller

Lectors: New schedules are available for pick up. They are on a table in the gathering area.

### **ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS**







### School News

Registration is open for the 2024-2025 school year! Contact Mrs. Kerry Meinel for a tour

kmeinel@assumptioncatholicschools.org715-422-0901

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program: The 2024-2025 application period is February 1–April 18, 2024. For more qualifications and information, please visit the ACS website and visit <a href="www.dpi.wi.gov/choice">www.dpi.wi.gov/choice</a> for the online application.

Our Easter Break begins on March 25 and school resumes on April 2. Elementary offices will be closed.

# **OLQH School is growing-come work with us, you'll ♥ it! KINDERGARTEN AIDE-**Our Lady Queen of Heaven School has an opening for a part time kindergarten aide for the remainder of the current school year. Hours for this position

are 8:30 – 11 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. This

position will begin in April 2024 and will last through the end of May 2024. Email Shelley Bruley at <a href="mailto:sbruley@assumptioncatholicschools.org">sbruley@assumptioncatholicschools.org</a> or call 715- 422-0982 if interested.

PARAPROFESSIONAL- Do you have a passion for your faith? Do you love working with the younger students? Are you interested in providing instructional services to students under the general supervision of a certified teacher? Our Lady Queen of Heaven School has an opening for a full time paraprofessional beginning in the 2024-2025 school year. This Monday-Friday position will begin on August 15, 2024. Email Shelley Bruley at

<u>sbruley@assumptioncatholicschools.org</u> or call 715- 422-0982 if interested.

# CELEBRATING READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK AT OLQH





### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**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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