




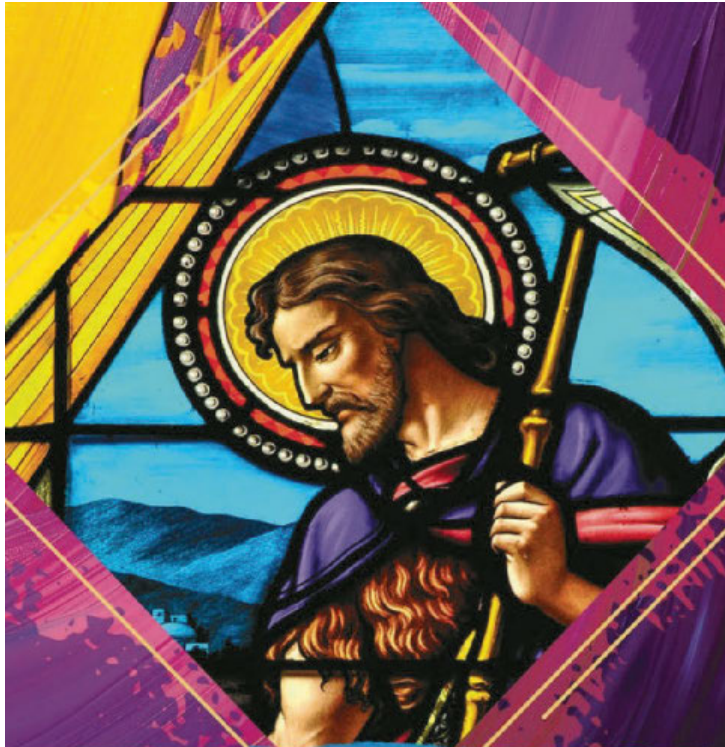
# Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish

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## 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*"Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths."  
- Lk 3:4*

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### PARISH CLERGY

Fr. Alan M. Guanella, JCL • *Pastor* • [fr.guanella@our-lady.org](mailto:fr.guanella@our-lady.org)

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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.

### 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 preparation class will be January 7th. 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 – NOTE CHANGE

The 6:00 PM Sunday evening Mass at SS Peter & Paul Parish will **end** with the Mass on December 29, 2024.

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING FOR NOVEMBER 24, 2024



General	\$9,071.00
Plate	\$1,071.55
Building Maintenance	\$375.00
Direct Donation 11/20/24	\$5,552.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,069.55</b>

## LECTIONARY READINGS

### Readings for the week of December 8, 2024

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6  
 Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/  
 Lk 1:26-38  
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96/Mt 18:12-14  
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/  
 Mt 11:28-30  
 Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/  
 Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38  
 Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1Mt 11:16-19  
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80/Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
 Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/  
 Lk 3:10-18

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## SANCTUARY CANDLES



The Sanctuary Candles burn the week of December 7– December 13 in memory of

**Jesse Plante**  
 By: **Tom & Teresa Plante**



We welcome to the family of God:  
**Brooks Rosandick**  
 Son of Bradley and Beth (Rayome) Rosandick

*Little Blue Books* for Advent are available in the gathering area. Suggested donation of \$2.00 each.

**Mary on the Mantel for families...**Are you looking for a meaningful Catholic alternative to Elf on the Shelf? Be A Heart has an alternative, Mary on the Mantel, which helps families incorporate a more meaningful Advent. Mary helps children prepare their hearts for Christmas. Each day leading up to Christmas, Mary moves around the house, nesting to prepare for her baby. She may be found scrubbing the bathroom floor, sewing a baby blanket, or visiting the midwife before making the long journey to Bethlehem. While Mary gets ready, she helps the children prepare for baby Jesus by suggesting one small act of kindness for them to do. Some days will be a good deed for a neighbor, the family, or a stranger. Other days will be to find kindness for oneself or to care for the earth.

### Christmas Flower Donations

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



### 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 Dec. 16th.

**Mission Rosary Makers** —The next date is Wednesday, Dec. 18th. 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).



### Immaculate Conception: December 9, 2024

In past years, when the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (December 8) fell on the Second Sunday of Advent, the Immaculate Conception was transferred to Monday, December 9, but the obligation to attend Mass did not transfer. After a recent clarification from the Vatican, this will no longer be the case: rather, the obligation will also transfer. Consequently, on Monday, December 9, 2024, the Church will celebrate the Immaculate Conception and be a holy day of obligation in the Dioceses of the United States. *HOWEVER*, given the short notice of this change, and the fact that parish calendars and Mass schedules are already in place, Bishop Gerard Battersby has dispensed the faithful from this obligation in 2024. Nonetheless, at the direction of the bishop, we will have a Mass here at OLQH at 8:00 AM to celebrate the patroness of the United States. The bishop asks those who are unable to attend Mass to do some form of extra prayer, particularly praying the Rosary with at least one other person in community.

### 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.

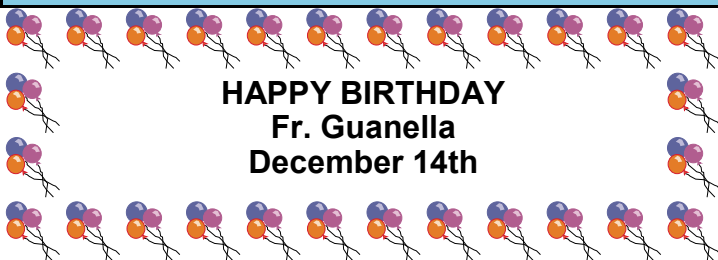
All are welcome to celebrate the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Thursday, December 12th at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church 750 10th Avenue South, Wisconsin Rapids, beginning with Confessions at 4:00 pm, followed by the Rosary at 4:30 pm, and Mass at 5:00 pm. Following Mass, light refreshments will be provided in the Gathering Area. For more information: 715-424-6879;**



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### 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.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
Fr. Guanella  
December 14th**

### 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



## Volunteers needed at the FOCUS Food Pantry

Our parish has the week of December 16 - 20 at the FOCUS (Feeding Our Communities with United Services) food pantry. The hours are:

11:45—4:00 pm— Monday, Thursday, Friday  
3:45—7:00 pm —Tuesday

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

### “KEEP THEM WARM” TREE

During this Blessed Christmas Season our familiar bare tree, located by the Parish Office eagerly awaits new children and adult mittens, gloves, hats, slippers, clothing, etc.; any new items that will keep our less fortunate friends warm during the cold winter months. If you prefer, new toys for children or useful items for adults are also welcome.



Items will be collected now through December 20th.

### Christmas Blessings to our Parish Family!

Our Lady Queen of Heaven  
Council of Catholic Women (CCW)

*“Be kind and merciful. Let no one ever come to you without coming away better and happier. Be the living expression of God’s kindness”.* ~St. Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997)

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Monday, December 9:** Fourth Degree Christmas Party with the ladies at Sacred Heart Parish in Nekoosa. The social will begin at 5:30 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm. Invitations have been sent.

**Thursday, December 12:** Council Officer's meeting at Our Lady Queen of Heaven cafeteria at 6:30 pm. with the Council Meeting starting at 7:00 pm.

**Sunday, December 15:** Council Christmas Party at Our Lady Queen of Heaven cafeteria. Doors will open at 2:30 pm, with chowder being served starting at 3:00 pm. Bingo will follow. All members, their wives, and families are invited. The price is \$7.00 per person, and those under 12 are free. Reservations are required by December 11th and can be made by calling Bill Plante at (715)421-1698 or Len Schliesman at (715)423-1296.

### Year End Contributions

As the end of the calendar year approaches, you are reminded that charitable contributions must be applied to the year in which they are received. The only exception is when a check is mailed; it is applied to the year the check/envelope is postmarked, even if it is received in the next calendar year.

If you wish to claim your parish contribution or diocesan annual appeal donation as a charitable deduction for income tax purposes for 2024, you must have your contribution to the parish office (or diocese by December 31). If you mail it, it must be postmarked on or before December 31st. Thank you

## UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024** *IMMACULATE CONCEPTION*  
**8:00 am Mass** Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parishioners

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024** *OUR LADY OF LORETO*  
**9:00 am Children’s Mass** † Poor Souls in Purgatory

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024** *ST. DAMASUS I*  
**8:00 am Mass** Collective Intentions

† Jerome Thrun by: Marge Ceplina  
† Judy Tritz by: Lee Tritz  
† Gail Aschenbrener by: Dick & Family  
† John Klonsinski by: Janeen Sievers  
Diocese of La Crosse Priests by: Jan Ermilio  
Special Intention of the Borre Family

**7:00 pm Choir Practice**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024** *OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE*

**4:00 pm Confessions**

**4:30 pm Rosary**

**5:00 pm Mass** † Janice Stublaski by: Andy & Family

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2024** *ST. LUCY*

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

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024**

**8:00 am Mass** The Zdroit Family by: Jan Ermilio

**8:30 am Confessions**

**3:00 pm Confessions**

**3:30 pm Rosary**

**4:00 pm Mass** † Karen Compton by: The Family

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024**

**7:30 am Mass** † Keri Ledden by: Tom & Joan Freidel

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

## MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

### Altar Servers

Dec. 14 4:00pm – Mason Hackman, Joe Fidler  
Greg Bathke

Dec. 15 7:30am – Christian Statz & 2 volunteers

Dec. 15 10:00am – Rick Anderson, Violet Moss,  
Paul Richmond

### Readers

Dec. 14 4:00pm – Brenda Walczak

Dec. 15 7:30am – Diane Moss

Dec. 15 10:00am – Angie Peters

### Gift Bearers

Dec. 14 4:00pm – Volunteers Needed

Dec. 15 7:30am – Volunteers Needed

Dec. 15 10:00am – Volunteers Needed

### Greeters

Dec. 14 4:00pm – Mark & JeriAnn Reichl

Dec. 15 7:30am – Chad & Jennel Statz

Dec. 15 10:00am – Gary & Kathi Wierzbicki

### 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...

### Keeping Advent Holy

This weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This feast is about Mary's conception, from her first moments in the womb of her mother, St. Anne. Mary was prevented from all stains of sin to prepare her to bear God's Son to the world. This is a holy day! Besides attending Mass, praying the rosary is another way to celebrate this feast day. If you have little ones who have difficulty paying attention while praying the rosary, try praying the interactive rosary. One interactive way is using fake candles and allowing your children to lead each prayer by turning on the candle. The Catholic Company has a beautiful gather and pray wooden rosary board. Children place a wooden ball on the board each time a Hail Mary is said. In addition, there are colorful round puzzle pieces that offer a visual representation of the mysteries.

Our Lady of Guadalupe is another feast day you can celebrate with your family by attending Mass on Thursday December 12. As a family go on [formed.org](http://formed.org) and watch a movie about Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our Lady of Guadalupe is a title for Mary that came from an apparition that took place in present-day Mexico. She appeared three times to St. Juan Diego in 1531.

On December 13th, we celebrate the feast day of a truly inspiring figure, Saint Lucy. She is the patron saint of martyrs, the blind, epidemics, and writers. Lucia, an Italian saint from the ancient city of Syracuse, is known for her bravery in defending her faith at a young age. Her courage and unwavering faith make her a symbol of inspiration for us all, reminding us that even in the darkest times, our faith can be a guiding light. She is celebrated worldwide on one of the darkest and coldest days of the year as a symbol that Christ can light up even the darkest places.

Here are a few heartwarming ideas on how to celebrate Saint Lucy. Bake Santa Lucia Buns the night before. In Sweden, they make gingerbread biscuits and an S-shaped saffron bun called a "Lussekatt." In the morning, the family's eldest daughter wears a white nightgown and passes it to every family member. These traditions not only celebrate Saint Lucy but also bring joy and unity to the family, reminding us of our shared faith and values. Make a Santa Lucia Crown for girls and a Star Boy hat for boys. Directions can be found on the children's bookshelf in the gathering space.

Rebecca Zalar Director of Religious Education



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## ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



### Celebrate the Season with Us!

We warmly invite you to join us for one or more of our ACS Christmas programs. Enjoy an evening of music and holiday cheer as our students showcase their talents and spread the joy of the season. We hope to see you there!

#### ACS CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

- \*ACS Christmas Band Concert @ Assumption  
12/09/2024 6:30 pm
- \*OLQH K-2 Christmas Concert @ OLQH  
12/10/2024 6:30 pm
- \*SVDP Christmas Concert @ SVDP  
12/12/2024 6:30 pm
- \*AMS/AHS Christmas Choral Concert @ Assumption  
12/16/2024 6:30 pm

**Bingo at Assumption:** Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>- afternoon will be played at Assumption High School gym. Doors open at noon, with the 1<sup>st</sup> game called at 1:00pm. Concessions, 50/50 raffle and cash prizes awarded.

#### Golden Mass at AHS on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

All WI Rapids Deanery parishioners are invited to attend.

**Christmas Break-** Assumption Catholic Schools will be closed from Dec. 23rd-Jan.1st. Classes resume on Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

### Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Tuesday, Dec. 24  
4:00 PM

Wednesday, Dec. 25  
12:00 Midnight, 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM

*No daily Mass on December 26 or 27*

### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday, Dec. 31  
4:00 PM

Wednesday, Jan. 1  
9:00 AM

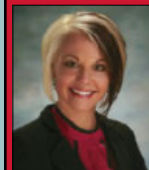





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