



# Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish

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**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48

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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](http://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 May 21st 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 APRIL 7, 2024



General	\$11,008.00
Plate	\$1,009.15
Building Maintenance	\$1,661.00
Easter	\$270.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,948.15</b>

## LECTIONARY READINGS

### Readings for the week of April 14, 2024

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

## ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

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# In Sympathy

Please remember in your prayers

**Marie Joosten  
Lester Leece**

May God grant them eternal rest.



### OLQH Knitting and Crocheting Group

The knitting and crocheting group will meet on Friday morning May 3rd 2024 at 9:00 AM in the gathering area at church. If you are not able to make the meeting, we will work on lap blankets and prayer shawls for the cancer golf outing in mid-June. You may drop off any knitted or crocheted items in the bins at church and I will pick them up. Thank you to everyone who has been bringing hand made items to church. Think spring!

**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.

**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.

**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.



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

**We are short 10 bottles.**



**April 21—May 5**  
**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 April 15th.

**A Pro-Life Rosary** will be said on Monday, May 13th 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 17th. 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

Quote for the week: *"How can I go home to a comfortable bed, knowing there are thousands of children that are out there in the streets; sleeping outside in the cold, hungry, with no hope in their mind?"*  
Fr. Joseph Walijewski



April 20-21, Msgr. Joseph Hirsch will celebrate Mass at Our Lady Queen of Heaven and share the story of Casa Hogar, a home for youth in Peru, with the mission of delivering high quality care in a family environment. There are 64 children and 8 families who live at Casa Hogar ranging in age from 5 to 18 years. Living together today because of the vision and sacrifices of Fr. Joseph Walijewski.

Through his first hand stories, Msgr. Hirsch will share how over the years Casa Hogar has provided many children with a safe and caring environment where they gain the confidence to develop skills that empower and enable them for a more promising future. All thanks to the generosity and support of many people and organizations in the Diocese of La Crosse and throughout the United States.

#### 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.

#### Greetings from the Social Justice Committee.

Easter Joy to all of you. Thank you so much for your generosity during the Lenten Collections. Our parish is so fortunate to have so many giving, caring individuals. During Lent, we made several trips each week to the food pantry (FOCUS) with food, and hygiene items, and diapers. We donated food to the MSTC food pantry for the college students. We made 3 trips to First Choice Pregnancy Center on 8<sup>th</sup> Street to stock up their infant pantry with baby items. We took assorted items to the Family Center to help individuals start new lives. Through your generosity we made donations to the Shepherd's Loft with clothing, blankets and pill bottles. We took lots of notebooks, puzzle books and cheater glasses to the Wood County Jail.

A special thank you to Rebecca Zalar and the high school religious education classes, and confirmation candidates who helped decorate and assemble small Easter bags for the Wood County jail inmates. The bags had sayings such as "Easter is a time of hope, of new beginnings, you can change your life."

Thank you to the knitters/crocheters of the parish. We took baby blankets to First Choice, some winter hats to WRPS, and lap blankets and shawls with local nursing homes. We also shared some of the shampoo, body wash and lotions with the nursing homes for people who don't have that.

What a wonderful way to do the Lord's work during Lent. Thank you for your compassion and generosity with our neighbors. God's blessings to you all.



The Sanctuary Candles burn the week of April 13- April 19 in memory of

**Joanie & Wayne Wesenberg**  
By: Family

#### ASSUMPTION HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 25<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CASH SWEEPSTAKES

\$13,900 in cash prizes, including a \$5000 grand prize and a \$3000 grand prize.

Suggested donation - \$100 - only 550 tickets available. Drawing on Sunday, May 19, 2024, at approximately 4:00 p.m. in the Athletic Office at Assumption High School. Need not be present to win. Confirmation of entry will be provided.

An entry form is available by contacting Bob Birkhauser at (715) 213-4387(C) or at (715) 886-3158 (H) or Joe Birkhauser at (715) 422-0915 (W).

Return entry and donation to Assumption High School Athletic Dept., 445 Chestnut St., Wi. Rapids, WI 54494.

#### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd training opportunities available in our area this summer

St. Phillips Level 1b (second half), June 17-22: contact Samantha Golat at [re.saintphilip@gmail.com](mailto:re.saintphilip@gmail.com) for more information or to register.

St. Vincent de Paul Level 1a (first half), August 1-3 AND August 8-10: contact Peg Klinkhammer at [mklinkhammer@assumptioncatholicsschools.org](mailto:mklinkhammer@assumptioncatholicsschools.org) for more information or to register.



#### "the ANSWER" Eucharistic Rally | June 7

**The La Crosse Center, La Crosse, WI** "the Answer" Eucharistic Rally will be held on June 7, 2024 at the La Crosse Center in La Crosse, WI. This event kicks off the first day that the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be in the Diocese of La Crosse. "the Answer" Eucharistic Rally will begin with a Eucharistic Procession across the Cameron Street Bridge in La Crosse. It will end at the La Crosse Center where the rest of the rally will take place. The day will include Mass, Adoration, Confession, powerful speakers such as Chris Stefanick, Immaculee Ilibagize, and Josh Rosa, music from Luke Spehar, and plenty of vendors. The cost for this event is only \$15 per person. This rally is for middle and high school youth, young adults, adults, families, etc. You can find more information about the event by visiting <https://diolc.org/the-answer> or by using your smartphone's camera to scan the QR code to the right. For such an important event, it would be amazing if every parish brought a bus full of parishioners

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Sunday, April 14:** The Honor Guard will process at the 10:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart Parish for Nekoosa Council's Corporate Communion/Memorial Mass.



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Assumption Central Office is seeking an accounting manager. A person with a passion for numbers, a drive for accuracy and a love of the Catholic faith and Catholic Schools. The accounting manager works closely with the president on ensuring the fiscal health of the school system. If you are interested in finding out more please contact: Daniel Minter, 715-422-0902 [dminter@assumptioncatholicschools.org](mailto:dminter@assumptioncatholicschools.org)

To view all the 2024-25 job openings visit <https://www.assumptioncatholicschools.org/acs-central-office/human-resources/>

**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.

### Shop for a Cause

We invite you to a HUGE Rummage Sale at Saints Peter and Paul School in Wisconsin Rapids (1150 2nd St. North) benefitting the youth of the parish. Funds raised will offset costs of church camp, youth parish trips and events and Totus Tuus. We hope to see you there! Sale will run:

Thursday, April 25 9 am- 5 pm

Friday, April 26 9 am- 5 pm

Saturday, April 27 9 am- 3 pm (1/2 price noon-3)



## UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS

### MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024

**8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service**

### TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024

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

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024

**8:00 am Mass** Collective Intentions

† Delphine & Ed Kaiser by: Lee Tritz

† Jerry Wirtz by: Marilyn Heeg

† Al Sievers by: The Family

† Doug Jones by: Ardyce Jones

† Richard Schmutzer by: Dale & Carol DeSloover

† Patricia Rust by: Jack & Joan Cepek

† Dick Hunsader by: Jack & Joan Cepek

† Ed Altmann by: The Family

**6:00 pm Religious Formation Classes– Grade 1-8**

### THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024

**1:00 pm Choir Practice**

**5:00 pm Mass † Doreen, Leona & Jim Dekarske by: Family & Friends**

### FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024

**8:00 am Mass † Scott Lobner by: Mom**

### SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

**8:00 am Mass † Marie Joosten by: Joyce Klonowski**

**8:30 am Confessions**

**3:00 pm Confessions**

**3:30 pm Rosary**

**4:00 pm Mass † Dennis Conway by: The Family**

### SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

**7:30 am Mass** 73rd Wedding Anniversary John & Marilyn Rehberg

**10:00 am Mass † Roland Pingul by: Bill & Christine Weiland**

## GREETERS



### Saturday - April 20

**4:00 pm Mark & Jeri Ann Reichl**

### Sunday - April 21

**7:30 am Sue Basler & Kelly Rosekrans**

**10:00 am Gary & Kathi Wierzbicki**

## LECTORS



### Saturday - April 20

**4:00 pm Doris Seifert**

### Sunday - April 21

**7:30 am Deb Eron**

**10:00 am Karen Abbott**

## SERVERS



### Saturday - April 20

**4:00 pm Mason Hackman, Joe Fidler  
Paul Richmond**

### Sunday - April 21

**7:30 am Cade & Christian Statz**

**10:00 am Braeden Peters & Violet Moss**

## HOSPITALITY



### Saturday - April 20

**4:00 pm Mary Anderson**

### Sunday - April 21

**7:30 am Tom & Joan Freidel**

**10:00 am Nick & Ashley Marti**

**Why Does God Let Us Suffer?**



The Bible is very clear that God does not think like us. He would leave ninety-nine sheep to seek for one lost one, and he would forgive abominable deeds. He even allowed his Son to die upon a cross. In short, God thinks about things in ways that do not fit into our normal human way of thinking. We are, as it were, far too efficient compared to God's way of thinking. Most of us, perhaps, if we were in God's shoes and with his power, would simply snap our fingers to bring back the lost sheep, or we would just prevent or fix the sin at hand. For salvation, we would probably find another way to save the world without a violent death upon a cross.

Now this sort of reflection is necessary to understand that terrifying question about our good God allowing us to suffer: no answer will be adequate to our merely human way of thinking. God is not a being like us, and to ask why of the ultimate Why is asking something that will not make sense. It is like a walrus asking us why we eat with forks; the walrus cannot even begin to fathom what a fork does, and such concepts are so beyond his capacity of reason. Yet, although the "forks" of God might elude us, we "walruses" at least know something about eating; we can have an insight into what God really values. And God values a relationship with us more than anything. Suffering makes us weak, and weakness makes us ask for his help. Children understand this; they are content with being weak and being reserved to the fact that they simply need help. When they are hungry, they do not start wondering about how forks work, they simply cry and trust that someone will feed them. Their weakness makes them reliant upon others. Suffering draws us out of ourselves, and so it is a great mystery of encounter with God, especially since his most recognized image is him upon the cross.

Again, our minds might be tempted in our old walrus-way of thinking to simply go back to tusks and fishing: couldn't God just make an easier way to know him without suffering? Perhaps this is what Peter was thinking when he suggested to our Lord that he forgo the cross. We tend to view suffering as a place of separation from God, as undignified, and as something to be avoided. But God makes suffering a place of encounter. He embraces the cross, and he brings himself into all of the suffering that continually afflicts us, from our loneliness to our physical sufferings.

And so the answer to our suffering and any suffering that any of us may be experiencing now. Let it draw us upward, that is, toward God. Weakness is the vehicle of the Christian spirit. God made the cross dignified, and so suffering is now god-like and beautiful, and we need not be ashamed of it. It should bring us to a disposition of needing his companionship and the companionship of others, and thus we should be drawn closer to God. Jesus, after all, is found upon the cross, and so that is where we will find God.

"My power is made perfect in weakness"  
2 Cor 12:9

Fr. Weller



School News

**Registration is open for the 2024-2025 school year!**

Please consider the faith-filled opportunities that abound at our Assumption Catholic Schools. Registration is still open and we would be very happy to answer any questions you may have.

Call or email for a tour or check us out online:

[www.assumptioncatholicschools.org](http://www.assumptioncatholicschools.org)

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**Spring Events:**

- April 19 9:30 in SVDP Gym  
Opera for the Young Featuring Beauty and the Beast
- April 23 2:45 and 6:30 pm in the church  
Our Lady Queen of Heaven's Spring Concert:
- May 2 2:30 and 6:30 pm in the SVDP gym  
St. Vincent de Paul's Spring Concert
- May 3 after SVDP 8:00 Mass  
First Friday Social in the Gathering Space
- May 7 6:30 pm in the AHS gym  
AHS, AMS Spring Choir Concert:
- May 14 6:30 pm in the AHS gym  
AHS, AMS, SVDP Combined Spring Band Concert
- May 28 in the pm at SVDP Gym  
SVDP Talent Show
- May 29 2:45 at SVDP-5<sup>th</sup> Gr. Promotional Mass  
This is truly a family affair.  
Feel free to bring your relatives and friends.

**Scenes from OLQH'S Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program**




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