



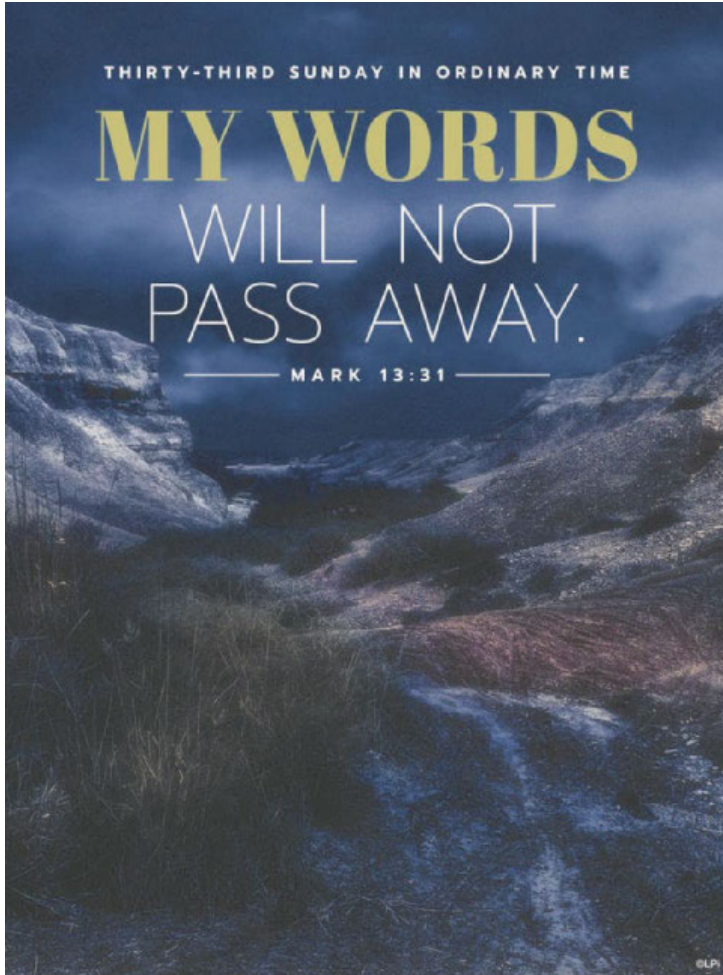
# Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish

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## PARISH CLERGY

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday: 8:30a–3:30p • Friday: 8:30a–12:00 noon  
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## 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.

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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 class will be in January.. 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 NOVEMBER 10, 2024



General	\$9,923.00
Plate	\$1,226.50
Building Maintenance	\$525.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,674.50</b>

## LECTIONARY READINGS

### Readings for the week of November 17, 2024

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16/Heb 10:11-14, 18/  
Mk 13:24-32

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

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**Carol Kubisiak**

May God grant her eternal rest.

### Calling all couples who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2025 or 2026

Every year we are honored to do something special for couples who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Each couple receives a packet and certificate, as well as an invitation to attend one of three celebrations that include Mass with the Bishop followed by a dinner. We use information provided by your parish's records to know where to send the packets and invitations. We are preparing for the anniversaries happening in 2025 and would like to get a head start on the 2026 anniversaries as well. Please contact your parish office to ensure your wedding date is listed in the parish's records.

**ANNIVERSARY MASS**

### BRINGING UP THE GIFTS AT OLQH

We have returned to the practice of bringing up the gifts at the offertory at weekend Masses. Families are encouraged to participate. There is a sign up sheet in the Gathering Space or just sign your name as you walk into Mass.

### 2024 Christmas Cookie Orders

#### St. James Parish, Vesper

Return order date: Nov. 24th

Pickup date: Dec. 2 through Dec. 9

Payment due with order form.

Nine varieties to choose from.

Questions: Sue Kriings, 715-0305-1930

Order forms are available in the gathering area.

Thank you for your support!

### PICNIC CHAIRPERSONS NEEDED

Did you know that since 2012, the OLQH parish picnic has raised over \$300,000 for the parish? We are in need of new picnic chairpersons to be able to continue this fundraiser. If interested, contact the parish office. Help is provided!

### 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 Nov. 18th.

**Mission Rosary Makers** —The next date is Wednesday, Nov. 20th. 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, Dec. 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).



**Greetings from the Social Justice Committee:**

We are focused on a couple of things right now.

- The Giving Tree is up.** Our parish has 140 names. **Please return the gifts by December 6<sup>th</sup>.** Gifts should be unwrapped or in a gift bag. With the Christmas Card or the child's number securely attached so we know who the gift is for. Thank you.
- Reverse Advent Calendar:** Advent starts December 1<sup>st</sup> through December 24<sup>th</sup>. Instead of a usual advent calendar where we get a piece of chocolate each day, consider giving something each day as we approach the birth of Our Lord.

**Thanksgiving Food Collection**

Non-perishable food items  
 Tuesday, November 26th  
 9:00 am School Mass  
 Thursday, November 28th  
 9:00 am Thanksgiving Mass

All items will be donated to the local food pantry.



**December 24th Children's Nativity & Mass**

We are in the planning stages for this year's Children's Mass at 4:00 pm on December 24th. If your child age 5 and older would like to participate in the Gospel Narrative, call the church office to sign up 715-421-1251.



**Christmas Bake Sale...**We are having a Christmas Bake Sale on the weekend of Dec. 7/8 before and after all of the Masses. You can drop off your delicious baked goods on Friday morning until noon and on Saturday. Thank you so much for your contributions. Please mark any items that contain any major food allergens such as nuts or peanut butter.



**Christmas Flower Donations**

Please turn in flower donations in memory of your loved ones by Wednesday, Dec. 11th.



Cranberry Classic High School Basketball Tournament at Assumption H.S. in Wisconsin Rapids, Friday, November 29 and Saturday, November 30, 2024 Eight (8) JV and Varsity basketball games each day.

Participating Girls Teams - Columbus Catholic, Nekoosa, Pittsville, and Assumption

Participating Boys Teams - Columbus Catholic, Nekoosa, Port Edwards, and Assumption

All Day Admission each day – Adults - \$5.00, Grade 3-12 - \$3.00, Grades 2 and below are free.



Great concessions, raffles, and more. Fun for the whole family!!

**Parish Annual Financial Reports**

The parish annual financial reports for the 2023–2024 fiscal year are available on the tables in the back of church or on our parish website at [www.our-lady.org/bulletin](http://www.our-lady.org/bulletin). Thank you for your continued generosity over the past year!

**Reverse Advent Calendar**

Each Day add an item to a box. On Christmas Eve (or shortly after), donate the box to a Food Pantry

**These are just suggestions to give you ideas.**

This process will help us remember the days of advent as we approach the birth of Our Lord. You can take your boxes directly to the food pantry (2321 W. Grand Ave.). They are generally open for donations Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. If you have difficulty, bring them to church and we will transport them.

December 1	Box of Cereal
December 2	Peanut Butter
December 3	Stuffing Mix
December 4	Boxed Potatoes
December 5	Macaroni and Cheese
December 6	Canned Fruit
December 7	Canned Tomatoes
December 8	Canned Tuna
December 9	Dessert mix
December 10	Jar of Applesauce
December 11	Canned Sweet Potatoes
December 12	Cranberry Sauce
December 13	Canned Beans
December 14	Box of Crackers
December 15	Package of Rice
December 16	Package of Oatmeal
December 17	Package of Pasta
December 18	Spaghetti Sauce
December 19	Chicken Noodle Soup
December 20	Tomato Soup
December 21	Can of Corn
December 22	Can of Mixed Vegetable
December 23	Can of Carrots
December 24	Can of Green Beans



**All Souls Day** - During the month of November we will be remembering all of our family members and friends who have gone before us by placing a picture display by the St. Francis statue. Please bring in a picture (framed or unframed) of all your deceased loved ones. Please put your name on the back so it can be returned. There is also a book in the gathering area that you can put the names of your departed family members and friends.

**Eternal rest grant unto them,  
O Lord, and let perpetual  
light shine upon them.**



Have you ever wondered if the Lord is calling you to be a priest? To begin the conversation or to inquire about what it means to be a priest, please contact me: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!

**Do you know who your child is texting**

There are many excellent online resources such as: virtusonline.org, kidsafenetwork.com and netsmartz.org. Increase your knowledge and awareness and control access to the "virtual door" of your home. Learning to make the right choices can make a profound difference in protecting yourself and your children.

Join us for a Community Thanksgiving Dinner  
**TAKE OUT MEAL AT NO COST**  
 Thursday November 28, 2024  
 11am-1pm  
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**Monday November 11th thru Tuesday November 19th, 2024**  
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 Choral Evensong with the St. John's Choir  
 Canticles: Wood in E-flat No. 2  
 Anthem: Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley)  
 Organ Voluntary: Pomp and Circumstance (Elgar)  
 4:45pm  
 Reception

St. John the Evangelist Episcopal  
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**UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024** *ST. ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE,  
 THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICAS OF STS. PETER AND PAUL*  
**8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024**  
**9:00 am Mass** † Poor Souls in Purgatory

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2024**  
**8:00 am Mass** Collective Intentions  
 † Hank Kopacz by: Tom & Joan Freidel  
 † Anthony Zdroit by: Jan Emilio  
 † Todd Buntrock by: Lori & Family  
 † Gail Aschenbrener by: Dick & Family  
 † Al Sievers by: John & Rosemary Hokamp  
 Special Intention of the Borre Family  
**6:00 pm Religious Education Class Grades 1-8**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024**  
*PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY*  
**1:00 pm Choir Practice**  
**5:00 pm Mass** Living & Deceased Members of Catholic Daughters

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2024** *ST. CECILIA*  
**2:30 pm Children's Mass** † Karen Compton by: The Family

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2024**  
**8:00 am Mass** † Wayne Tracy by: John & Sue Bergin  
**8:30 am Confessions**  
**3:00 pm Confessions**  
**3:30 pm Rosary**  
**4:00 pm Mass** † Arlene (Swetz) Hayes by: Charleen Swetz

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024**  
**7:30 am Mass** † John Weiland by: Bill & Christine Weiland  
**10:00 am Mass** † Scott Lobner by: Mom

**MINISTRIES SCHEDULE**

**Altar Servers**  
 Nov. 23, 4:00pm – Dave Anderson, Greg Bathke, Noah Unversaw  
 Nov. 24, 7:30am – Christian Statz & 2 volunteers  
 Nov. 24, 10:00am – Rick Anderson, Violet Moss Paul Richmond

**Readers**  
 Nov. 23, 4:00pm – Jerry Bach  
 Nov. 24, 7:30am – Mary Benbow  
 Nov. 24, 10:00am – Mike Hittner

**Gift Bearers**  
 Nov. 23, 4:00pm – Volunteers Needed  
 Nov. 24, 7:30am – Volunteers Needed  
 Nov. 24, 10:00am – Volunteers Needed

**Greeters**  
 Nov. 23, 4:00pm – John & Peg Wasshausen  
 Nov. 24, 7:30am – Chad & Jennel Statz  
 Nov. 24, 10:00am – Volunteers Needed

**Hospitality**  
 Dec. 14, 4:00pm – Rebecca Zalar  
 Dec. 15, 7:30am – Shelley Bruley/Kerry Meinel  
 Dec. 15, 10:00am – John & Rosemary Hokamp

**Liturgical Note:** As we now bring up the gifts at Mass, the congregation should remain **seated** when the priest says the "Blessed are you, Lord" prayers and **stand** when the priest says "Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours..."



## PASTORAL THOUGHTS...

### Successful Ministries

Lately, I have been meditating on the newly baptized of the early first century Church. According to the Acts of the Apostles, "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and to prayer" (2:42). I think each of these four things deserve a little exposition as well



as credit for how we have been attempting to establish successful ministries lately. In fact, if you may feel disconnected from the Church, adding some of these to your spiritual life might make a big difference to your connection to Christ.

Firstly, the early disciples devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, or in other words, true doctrine. We have to know God, and this is what we will do in heaven forever. We will know just as we are known (Cf. 1 Cor 13:12). Heaven is primarily union with God, and our prayer and study should direct us to think as Christ and his Church thinks. Ignorance of God is ignorance of that which matters most. Therefore, we need to study, and I recommend having Scripture, a novel, or anything to read by the bedside to learn about God and his creation.

The disciples also devoted themselves to "the fellowship." A lot of Catholics feel lonely. There is a reason I get a lot of pizza for kids; I think God made us eat so that we would actually slow down and talk to each other about important things. Successful ministries not only teach true things about God, but they also teach people true relationships. So, if you are struggling in the faith right now, this is a common area to explore. Connect with someone at Mass, invite them over, or invite someone who could use fellowship.

The "breaking of the bread" is the third area, and it is the most obvious. Early Catholics went to Mass. In the US, only around 25% of Catholics attend Mass every Sunday. If you are reading this, chances are, you are in that 25%, and I wonder what percentage of our attention is for God on Sundays. I will be the first to admit, even as a priest, being physically present is not enough. Unless I prepare for Mass spiritually beforehand, read the readings even if I am not preaching, turn off the noises beforehand, Mass can be difficult to pay attention and pray. Catholics who are connected to God are Catholics all about the Mass.

Lastly, the disciples devoted themselves to "the prayer." It is not just prayer, but "the" prayer that is important. We can't just piously think about God or do God's work or just show up to Mass. Meditative and contemplative prayer is essential to connecting with God. It's hard, but it works. Rosaries, scripture readings, Eucharistic adoration: all of these things and more force us to meditate, which forces our minds to stay close to God. Otherwise, we would just get in the habit of thinking about whatever we want to think about, and that often leads not to God.

In Christ Jesus,  
Fr. Weller

### Prayer of St. Nicholas of Flüe (1417–1487)

(as referenced by Fr. Guarella in his November 9th homily)

My Lord and my God, take from me everything that distances me from you. My Lord and my God, give me everything that brings me closer to you. My Lord and my God, detach me from myself to give my all to you. Amen.

## ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



**AHS Bingo**- November 17<sup>th</sup>, doors open at noon, games start at 1:00pm. Meet in AHS gym. Concessions, 50/50 raffle, cash prizes, and progressive blackout awarded. This week is sponsored by the Assumption High School Girls Basketball Team. Looking forward to seeing you there!

**ACS Scrip**: Our new location at the corner of Mead and Hill Streets allows Scrip patrons to enter and purchase Scrip gift cards without buzzing into the building.

**Regular Scrip hours are as follows:**

**Monday 9-noon**

**Tuesday 9-1**

**Thursday 11-6**

**Friday 9-1**



Assumption Catholic Schools **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Turkey Trot** on Thanksgiving Day (11/28) at 9:00 am-start in the Assumption High School Gym for a 5K Run/Walk. Strollers and pets are welcome. FREE registration. Bring a non-perishable food item for the local food pantry.

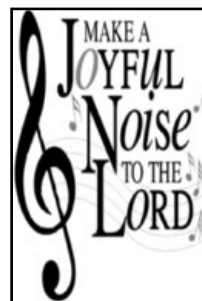
**CRANBERRY CLASSIC**. The 40th Annual Assumption High School Cranberry Classic will be on Friday November 29th and Saturday November 30th.

Girls and boys JV and Varsity basketball games will be from 9am to 10pm each day. Participating teams are Assumption, Columbus Catholic, Nekoosa, Port Edwards (boys), and Pittsville (girls).



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

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




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](mailto:menglert@our-lady.org)





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