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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

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PARISH CLERGY

Fr. Alan M. Guanella, JCL • *Pastor* • fr.guanella@our-lady.org

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Deacon Thomas C. Anderson • dcn.anderson@our-lady.org

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday: 8am–3:30pm • Friday: Closed in Summer
Scrip is available for purchase during parish office hours.

PARISH STAFF

Business ManagerJaneen Sievers
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Choir Director.....Mary Englert

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Sacristan.....Karen Pagel

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
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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 Sept. 24th 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 as SS Peter & Paul Parish (1150 2nd St N.)

SACRIFICIAL GIVING FOR AUGUST 18, 2024



General	\$10,952.00
Plate	\$1,152.00
Direct Donation 08/20/24	\$3,922.00
Building Maintenance	\$405.00
Assumption Feast Day	\$2,101.00
Total	\$18,532.00

LECTIONARY READINGS

Readings for the week of August 25, 2024

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34/Eph 5:21-32/
Jn 6:60-69

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145/Mk 6:17-29

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15/Jas 2:1-5/Jas 1:17-18,
21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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The Sanctuary Candles burn the week of August 24– August 30 in memory of

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Calling all singers! We are excited to bring the OLQH choir back to life! Please join us this fall as we start singing for 10:00 Mass. We are looking for new members, both men and women. High school students and adults are all welcome to join us. For more information, please contact the director, Mary Englert at menglert@our-lady.org

Save the Date! October 11-13, 2024

Want to discover the call and gift of the ancient vocation of consecrated virginity for women living in the world? Join us at the La Crosse Holy Cross Diocesan Center for the Information/Discernment Weekend. Check with your pastor for more information or the Diocesan Calendar on the website <https://diolc.org/events/>

For more information about consecrated virginity for women living in the world go to the Diocesan web page <https://diolc.org/consecratedlife/consecrated-virgins/>

Please be aware there is a scam going around **AGAIN** with someone calling or texting you pretending to be one of our parish clergy members asking for money or gift cards. None of the parish clergy will call, text, or email you asking for gift cards or money. If you receive such a communication, it is a scam. Do not reply. In all cases, please call the parish office if something does not seem right. **The clergy will not call or text asking you to do them a favor.**

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.

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 Sept. 16th.

Mission Rosary Makers —The next date is Wednesday, Sept. 4th. Please join us in the cafeteria from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. All are welcome to join us.



A **Pro-Life Rosary** will be said on Monday, Sept. 9th at 4:00 pm along Eighth Street. All are welcome to join us. We will gather in Grace's parking lot at 3:45.

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 12.1 (NBC).

New! Adult Faith Formation Quads

This year OLQH will be doing things a little differently when it comes to Adult Faith Formation. We are turning towards creating small groups rather than large groups. A quad is a group of four people who journey together as disciples through weekly gatherings of fellowship, ongoing conversion, and learning. This 12-month path of accompaniment fosters growth through prayer, accountability, and authentic relationships. Each quad, with the help of the Director of Religious Education, chooses the topic they wish to study. If you are interested in joining a quad, please contact Rebecca at rzalar@our-lady.org or 715-423-125. Quads will officially begin in September.

CALAVARY CATHOLIC CEMETERY LANDSCAPING

We are beautifying the area around the Calvary Cemetery "Good Shepherd" Mausoleum. We are looking to plant three or four more trees on all sides of the mausoleum, along with 3 to 4 concrete benches. Would you like to help? We are purchasing about \$500.00 worth of shrubs. Each shrub is about \$25.00, and that is half-price at this time of the year. The trees are \$500.00 plus \$200.00 to transplant, as they are larger trees. These will be placed this fall when it is the best time to transplant. The three concrete benches are about \$900.00 each and they will be placed on three sides of the mausoleum. As of right now two trees are spoken for along with one bench and a portion of another. Can you help defer or purchase outright a tree, bench or some of the shrubs. Let Deacon Tom know by calling 715-421-0863, and God Bless you.

Religious Formation for grades 1 -8

It is time to begin registering for the 2024-25 Religious Formation School Year. Elementary and middle school students can attend on-campus or receive materials, so parents and children can learn together at home.

Attention, 1st-grade parents!

One year of Religious Formation is required before preparation for First Reconciliation and Eucharist. You can register your family on our website under the Faith Formation tab or scan the QR code.



High School Faith Formation Registration

It is time to begin registering for the 2024 – 2025 Faith Formation program. High school students can attend faith formation based on the family's preferences and their availability. Class options and registration forms are available online at <https://rapidscatholic.regfox.com/rapids-catholic-high-school-formation>. **NOTE: Registration must be in before Saturday, September 3.**

Come to Rural Life Day | Sept. 18, from 10 AM-2 PM Schmidt Family Farm in Lone Rock:

Join hundreds of the faithful for the 43rd Annual Rural Life Day at the Schmidt Family Farm on Wednesday, Sept. 18 from 10 AM-2 PM at 29281 Fairview Rd. in Lone Rock. Bishop Battersby will celebrate Mass at 10 AM, after which he will present awards recognizing parishioners and farm families, and bless animals, crops and machinery. Lunch will be served. Join us as we joyfully thank God for the food that sustains our lives, the land on which it is grown, and the dedicated families who farm it.



Catholic Faithful Citizenship Resources

What is a Catholic perspective on politics and voting? For resources, including materials from the bishops of the Wisconsin Catholic Conference (WCC) and the U.S. Catholic Conference (USCCB), as well as a downloadable bulletin insert, visit diolc.org/faithful-citizenship or scan the QR code to the right.



DIocese OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.

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We can't wait to see everyone!
Please come and enjoy both days.
Sunday August 25th - The Flea Market and Book Sale.
Everything will be 50% off from 3:00 -5:00 pm.
There are no holds before then!
Tuesday August 27th and Wednesday August 28th the garage will be open 9-2:00 pm for the 50% sale.
The Final Sale will be Saturday September 7th— 9-5
Sunday September 8th from 9-2:00 p.m.
(This Final Sale will be 75% off everything, including books)
Help us clear out the garage!
Thank you for all the donations!
Deacon Tom and Mary

Greetings Wisconsin Rapids Deanery

On behalf of Assumption Catholic Schools, I want to express our gratitude for the support of time, talent, and treasure you provide. All three aspects of stewardship are important. The 2024-25 school year is underway. In addition to being a year of academic and formation in the faith, it is also an anniversary year. In the fall of 1954, the building currently occupied by Assumption Catholic Middle and High School opened to the students who had been the previous three years using space at Our Lady Queen of Heaven. Those first students graduated in the spring of 1955. Therefore, this year marks the 70th graduating class. In addition 1999 and 2009 mark dates in the creation of the system we have today as the schools consolidated and we became a system that spans ages 6 weeks to 12th grade. We honor the legacy of the former parish schools, both those whose buildings we use – St. Lawrence, Our Lady Queen of Heaven, and St. Vincent de Paul and those whose buildings have receded into history – Sacred Heart, St. Peter and Paul and St. Philip. During this 70th anniversary year, we are asking all our supporters to consider an extra gift to continue to build Assumption Catholic Schools into a bastion of faithful Catholic Education. Beyond your normal gift, could you consider an extra gift of \$100, \$500 or even more? If 1000 people each gave an average of \$700, we would have an additional fund of \$700,000 for improvements and long-term sustainability of the schools. If you would like to give, you can mail a check to Assumption Catholic Schools Development Office 445 Chestnut St Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494 or if you prefer to give on our website. Select the option for 70th anniversary special gift.

<https://www.assumptioncatholicschools.org/giving/>



We have also prepared the 2024 State of the Schools newsletter. The newsletter features highlights of the 2023-24 school year. It can be viewed here <https://secure.smores.com/n/5xrn9>



As always, please pray for our students and staff.
We will remember you in our prayers as well.

In Christ's Peace through Mary our Mother,

Daniel Minter- President Assumption Catholic Schools

Mission to promote excellence and personal growth grounded in Catholic principles and tradition.

UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS

MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2024

8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2024 *ST. MONICA*

8:00 am Mass † Janice Stublaski by: Andy & Family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2024 *ST. AUGUSTINE*

K-11 First Day of School

8:00 am Mass Collective Intentions

† Dan & Colleen Kluck by: Doug & Karen Pagel

† Judy Tritz by: Lee Tritz

† Melvin & Helen Ponczoch by: Karen & Jay Jadack

† Bob Waltz by: Deanna Waltz

† Jim Rayome by: Tom Rayome

† Leona, Jim & Doreen Dekarske by: The Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 2024 *PASSION OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST*

5:00 pm Mass Special Intention of the Borre Family

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2024 *ST. ROSE OF LIMA*

8:00 am Mass Living & Deceased Members of the Busch & Schneider Families

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2024

8:00 am Mass † Philip Lang by: Lois Altmann

8:30 am Confessions

3:00 pm Confessions

3:30 pm Rosary

4:00 pm Mass † Peggy Kubisiak by: Ed Heller

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

7:30 am Mass † Killian & Caroline Ashbeck by: The Family

10:00 am Mass † Harry Richmond by: The Family

The first school Mass will be on Tuesday, September 3rd. Please note the Mass time for that day, it will be at 9 am. The Tuesday Mass throughout the school year will now be at 9:00 am.

LECTORS



Saturday - August 31

4:00 pm Jerry Bach

Sunday - September 1

7:30 am John Benbow

10:00 am Elaine Skibba

SERVERS



Saturday - August 31

4:00 pm Dave Anerson, Joe Fidler
Corby Olson

Sunday - September 1

7:30 am Christian Statz

10:00 am Katharina & Jakob Gokey
Tegan Korte



PASTORAL THOUGHTS...

“HE AIN’T HEAVY FATHER... HE’S MY BROTHER”

This beautiful saying has become synonymous with helping each other out as we journey together in life until called back to our Creator. It has always meant a lot to me and I pray it does for you too.



Its origins date back to 1918, a year after Father Flanagan began “Boys Town”, a home for unwanted or abandoned youth. That same year Father Flanagan had just taken in Howard Loomis an abandoned polio-stricken boy who was being carried on his back, by another young boy as they went up some stairs. Father Flanagan asked one of the older boys who would carry Howard, if carrying him was hard. The older boy responded with those words, “He ain’t heavy Father..he’s my brother.” A photo of this same older boy carrying Howard earlier in the year at a picnic, became the story line and the visual (statue of one boy carrying another) for Father Flanagan’s “Boys Town.”

It was 1969, fifty- one years later that Bobby Russell a song-writer wrote a beautiful song, while battling cancer, that was performed and became a big hit for the singing group the “Hollies, and it was titled, “He Ain’t Heavy, He’s My Brother.”

This beautiful song as performed by the Hollies, now became synonymous with charity, with helping on another. If you know the song you already know how it draws you in, and if you have never heard it, then it is time to look it up, and listen. It very much reminds me of the poem “Footprints,” where when we are having a hard time in life and we think that we are walking alone because we only see one set of footprints, that is when we find out that in those time Jesus was carrying us. This is what society needs today, we need to see that Jesus walks with us in every aspect of our lives and carries us when needed. “I am with you until the end of time.”

Here are just a few of the lines of that song, “So on we go/His welfare is of my concern/No burden is he to bear/ We’ll get there. If I’m laden at all/I’m laden with sadness/ That everyone’s heart/Isn’t filled with gladness of love for one another.

But I’m strong/strong enough to carry him.
HE AIN’T HEAVY, HE’S MY BROTHER

Deacon Tom

PLEASE SLOW DOWN IN OUR PARKING LOT Running Late? Every now and then things get away from us and we get a late start to our day. Please do not make our parking lot the place to “make up time”. We have so many precious gifts of all ages with us beginning very early in the morning with child care and daily Mass. Slow down, enjoy the atmosphere, say a little prayer for your day to go better...anything rather than speeding. **Please do not park in the bus loading zone. It is along the sidewalk in front of the 10th Ave church entrance. Please look for the NO PARKING SIGNS. Parents please do not drop your children off at the church drive up, please use the children’s drop off area.** Please do not park and get out of your car in the pick up line for the children. Do not block Father’s driveway. If he is called for an emergency he must be able to leave right away. Thank You!

School is back in Session

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



School News

WANTED: Substitute Teachers

Have you thought about becoming a substitute teacher for Assumption Catholic Schools?

- Pick and choose when and where you work
- Anyone with a college degree is eligible
- Perfect for retirees and recent graduates
- A positive Diocese of La Crosse background check is required

If interested, please contact ACS Central Office at 715-422-0907 for an application packet.



New School Year, New Excitement!

The excitement is building as we approach the first day of the 2024-2025 school year! Our dedicated team of educators

has been hard at work all summer, preparing for an exceptional year ahead. This year, our students will not only strive for academic excellence but will also encounter Christ daily, enriching their spiritual and educational journey.

Mark your calendars! The 2024-2025 school year kicks off on Monday, August 26, for our seniors, and Wednesday, August 28, for our 4K-11 students. Get ready for a year filled with faith, growth, and outstanding achievements!

Mission: To inspire excellence and personal growth grounded in Catholic principles and tradition

Vision: A community of academic excellence, Catholic in spirit and culture nurturing integrity and respect.

Volunteers Needed at the Food pantry

Our parish has the week of September 3-6 at FOCUS (Feeding Our Communities with United Services) food pantry. On Tuesday the hours are 3:45 to 7:00 pm. The hours are 11:45 to 4:00 pm Thursday and Friday. **The pantry is closed on Wednesday and will be closed Monday, September 2nd (Labor Day)** The pantry is at 2321 West Grand Ave. If you can help one or more days with this worthwhile community program please call Cindy Holberg at 715-421-2311 or email at holberggc@hotmail.com Thank You








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