



Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR JULY 1, 2023 – JUNE 30, 2024



FROM THE PASTOR



I am pleased to present to you the 2023–2024 annual report of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish. I am happy to say that the parish remains in a good financial position. You'll notice our weekly adult envelopes and the weekly plate collection are up over last year. These two offerings ("tithing") make up almost 79% of our parish income which the parish uses to pay our usual monthly expenses: employee salaries and benefits, utilities, building repairs and maintenance, and our subsidy to Assumption Catholic Schools. Your generosity in the weekly collection is greatly appreciated and valued. As a general rule, we all should strive to work our way in giving 10% of our pre-tax income to charity—a general rule is to give 5% to the parish and 5% to other charities that speak to our hearts.

Capital Campaign — The *Inspired by the Spirit* campaign continues to help the parish in significant ways. The rectory bathroom project was completed in early summer and the school window, ceiling, and lighting project was completed by the end of summer. We will tackle the basement renovation this winter. That project is currently awaiting diocesan approval. Thank you to all who have and continue to participate! New pledges are still welcome!

2024 Picnic — Just like last year, while the actual numbers for the 2024 parish picnic will be in next year's report, I can't help but state that our 2024 picnic was the best picnic in recent memory, having a net income of over \$40k! All who helped, especially our chairpersons Deacon Tom and Mary Anderson, deserve a round of applause for a job well done! This was their final year as picnic chairpersons. The parish is actively seeking new chairpersons. If you, or someone you know, is willing to serve the parish, please let me know. We cannot have a picnic without chairpersons. Since 2012, the OLQH parish picnic has raised over \$300,000 for the parish. Let's not allow this tradition to end.

Endowment Fund — A very important part of the financial health of our parish is the Endowment Fund. You can see the fund's finances on page 5. Donations to the endowment fund are the "gift that keeps on giving" as the parish never touches the principal of the fund but receives yearly distributions from its investment earnings. Please consider a yearly donation to the endowment fund. Please also consider putting the endowment fund in your will. By donating to the fund, you can continue to help the parish even after you've departed this earth.

Behind the scenes, our parish staff and volunteers labor diligently to keep the parish working for all—parishioners, visitors, and the wider community. I am especially grateful to our parish business manager and the parish Finance Council who assist me in exercising vigilance over the temporal goods of the parish. It is no easy task and they all help me so very much. Please let me know if you have any questions about this annual report. May God bless you.

Father Alan M. Guanella, JCL, KCHS

Ninth Pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish

SACRAMENTAL AND LITURGICAL INFORMATION

MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday: 8:00 AM Morning Prayer & Communion Service
Tuesday: 9:00 AM (School Year) – 8:00 AM (Summer)
Wednesday: 8:00 AM
Thursday: 5:00 PM
Friday: 8:00 AM – Exposition following First Friday Mass
Saturday: 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM Anticipatory Sunday Mass
Sunday: 7:30 AM and 10:00 AM
Check the bulletin for Holy Day and holiday Mass times.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION:

Saturday: 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM and 3:00 PM to 3:50 PM
First Friday: 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM and 6:30 to 7:30 PM
▶ 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.

PUBLIC DEVOTIONS:

Rosary: Public recitation 30 minutes before each Mass
Chaplet of Divine Mercy: First Fridays after 8:00 AM Mass
Stations of the Cross: Before Weekend Masses in Lent
Mother of Perpetual Help: After Wednesday 8:00 AM Mass

PARISH INFORMATION

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Mailing Address: 750 10th Ave S., Wisc Rapids, WI 54495
Telephone: 715-723-1251 – Fax: 715-423-9407
Internet: www.our-lady.org – parishoffice@our-lady.org

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday–Thursday: 8:30am–3:30pm • Friday: 8:30am–12n
Scrip is available for purchase during parish office hours.
The office is closed on certain civic holidays and Holy Days.

PARISH CLERGY AND STAFF:

Pastor.....Rev. Alan Guanella
✉ fr.guanella@our-lady.org
Parochial Vicar.....Rev. Steven Weller
✉ fr.weller@our-lady.org
Permanent Deacon.....Dcn. Tom Anderson
✉ dcn.anderson@our-lady.org
Business Manager.....Janeen Sievers
✉ parishoffice@our-lady.org
Director of Religious Education.....Rebecca Zalar
✉ reoffice@our-lady.org
Choir Director.....Mary Englert
✉ menglert@our-lady.org
Maintenance & Grounds.....Paul Richmond
Custodian.....LuAnne Birkhauser
Sacristan.....Karen Pagel

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

PASTORAL COUNCIL:

The parish pastoral council is a consultative body by which the Christian faithful of a parish, together with those who have pastoral authority in the parish, give their help in fostering pastoral activity. Its work is to be informed and inspired by the vision of the Church.

» Chairperson: Karen Abbott

FINANCE COUNCIL:

The parish finance council is a consultative body which helps the pastor to act justly and prudently in the administration of the parish's temporal goods. Its work is to be informed and inspired by the vision of the Church.

» Chairperson: Larry Turba

PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (CCW):

All women of the parish are automatically members of the CCW which exists to support, empower, and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership, and service.

» President: Liz Musch

MEN'S CLUB:

The men's club supports parish men in fraternity and labors in the parish. Using the talents of each person, the men's club supports in the parish with various projects, repairs, and general maintenance. Each member is able to accomplish a project, or help with one, in the spirit of fraternity and leisure, according to their own skill or comfort.

» Contact: Deacon Tom Anderson

OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN SCHOOL

Our Lady Queen of Heaven School is a 5K through second grade elementary school operated by the deanery-wide Assumption Catholic Schools (ACS) for the parishes of the Wisconsin Rapids Deanery and beyond. Assumption Catholic Schools and Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish have a Building Usage Agreement for the equitable usage and remuneration of the parish's building and infrastructure for ACS' educational needs. The parish makes its parish building available to ACS as well as provides significant financial subsidy to ACS as part of the parish's Catholic school ministry.



CONTACT INFORMATION:

Mailing Address: 750 10th Ave S., Wisc Rapids, WI 54495

Telephone: 715-422-0980

Internet: www.assumptioncatholicschools.org

School Hours: 8:35 AM – 3:35 PM

ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF:

President.....Daniel Minter

✉ dminter@assumptioncatholicschools.org

Principal.....Shelley Bruley

✉ sbruley@assumptioncatholicschools.org

Administrative Assistant.....Jenny Zacher

✉ jzacher@assumptioncatholicschools.org

OLQH FIVE YEAR ENROLLMENT:

2023–202484 students

2022–202385 students

2021–202281 students

2020–202172 students

2019–202074 students

PARISH STATISTICS

REGISTERED HOUSEHOLDS:

As of June 30, 2024 810 households

As of June 30, 2023 787 households

As of June 30, 2022 779 households

As of June 30, 2021 782 households

As of June 30, 2020 786 households

HOUSEHOLDS DONATING \$100 OR MORE PER YEAR:

As of June 30, 2024 498 households

As of June 30, 2023 500 households

As of June 30, 2022 489 households

As of June 30, 2021 494 households

As of June 30, 2020 519 households

MASS COUNTS:

All parishes in the Diocese of La Crosse undertake an averaged Sunday Mass attendance count each October.

2023 » 4:30 PM: 250 – 7:30 AM: 178 – 10:00 AM: 273

2022 » 4:30 PM: 208 – 7:30 AM: 166 – 10:00 AM: 194

2021 » 4:30 PM: 205 – 7:30 AM: 144 – 10:00 AM: 188

2020¹ » 4:30 PM: 109 – 7:30 AM: 96 – 10:00 AM: 108

2019 » 4:30 PM: 288 – 7:30 AM: 175 – 10:00 AM: 264

SACRAMENTAL STATISTICS

All sacramental statistics are for the year July 1 through June 30.

BAPTISMS:

2024 » Adults: 5 – Infants: 5 – Total: 10

2023 » Adults: 9 – Infants: 9 – Total: 18

2022 » Adults: 4 – Infants: 11 – Total: 15

2021 » Adults: 0 – Infants: 7 – Total: 7

2020 » Adults: 4 – Infants: 17 – Total: 21

FIRST COMMUNIONS:

2024 » Adults: 8 – Children: 16 – Total: 24

2023 » Adults: 12 – Children: 18 – Total: 30

2022 » Adults: 5 – Children: 10 – Total: 15

2021 » Adults: 0 – Children: 14 – Total: 14

2020 » Adults: 6 – Children: 25 – Total: 31

CONFIRMATIONS:

2024 » 34 2022 » 24 2020 » 0

2023 » 23 2021 » 23

RECEPTIONS INTO FULL COMMUNION:

2024 » 4 2022 » 1 2020 » 2

2023 » 3 2021 » 0

MARRIAGES:

2024 » 6 2022 » 5 2020 » 2

2023 » 3 2021 » 4

DEATHS:

2024 » 46 2022 » 58 2020 » 36

2023 » 46 2021 » 33

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ATTENDANCE:

2023–2024 » K–8: 42 – 9–12: 23 – Total: 65

2022–2023 » K–8: 51 – 9–12: 26 – Total: 77

2021–2022 » K–8: 53 – 9–12: 18 – Total: 71

2020–2021 » K–8: 86 – 9–12: 23 – Total: 109

2019–2020 » K–8: 86 – 9–12: 23 – Total: 109

¹ Lower attendance due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

END-OF-FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT

7/01/23 - 6/30/24 % Total 7/01/22 - 6/30/23 % Total Difference % Change

Operating Income

| | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Weekly Adult Envelopes | \$ 711,682.21 | 72.1% | \$ 615,507.00 | 72.5% | \$ 96,175.21 | 15.6% |
| Bequests and Memorials | 69,944.75 | 7.1% | 53,455.31 | 6.3% | 16,489.44 | 30.8% |
| Weekly Plate Contributions | 66,105.23 | 6.7% | 56,542.41 | 6.7% | 9,562.82 | 16.9% |
| Picnic/Fundraisers | 46,184.47 | 4.7% | 36,353.69 | 4.3% | 9,830.78 | 27.0% |
| Interest from Savings | 26,784.72 | 2.7% | 19,762.95 | 2.3% | 7,021.77 | 35.5% |
| Building Maintenance | 17,412.00 | 1.8% | 16,215.27 | 1.9% | 1,196.73 | 7.4% |
| Miscellaneous Income | 14,707.25 | 1.5% | 21,125.88 | 2.5% | (6,418.63) | -30.4% |
| Diocesan Grants | 8,954.00 | 0.9% | 7,600.00 | 0.9% | 1,354.00 | 17.8% |
| Endowment Fund Income | 7,378.55 | 0.7% | 8,748.26 | 1.0% | (1,369.71) | -15.7% |
| Annual Appeal Rebates | 6,388.86 | 0.6% | 980.00 | 0.1% | 5,408.86 | 551.9% |
| Parish Religious Education | 6,108.63 | 0.6% | 7,375.00 | 0.9% | (1,266.37) | -17.2% |
| Scrip Rebate | 5,558.96 | 0.6% | 5,116.92 | 0.6% | 442.04 | 8.6% |
| Total Operating Income | \$ 987,209.63 | 100.0% | \$ 848,782.69 | 100.0% | \$ 138,426.94 | 16.3% |

Operating Expenses

| | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------|
| ACS Investment (Subsidy) | \$ 333,971.88 | 34.4% | \$ 376,220.04 | 49.8% | \$ (42,248.16) | -11.2% |
| Employee Salaries | 199,697.57 | 20.6% | 193,977.99 | 25.7% | 5,719.58 | 2.9% |
| Rectory Renovation Project | 155,119.04 | 16.0% | 0.00 | 0.0% | 155,119.04 | |
| Employee Benefits | 63,840.07 | 6.6% | 61,179.29 | 8.1% | 2,660.78 | 4.3% |
| Heating Control Project | 56,670.02 | 5.8% | 0.00 | 0.0% | 56,670.02 | |
| Building Repairs/Maintenance | 43,193.01 | 4.4% | 26,883.85 | 3.6% | 16,309.16 | 60.7% |
| Utilities | 27,297.83 | 2.8% | 22,940.64 | 3.0% | 4,357.19 | 19.0% |
| Diocesan Assessment | 23,340.00 | 2.4% | 17,949.00 | 2.4% | 5,391.00 | 30.0% |
| Liturgical/Church goods | 17,105.87 | 1.8% | 15,037.11 | 2.0% | 2,068.76 | 13.8% |
| Property/Casualty Insurance | 9,855.32 | 1.0% | 7,821.50 | 1.0% | 2,033.82 | 26.0% |
| Religious Education | 9,144.04 | 0.9% | 12,051.89 | 1.6% | (2,907.85) | -24.1% |
| School Window Project | 9,144.00 | 0.9% | 0.00 | 0.0% | 9,144.00 | |
| Miscellaneous Expense | 8,600.78 | 0.9% | 5,979.79 | 0.8% | 2,620.99 | 43.8% |
| Supplies | 6,918.90 | 0.7% | 6,724.35 | 0.9% | 194.55 | 2.9% |
| Fundraiser Expense | 5,490.33 | 0.6% | 6,910.55 | 0.9% | (1,420.22) | -20.6% |
| Catholic Life Magazine | 1,772.00 | 0.2% | 1,264.00 | 0.2% | 508.00 | 40.2% |
| Total Operating Expense | \$ 971,160.66 | 100.0% | \$ 754,940.00 | 100.0% | \$ 216,220.66 | 28.6% |

Net Excess / (Deficit) \$ 16,048.97 \$ 93,842.69 \$ (77,793.72) -82.9%

Account Balances

| | 6/30/24 | | 6/30/23 | | Difference | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|--|----------------------|--|----------------------|--|
| Savings Accounts at St. Ambrose | \$ 517,557.10 | | \$ 500,673.91 | | \$ 16,883.19 | |
| Parish Checking Account | 158,517.80 | | 177,443.05 | | (18,925.25) | |
| Works of Charity Account* | 2,355.40 | | 1,610.20 | | 745.20 | |
| Inspired by the Spirit Account | 344,570.11 | | 241,877.44 | | 102,692.67 | |
| Total Savings and Checking | \$ 1,023,000.41 | | \$ 921,604.60 | | \$ 101,395.81 | |

*Not considered operational use

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

| YEAR | INCOME | EXPENSES | PROFIT |
|------|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2023 | \$ 41,727.08 | \$ 5,746.24 | \$ 35,980.84 |
| 2022 | \$ 33,700.44 | \$ 5,662.52 | \$ 28,037.92 |
| 2021 | \$ 33,783.69 | \$ 5,240.10 | \$ 28,543.59 |
| 2020 | No regular picnic due to COVID-19 | | \$ 10,249.56 |
| 2019 | \$ 32,952.73 | \$ 11,711.99 | \$ 21,240.74 |

SUBSIDY TO ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

OLQH provides significant financial subsidy to ACS as part of the parish's Catholic school ministry. On July 1, 2022, ACS and OLQH Parish entered into a Building Usage Agreement which changed the subsidy amount calculation.

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|------|--------------|------|--------------|------|--------------|
| 2023 | » \$ 333,972 | 2021 | » \$ 304,650 | 2019 | » \$ 263,184 |
| 2022 | » \$ 376,220 | 2020 | » \$ 294,131 | | |

PARISH ENDOWMENT FUND

The parish endowment fund supports and assists the parish in providing supplemental funding for the apostolate of education, pastoral care, liturgy, social justice, and maintenance of the physical assets of the parish and, in general, to carry out charitable, religious, and educational purposes. The parish never touches the principal but receives annual distributions (outflows) from investment earnings, year after year, while not spending the original gifts (the principal). Donations are always welcome.

| YEAR | OUTFLOWS | DONATIONS | VALUE |
|------|----------|-------------|------------|
| 2024 | \$ 7,379 | \$ 1,190 | \$ 221,345 |
| 2023 | \$ 8,748 | \$ 10,000 | \$ 207,809 |
| 2022 | \$ 7,566 | Unavailable | \$ 184,715 |
| 2021 | \$ 7,245 | Unavailable | \$ 218,707 |
| 2020 | \$ 6,837 | Unavailable | \$ 189,150 |

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

The Diocesan Annual Appeal is the annual effort of the Catholic community of the Diocese of La Crosse to respond to the Gospel challenge of Jesus Christ to love one another by contemplating God's blessings in our lives and sharing our gifts to ensure that the vital ministries of the Church receive the financial support necessary. Your support of the Diocesan Annual Appeal is the lifeblood of the 38 ministries of charitable and good works our diocesan community so gallantly provides.

| YEAR | TARGET | ACTUAL | OVER | # GIFTS |
|------|-----------|------------|-----------|---------|
| 2023 | \$ 97,145 | \$ 105,253 | \$ 8,108 | 354 |
| 2022 | \$ 93,755 | \$ 93,755 | \$ 0 | 274 |
| 2021 | \$ 86,155 | \$ 95,330 | \$ 9,175 | 365 |
| 2020 | \$ 85,050 | \$ 91,724 | \$ 6,674 | 397 |
| 2019 | \$ 81,480 | \$ 92,209 | \$ 10,729 | 404 |

SCRIP PROGRAM PROFIT

The scrip program profit percentage varies by the retailer: between 1.25% and 20%. All parishioners are encouraged to regularly use scrip to purchase their fuel and groceries.

| YEAR | SALES | PROFIT |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| 2023-2024 | \$ 239,677 | \$ 5,558.96 |
| 2022-2023 | \$ 238,507 | \$ 5,116.92 |
| 2021-2022 | \$ 265,254 | \$ 5,862.72 |
| 2020-2021 | Unavailable | \$ 4,906.58 |
| 2019-2020 | Unavailable | \$ 4,599.01 |

INSPIRED BY THE SPIRIT CAMPAIGN

The diocesan-wide *Inspired by the Spirit* capital campaign was held in OLQH Parish in Spring 2022. This successful campaign will return 65% of all donations back to the parish to complete parish needs as outlined in the case statement.

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| PARISH GOAL: | \$ 785,000.00 |
| PARISH SHARE OF GOAL: | \$ 510,250.00 |
| TOTAL PLEDGED: | \$ 802,641.59 (102.2% of goal) |

| PLEDGES RECEIVED: | Total | Parish Share |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| As of June 30, 2023 | \$ 433,394.41 | \$ 250,653.88 |
| As of June 30, 2024 | \$ 552,489.30 | \$ 338,545.91 |

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

There still remain opportunities for sponsorship of items in the church interior. There are four Stations of the Cross (those on the choir loft) and the two confessionals that can be sponsored for \$20,000 each. A memorial plaque will be engraved upon sponsorship. Contact the office for details.

DIOCESAN STATISTICS

www.dioc.org

DIOCESAN POPULATION:

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| 2024 ¹ | » Total: 933,647 – Catholics: 135,268 (6.9%) |
| 2023 ¹ | » Total: 930,375 – Catholics: 135,268 (6.9%) |
| 2022 | » Total: 875,018 – Catholics: 136,032 (15.5%) |
| 2021 | » Total: 917,654 – Catholics: 146,067 (15.9%) |
| 2020 | » Total: 916,522 – Catholics: 149,025 (16.3%) |

PRIESTS:

| | |
|------|---|
| 2024 | » Incardinated Priests: 128 – Other Priests: 44 |
| 2023 | » Incardinated Priests: 131 – Other Priests: 30 |
| 2022 | » Incardinated Priests: 132 – Other Priests: 30 |
| 2021 | » Incardinated Priests: 131 – Other Priests: 37 |
| 2020 | » Incardinated Priests: 133 – Other Priests: 34 |

DEACONS (Incardinated and Other):

| | |
|------|---|
| 2024 | » Active Deacons: 64 – Senior Deacons: 11 |
| 2023 | » Active Deacons: 66 – Senior Deacons: 9 |
| 2022 | » Active Deacons: 61 – Senior Deacons: 6 |
| 2021 | » Active Deacons: 54 – Senior Deacons: 6 |
| 2020 | » Total Deacons: 59 |

RELIGIOUS & CONSECRATED:²

| | |
|------|---|
| 2024 | » Sisters: 162 – Brothers: 1 – Consecrated: 6 |
| 2023 | » Sisters: 156 – Brothers: 2 – Consecrated: 6 |
| 2022 | » Sisters: 177 – Brothers: 3 – Consecrated: 6 |
| 2021 | » Sisters: 190 – Brothers: 2 – Consecrated: 6 |
| 2020 | » Sisters: 244 – Brothers: 2 – Consecrated: 6 |

SEMINARIANS:

| | |
|------|------|
| 2024 | » 12 |
| 2023 | » 12 |
| 2022 | » 13 |
| 2021 | » 16 |
| 2020 | » 23 |

PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS:

| | |
|------|-----|
| 2024 | » 1 |
| 2023 | » 4 |
| 2022 | » 2 |
| 2021 | » 3 |
| 2020 | » 4 |

SACRAMENTS & CATHOLIC DEATHS:

| | |
|------|--|
| 2024 | » Baptisms: 1,209 – Marriages: 328 – Deaths: 1,807 |
| 2023 | » Baptisms: 1,099 – Marriages: 332 – Deaths: 1,898 |
| 2022 | » Baptisms: 1,265 – Marriages: 334 – Deaths: 1,991 |
| 2021 | » Baptisms: 1,065 – Marriages: 334 – Deaths: 1,664 |
| 2020 | » Baptisms: 1,578 – Marriages: 499 – Deaths: 1,928 |

¹ Since 2023, a different calculation was used to determine total population.

² 'Consecrated' includes diocesan hermits and consecrated virgins.

PARISH HISTORY



Under the direction of Bishop John P. Treacy, Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish was established on Wisconsin Rapids' west side in the summer of 1947 with Father Joseph B. Tetzlaff as the first pastor of the new parish.

Starting on the first Sunday of September 1947, Masses for the new parish were held at the Palace Theatre and later at the Wisconsin Theatre, both in downtown Wisconsin Rapids.

In December 1947, property was purchased on the west side of 10th Avenue, along with the historic Nels Johnson home at 850 1st Avenue South to be used as the rectory and a chapel for daily Masses.

In October 1948, Bishop Treacy approved plans for the construction of a two-story school. The Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi from Milwaukee came to teach in August 1949 and the Nels Johnson home became their convent. The pastor moved into temporary quarters in the new school building. These quarters are now the school and principal's offices.

In April 1950, Bishop Treacy approved plans to build an attached auditorium to the school building. Construction was completed in May 1951. It had been anticipated that the auditorium would one day become a gymnasium and that a church building would be constructed at the south end of the school. Those dreams never materialized and the auditorium was converted to a 500-person capacity church. The attached rectory was constructed in 1953.

In June 1958, Father Tetzlaff was appointed pastor in Mosinee and Father Stanley Andrzejewski was appointed the second pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven. In July 1967, Father Andrzejewski was appointed pastor of St. Peter's Parish in Stevens Point. Having been transferred from St. Francis Xavier Parish in Arcadia, Father Jerome Kamla became the third pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven.

In October 1977, Father Kamla left Our Lady Queen of Heaven to become the pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in Galloway. After serving as a chaplain in the US Navy, Father Mark Doyle came to Our Lady Queen of Heaven as the fourth pastor and would serve the parish for over 20 years. Under Father Doyle's leadership, the church was extensively remodeled in the early 1980s. During one year of Father Doyle's tenure, he baptized nearly 105 infants!

Father Doyle retired as pastor in November 1998. Father Dennis Lynch was named the parish's fifth pastor. In June 2004 Father Lynch was assigned to pastoral ministry at St. Michael's Hospital in Stevens Point. Father Alan 'Al' Wierzba became the sixth pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven. During Father Wierzba's tenure church upgrades and renovations were completed: the rectory interior, the church interior, and the expansion/addition project.

In May 2011, Father Al Wierzba was named full-time Vocations Director for the Diocese of La Crosse and Father Sahayanathan Nathan of the Diocese of Vellore in India was named the seventh pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven. Father Nathan served as pastor until 2015 when Father G. Valentine Joseph from the Archdiocese of Madurai in India was named the eighth pastor. Father Valentine was recalled to India in 2021 and Father Alan Guanella was named the ninth pastor.

For more information, visit www.our-lady.org/parish-history

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

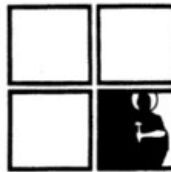


**CATHOLIC
FOUNDATION**
OF WEST CENTRAL WISCONSIN

The Catholic Foundation of West Central Wisconsin ensures Catholics a way to leave their legacy uniquely aligned with their Catholic values and beliefs. The

Foundation assists donors throughout 19 counties of West Central Wisconsin in creating a meaningful impact through planned giving and charitable fund management. Donors enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that their gift directly supports the Catholic organizations that they choose. The Foundation's grants support the needs of the Diocese of La Crosse in four pillars of interest: Parish Life, Vocations, Catholic Education, and Social Services. Additionally, the Foundation works closely with the charitable entities that the donors designate as beneficiaries, as well as with Catholic organizations who apply for grants. The Foundation offers many ways to support the Catholic causes you care most about. No matter the amount of gift you make, the Foundation has a giving option available to best support your passion within the Catholic Faith. Their knowledge and experience allow them to work with you to construct a planned gift that best meets your needs now and in the future. Learn more at www.cfwcw.org or by calling 608-519-9892.

ST. JOSEPH'S PRIEST FUND, INC.



The St. Joseph's Priest Fund, Inc. is a non-profit corporation that gives a monthly benefit to eligible priests incardinated in the Diocese of La Crosse who are granted the status of senior priest (at retirement) or who are disabled. The fund receives monies through investment earnings, parish and institutional assessments, excess funds from parishes' Works of Charity accounts, Mass stipends from when a priest says two or three Masses on a day, and from generous bequests and donations from the laity and clergy. You can help the St. Joseph's Priest Fund, Inc. to take care of our retired and disabled diocesan priests by sending your contribution to the St. Joseph's Priest Fund, Inc. at PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Thank you!

HOLY CROSS SEMINARIAN ENDOWMENT TRUST

The Holy Cross Seminarian Endowment Trust, formed in 1995, is a permanent fund of the Diocese of La Crosse established for the purpose of providing financial resources for the education of diocesan seminarians, which averages over \$50,000 per seminarian per year. The Diocesan Annual Appeal currently funds 75% of the cost of educating seminarians. The investment earnings of the trust are used to help make up the remaining costs. The trust is an important means of carrying out our common responsibility to promote vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese of La Crosse. You may send your contribution to the Holy Cross Seminarian Endowment Trust at PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. For more information, or for details about remembering the trust in your estate planning, please call the Office of Stewardship and Development at 608-791-2653 or by post at the address above. Thank you!

To the best of our knowledge and belief, the data of this annual report is accurate in all material respects and is reported in a manner designed to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the various funds and component units of the parish. Do not hesitate to contact the parish for clarification or if you have questions about this report's contents.