

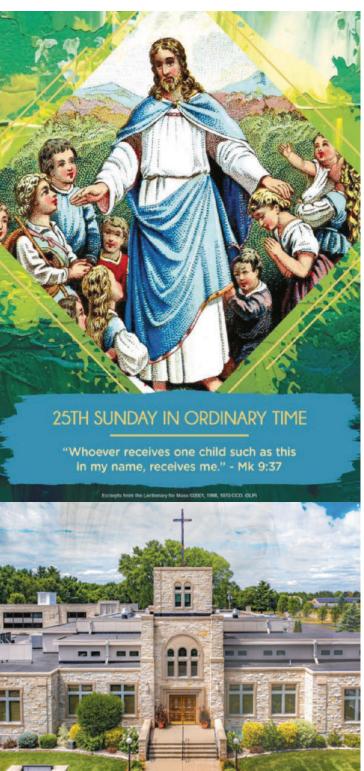
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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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 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 SEPTEMBER 15, 2024



General	\$9,549.00
Plate	\$1,095.85
Building Maintenance	\$90.00
Direct Donation 09/10/24	\$7,429.00
Scrip Rebate July/Aug.	\$835.70
Total	\$18,999.55

LECTIONARY READINGS

Readings for the week of September 22, 2024

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 149/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19/Jas 5:1-6/ Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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Please remember in your prayers

Margaret Boyarski William Romanski

May God grant them eternal rest.

The Annual Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing in remembrance of at least 65 million lives lost to abortion. It promotes the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception to natural death. It will be held Sunday, October 6, from 1-2 pm. along the Expressway Bridge. We will meet at the Riverhill Dental parking lot at 406 Daly Ave., (across from the hospital) at 12:45. All are welcome to join in this beautiful witness.

Server Training

To all current servers and those who wish to serve at holy Mass, please attend one of the following training sessions at Our Lady:

Saturday, October 12 at 5:15PM Tuesday, October 15 at 5:00PM

Any questions can be directed to Dcn. Tom or Fr. Weller. Thank you for your service!

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 Oct. 21st.

Mission Rosary Makers —The next date is Wednesday, Oct. 2nd. Please join us in the cafeteria from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. All are welcome to join us.



A <u>Pro-Life Rosary</u> will be said on Monday, Oct. 14th 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 <u>rzalar@our-lady.org</u> or 715-423-125. Quads will officially begin in September.

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.



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ALL AGES

FREE EVENT

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/



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

What's on Formed.org for September?

Source & Summit is a collection of talks offered by the Augustine Institute that opens the door to understanding Vatican II's teaching regarding the source and summit of our Christian faith: the Eucharist. Each lecture reveals how the Eucharist is present throughout Scripture. With informative presentations led by Dr. Brant Pitre, Dr. Tim Gray, and Dr. Mary Healy, this series is an excellent tool for your parish's continued Eucharistic revival efforts.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary Trip

What: The Knights of Columbus members are arranging a day trip to the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Help of Christians, at Holy Hill. This is a beautiful religious shrine, drawing over 500,000 visitors annually. The trip is open to members of all parishes, and the number of people going will determine the price. Holy Hill is about 70 miles east of Madison and 30 miles north of Milwaukee.

When: Wednesday, October 16, 2024. We will be using a Lamers Coach capable of 56 passengers. The tentative time for departure is 7:00 am from the parking lot of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church. We will stop for a meal on the way back to Wisconsin Rapids.

Contact: Roger Snyder at (715) 887-2734. Reservations are required and will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Call Roger for more details and costs.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Will Meet at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish After the 5:00 pm Mass September 26th

If anyone is interested in a golfing package which was donated as a raffle prize for the picnic, please contact the parish office. The winners either do not golf or are unable to at this time.



FALL CCW DEANERY DINNER OCTOBER 10, 2024

St.Lawrence Church 530 10th Avenue N., Wisconsin Rapids

COST: \$25 per person

Program

5:00pm social hour

6:00pm dinner

7:00pm Ann Lankford

(Director of Catechesis & Evangelization, La Crosse Di The Story of the Bible from a Eucharistic Perspective

Dessert, raffle baskets and door prizes to follow

Please RSVP to your CCW Treasurer by Monday Sept. 23 OLQH Treasurer-Mary Pierce-431 11th Ave N WR 54495

Would you like to see the Church alive like it was for the apostles at Pentecost? Are you looking for healing in your life? Do you want to feel the love of God the Father or the power of the Holy Spirit? St Joseph the Workman Cathedral is hosting Bart Schuchts for a day of teaching, healing, and training to call on the Holy Spirit.

Saturday, Oct 19 is the Day of Equipping from 9:30-3:30 where Bart teaches from the Catechism and Bible what the Church believes about the Holy Spirit. This will be a day of encounter with the Holy Spirit and will enliven anyone's faith to be sent out on mission. Whether your daily life consists of teaching, working at the office, being in the home, or anything else, the Lord will have something for you. Sessions Include: Inspiration & Vision, Fire & Fullness of

Confirmation, Hearing from God, Steps for Praying for Healing. Cost is only \$25 and includes lunch, snacks and refreshments.

For more information or to register, cathedralsjworkman.org/church-on-firemission/ or scan the QR code!





IRGO!!

Come & Play having fun along the way!

Mark your calendars for these 2024-25 BINGO dates!

September 15th October 6th and 20th

November 3rd and 17th

December 1st and 15th

January 5th and 19th

February 2nd and 16th

March 2nd and 16th

April 6th

(No Bingo Easter Sunday) May 04th

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UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2024 St. Pius of Pietrelcina 8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

9:00 am + John Piatt by: The Family

5:30 pm Baptism Class

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

8:00 am Mass Collective Intentions

- † Judy Tritz by: Lee Tritz
- † Helen & Melvin Ponczoch by: Maurice & Sandy Damask
- † Jerome Kurszewski by: OLQH School Staff
- † Gail Aschenbrener by: Dick & Family
- † Loretta Aschenbrener by: Tom & Joan Freidel
- † Dan Wirtz, Roy & Kevin Klawitter, Mary Pascavis by: Betty Klawitter

Diocese of La Crosse Seminarians by: Jan Ermilio

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024 STS. COSMAS & DAMIAN

1:00 pm Choir Practice

5:00 pm Mass Living & Deceased Members of Catholic Daughters 5:30 pm Catholic Daughters

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2024 ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

2:30 pm Grandparent's Mass + Karen Compton by: The Family SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

8:00 am Mass † Marv Erdmann by: Sharon Lang

8:30 am Confessions

3:00 pm Confessions

3:30 pm Rosary

4:00 pm Mass † Dale TerMaat by: Kathy TerMaat

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

7:30 am Mass † Roland Pingul by: Bill & Christine Weiland 10:00 am Mass † Kenneth Skiba by: Ed & Pam Skiba

LECTORS



Saturday - September 28 4:00 pm Doris Seifert Sunday - September 29 7:30 am Deb Eron 10:00 am Mike Hittner

SERVERS



Saturday - September 28 4:00 pm Rick Anderson, Mason Hackman **Noah Unversaw**

Sunday - September 29 7:30 am Christian Statz

10:00 am Violet Moss & Paul Richmond

Greetings from the Social Justice Committee:

Share your harvest: There is a small cart in the gathering area where you can share your produce. If you have extra, leave it, and if you can use it, please take it. It is one small way we can take care of each other.

Coat Collection: From mid-September to mid-October, we will be collecting gently used coats for the community. This can be men's, women's or children's coats. There should be no rips or holes, and the buttons and zippers should work so the coat can be closed. Please leave them in the bins near the entrances, and we will distribute them around the community. Thank you.

PASTORAL THOUGHTS...

God doesn't want slaves; He wants friends. He wants companions, and we all know how to be friends. We spend time with people who are our friends. We have common interests, and we pursue their good. That's what a friend does. That's what someone does who loves, and it's the same with the Lord. He has a plan for each of our lives, which will make us happy. That plan will actually bring us peace, fulfillment and joy. He doesn't want to force anyone to be his friend, but when you come to know Him not being His friend is well beyond absurd.



The fundamental thing for any of us, and all of us, is to press into the truth that this one, this Risen One, is Lord and the only authentic response to His awesomeness is to lay our lives at His feet and simply say, as Samuel said, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." We think we know better than God what is good for us. Unsurprisingly, He knows quite a bit better than we do. The arrogance of that thought is, of course, laughable in retrospect. But at the time, you really think you're in charge and don't realize that real freedom arrives when you allow Him to be in charge, when you realize you were made for Him, and will find real freedom in only Him.

I think there's a lot more idolatry around than people realize, and what I mean by that is, we make gods of things that are just not worthy of our dignity as sons and daughters of the living God. There are die-hard fans of the University of Michigan, and I'm sure it's the same in Wisconsin. People are deeply devoted to their teams, almost to the point of it being like a religion. It's important not to diminish anyone's enthusiasm, but no matter how great something may be, it can't replace God. I've heard many people say things like, "I have to take my kids to hockey on Sunday, so we can't go to church," or "I find my peace on the golf course, so I don't need to worship in the way God desires." These things like sports, wealth, and power may be good, but they're not the ultimate good. Our lives will be unfulfilled, and disordered if they're not subordinate to the ultimate good. We won't be free from anxiety, and we won't find true fulfillment. We were made for God. When we use ourselves for a purpose other than why we were made, things go awry. You can use a tea cup for a hammer but you won't long be drinking tea out of that shattered pottery.

Listen to this from 1 John 4:4: "You belong to God, children, and you have conquered them, for the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world." Think about that! The one who is in you, personally, is greater than the one who is in the world. That should blow us away. It captures the thought that we are in the embrace of the Father. We spend much time trying to live as if we can be happy without God, but it's a lie. It's a lie! We were made for God! God made us for Himself, and that's where we find our fulfillment. The critical thing is to be docile to the Father's plan and allow the Holy Spirit to remake us in the image and likeness of Christ. And so that's the major goal: my desire to make known God's plan for the Diocese of La Crosse and the men and women within it. This is not a new idea—it is what the Church teaches. But I think that's been obscured over the last decades for multiple and far more significant reasons than most superficial analyses allow.

We're in a battle here, and the battle is epic. It's cosmic. And it is very much between Heaven and Hell. And there's no battle here, in point of fact, except the truth for our hearts. And I want us, as the Diocese of La Crosse, not only not to be afraid but to be aware that we're in a battle and to realize that we're gambling for the entire prize. The victory is assured, but we have to, as my old rector, Archbishop Allen Vigneron of Detroit used to say, run out the clock with dignity. We don't have to worry because the power in us is greater than the power in the world. It's Jesus. It's the Father coming and making His dwelling in us. He can do amazing things, and we can do amazing things through Him, in Him who strengthens us.

+Bishop Gerard W. Battersby, Bishop of La Crosse

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS







School News

School is in full swing and students in grades K-12 are busy learning curriculum, participating in weekly Mass, and learning about the virtue of faith through the Virtue=Strength Catholic virtue-based formation program. ACS is a great place to be as we learn academics and grow in our faith!

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Scenes from OLQH



Please join us for our annual Blessing of the Animals.

DATE: Thursday, Oct. 3
TIME: 3:20 pm
LOCATION: OLQH
Playground

All are welcome!



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