

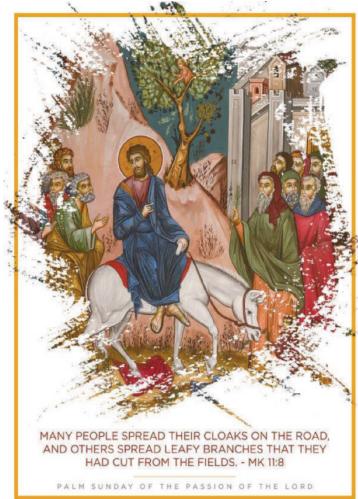
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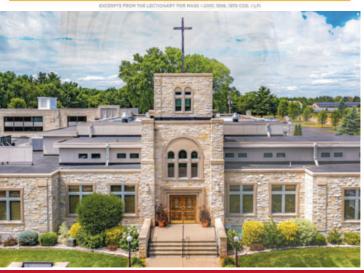
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

PARISH STAFF

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 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 24, 2024



General	\$7,924.00
Plate	\$1,084.25
Building Maintenance	\$175.00
Direct Donation 03/10/24	\$4,297.00
Scrip Rebate Jan/Feb	\$984.52
Total	\$14,464.77

LECTIONARY READINGS

Readings for the week of March 24, 2024

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

Mk 14:1—15:47

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: ls 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89/Rv 1:5-8/

Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8,11-14/Ps 116/

1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31(Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/

Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2/Ps 104/Gn 22:1-18/ Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-

2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/ls 54:5-14/Ps 30/ls 55:1-11/ls 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42/Rom 6:3-11/Mk

16:1-7

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9

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 bottles 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 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 April 15th.

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, April 3rd. Please join us in the cafeteria from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. All are welcome to join us.

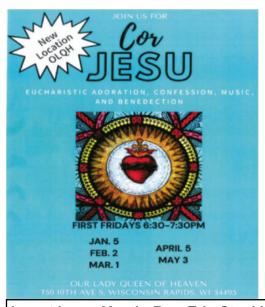
TV Mass on Spectrum 985 or Solarus 3: OLQH Mass at 9 AM on Wednesday; Diocesan Mass at 6:30 AM on Sunday. Mass is also broadcast on Sunday at 6 AM on WZAW 7.3 (FOX) and at 6:30 AM on WJFW

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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 Confessior remaining free from all attachment to sin, receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday, recite the Divine Mercy Chaptein fin ont of the Blessed Searament 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 moments 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, o

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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. 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, prayerfully 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 @ OLQH.

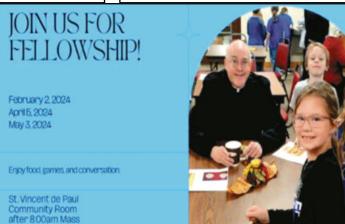
Tenebrae Prayer Service at Ss. Peter and Paul Parish, Wisconsin Rapids

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

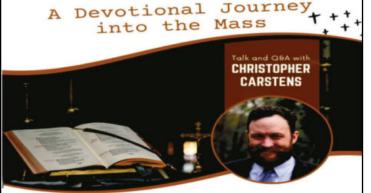
St. Lawrence Parish is looking for a part-time custodian/maintenance to start immediately. Please contact Caren at the parish office (715-421-5777 or slparishwr@gmail.com) for more details.

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.



WISCONSIN RAPIDS CATHOLIC PARISHES SPRING SPEAKER

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Mass from 5:30 - 6:15 pm
Talk with Q & A in the Parish Hall
from 6:30- 7:30 pm
Refreshments and snacks will be provided



April 7 & 21
AHS Doors open at 12:00
Bingo begins at 1:00
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The Shepherd's Loft takes donations of clothing on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:00 to noon. They are located on Baker Street in the Wesleyan Church. Please do not bring items to our church, take directly to Shepherd's Loft.

2024 Lenten Collections until March 31st (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

Glacier Lake FNE Explorers Pancake Breakfast Sunday, April 21st, 8:00 am – 12:30 pm at SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church 1110 1st Street

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.

SERVERS



Holy Thursday—March 28

6:00 pm Dave Anderson, Corby Olson Noah Unversaw

Good Friday—March 29

12:10 pm Joe Fidler, Dave Anderson Noah Unversaw

Saturday - March 30

8:30 pm Dave Anderson, Paul Richmond Noah Unversaw, Corby Olson Joe Fidler

Sunday - March 31

7:30 am Cade & Christian Statz 10:00 am Violet Moss, Braeden Peters, Teegan Korte

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.

UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2024

8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024

NO Mass

Chrism Mass @ Cathedral in La Crosse

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024

8:00 am Mass Collective Intentions

- † Joseph & Lorraine Kolbet by: The Family
- † Dan & Colleen Kluck by: Janeen Sievers
- † Judy Tritz by: Lee Tritz
- † Al Sievers by: Friends of the Family
- † Jim Fieber by: Janeen Sievers
- † Jim Schmutzer by: The Jim Schmutzer Families
- † Richard Schmutzer by: Pat Hollar
- † Gail Ashenbrener by: Dick & Family
- † W. L., Anne, Eileen, Gunny O'Connor by: Pat O'Connor

NO Religious Formation Classes

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28 2024

9:00 am Bible Study

6:00 pm Mass + Hank & Marge Oesterreicher by: Kay

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024

12:10 pm Service

SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL, MARCH 30, 2024

9:00 am Morning Prayer

8:30 pm Mass † Scott Lobner by: Mom

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

7:30 am Mass † Don & Diane Slattery by: The Family 10:00 am Mass † Marvin Kehrberg by: The Family

LECTORS



Holy Thursday-March 28 6:00 pm Jerry Bach Good Friday-March 29 Cindy Holberg

Saturday - March 30

8:30 pm Doris Seifert, Mike Hittner Karen Abbott, Carol Dean

Sunday - March 31 7:30 am Mary Benbow 10:00 am Mike Mancl

GREETERS



Saturday - March 30 8:30 pm Volunteers Needed Sunday - February 31 7:30 am Volunteers Needed 10:00 am Volunteers Needed

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

PASTORAL THOUGHTS...

"..AND THEY CRUCIFIED HIM."

As Catholic Christians we walk into Church or pray the rosary and bless ourselves either with a crucifix on the rosary, or the crucifix in the center of the Church behind the altar. At this time of Lent as we near Good Friday, let us remember what that crucifix represents, through the pain and



suffering that Jesus went through, redeeming all mankind, and the personal freedom to seek that Cross for their eternal life.

What did Jesus really endure during those hours culminating in his death? Christians recall Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane to the point where his sweat became drops of blood. This is a real phenomenon where the capillaries within the sweat glands can break, under extreme stress and emit blood with sweat. After Jesus' arrest, and without any sleep, he was blind-folded, spit on, beaten, all while in custody. Jesus was then ordered to be scourged, which the Romans were masters at, with the ability to take what they called a flagellum, (scourge) an instrument consisting of heavy leather thongs, or bands that had lead or bone parts affixed on the end of them. These heavy whips were then brought down on the shoulders the back and the legs of Jesus all the while having his hands, and his wrists tied together to a post above his head. This brutal scourging would cut through the skin, and repeated blows would open the deeper tissues, the capillaries, veins causing blood loss. The Romans knew exactly how and where to contact the body with these whips, causing the most damage without killing the recipient of these 39 blows. Jesus by this time his face already beaten, and bloodied beyond recognition, now faced nerve damage, extreme pain and loss of blood, dehydration, and extreme weakness as they weaved and then placed a crown of long sharp thorns, not just placed. but forced down on his head again causing copious blood to stream down his face, as he stood with a purple robe on his body, hearing the crowd yell for his crucifixion.

That slow walk to Calvary with Jesus carrying his Cross across his already brutalized shoulders, fell many times due to his loss of blood, his dehydration, until they reached their destination. They ripped off that robe, tearing those open wounds, and threw him down on that wooden cross and proceeded to nail his hands and feet through the part of the wrist and feet not to break bones but to inflict pain and allow the hands and feet some ability to move in order to prolong the suffering. Crucifixion brutalizes the nerves and the crucified endures inhuman pain and suffering. Jesus would have to push up on his nailed feet with nearly paralyzed muscles in order to breath in. All the while enduring three hours of endless pain. Though a young healthy young man, he would be beginning to feel the chest pain from the filling, by fluid, of the pericardium, the sack around the heart, and now compressing the heart.

With his lungs now filling with fluid Jesus struggled to speak those final seven words from the Cross, each time having to deal with the extreme pain of just trying to lift himself up to breath, and yet speaking out forgiveness from that Cross. After a grueling three hours of agony, Jesus' heart beating even faster and no longer able to carry the load, it would begin fluttering and Jesus feeling death coming over him, and with all he had left he said, "IT IS FINISHED."

Deacon Tom

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 School 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
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 1st – April 15th. Visit www.dpi.wi.gov/choice for more information and the online application.

Only 2 First Friday Socials left! Please join us after 8:00am Mass at St. Vincent de Paul on April 5 hosted by 5th grade and May 3 hosted by 4th grade.

It's syrup harvesting time!



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



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