January 12, 2025 Baptism of the Lord



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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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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 Scrip is available for purchase during parish office hours.

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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

New families are most welcome to the parish and are kindly asked to register at the parish office as soon as possible. Registration forms may be downloaded at www.ourlady.org/contact. Parishioners are asked to inform the office of any address, telephone, or family status changes.

UPCOMING BAPTISM CLASS

The next baptism preparation class will be February 25. 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 intercession for all prayer requests is offered at all Sunday Masses. Prayer Chain: Please call Mary Kobza at 715-421-0447 with your intentions.

ONLINE GIVING



Donate to the parish online by scanning this QR code with your smartphone or visit bit.ly/olgh-giving. Also consider using ACH Direct Debit from your checking or savings account. Contact the parish office for an enrollment form or at our-lady.org/contact

Sacrificial Giving for December 29 2024



General	\$10,653.00
Plate	\$957.00
Building Maintenance	\$160.00
Christmas	\$10,625.50
Endowment Donations	\$1,650.00
Total	\$24,045.50

SACRIFICIAL GIVING FOR JANUARY 5, 2025



General	\$15,536.00
Plate	\$940.85
Building Maintenance	\$670.00
Solemnity of Mary (Jan 1)	\$6,370.30
Total	\$23,517.15

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LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday:

Readings for the week of January 12, 2024

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97/Mk 1:14-20 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8/Mk 1:21-28 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105/Mk 1:29-39 Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95/Mk 1:40-45 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78/Mk 2:1-12 Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11



We welcome to the family of God:

Brooks A. Kellerman

Son of Blake & Crystal (Moon) Kellerman

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/

SAVE THE DATE

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Pancake Breakfast Sunday, Feb 2nd 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Volunteers needed.



Sign up sheets will be available. More information to follow.



Upcoming Central Wisconsin Retrouvaille Marriage Help Program

Retrouvaille has been a lifeline for marriages for over 45 years. Whether a couple has drifted apart, separated, or even divorced, this 3-phase program offers hope for all who want to restore their marriages and rebuild loving relationships. Affordable, Catholic in origin and open to couples of all faiths, the next program begins with a weekend stay in Wausau area February 14-16, 2025. For local info and fully confidential registration call: 877-922-HOPE (4673).

More at HelpOurMarriage.org

A **Pro-Life Rosarv** will be said on Monday. Jan. 13th at 4:00 pm along Eighth Street. All are welcome to join us. We will gather in Grace's parking lot at 3:45.

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 January 20th.

Mission Rosary Makers —The next date is Wednesday, Jan. 15th. Please join us in the cafeteria from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. All are welcome to join us.



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).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Monday, January 13: Fourth Degree meeting at Our Lady Queen of Heaven cafeteria. Meeting at 7:00 pm.



Blest Art will be visiting OLQH Parish on Saturday and Sunday, January 18 and 19, after each Mass, on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine. Their mission is to support those families in the Holy Land. When Blest Art visits the parish, they will have hand-carved

nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood art. They accept cash, checks, and all major credit cards.

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!

Dear FOCUS Volunteers,

FOCUS is sponsoring the South Wood County Empty Bowls again this year. This is the 11th year for this event in Wisconsin Rapids. In order to run this sit down event at the FOCUS location on West Grand Avenue, we need a number of volunteers to help facilitate the event. The event this year will be held on February 15 from 11am-2:00pm. The event will include a sit down meal including Soup, roll, beverage and dessert meal, a handmade bowl, and a basket raffle featuring over 70 different baskets to bid on. We are in need of the following volunteers:

Volunteers needed: • Greeters- 2 • Parking attendants- 2 • Ticket sales- 2- Lisa and ____ • Ticket takers- 2 • Bowl supervisors- 2 • Number caller- 1 • Table servers- 10 • Beverage bar- 2 • Order takers- 2 • Desserts- 2 • Soup Servers- 6-8 • Dish station- 2 • Dish washers- 3-4 • Table waiters- 6-8 • Dining room monitor-1 • Raffle- 6 at least plus Marijo and Bob • Clean up- 6-10 • Closers- 2 • Runners- 2 • To go meals- 2 If you would like to work in any of these areas, please email Don Mancl at lindanddon@solarus.net or call him at 715-451-1404 with the area you would like to work in.

We appreciate the support of the great FOCUS volunteers. We are sure you will enjoy working at this event. It will give you an opportunity to interact with many community members and also take part in helping to raise money for various food programs in the area, such as FOCUS food pantry, FOCUS Neighborhood Meals, FOCUS Family Backpacks and Nekoosa Backpack program. We thank you in advance for considering helping with this event.

Don Mancl- Volunteer Coordinator-Empty Bowls

Mary Schultz Empty Bowls Chairperson



Greetings from the Social Justice Committee:

We wanted to follow-up on our recent activities.
Thank you for your generosity and compassion for others.

- At Thanksgiving we took approximately 200 pounds of food to the FOCUS food pantry.
- The Giving Tree in November and December again highlighted your generosity. We helped 140 children and their families in South Wood County have a better Christmas.
- Our next activity is the sister parish collection the weekend of January 25th, 2025

We are proud to be part of such a loving and caring parish. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a New Year full of God's Blessings.

The Social Justice Committee: Deb, Bob, Joan, Lisa, Kaity, and Mary

Employment Opportunity

Assumption Catholic Schools is seeking a passionate numbers person to be our next school business manager. The ideal candidate will have experience in fund accounting and be adept at explaining finances to the non finance professional. Working closely with the president he or she will work to track income and expenses and help with the creation of the ACS budget and monthly reports to the finance committee. This position keeps overwatch on receipts and disbursements. To apply send a resume and cover letter to Daniel Minter, president dminter@assumptioncatholicschools.org

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

As we get closer to celebrating the Baptism of the Lord, let us recall our own Baptism. We have all received the call to go and baptize all nations. Pray for those who are considering if they, too, are ready to renounce Satan and all his works and empty promises. If there is someone you think would like to explore Baptism in the catholic faith, ask him or her to contact Rebecca at reoffice@our-lady.org.

Save the Date!

Men of the Cross "Forgiveness and Freedom" | Mar. 8, 2025 |Blessed Sacrament Church, La Crosse We are excited to have Bob Kroll as our keynote speaker and Mass with Bishop Battersby. More information is coming soon!

Discover the Domestic Church Kiosk Today!

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Knights of Columbus for this incredible resource now available to our parish. Have you checked out the new kiosk in the gathering space? If not, you're missing out! It offers a wealth of engaging, faith -based literature that can support families in building their Domestic Church. Don't let this opportunity pass you by—visit the kiosk and enrich your faith journey! Please make a \$1 donation for each book at the parish office.

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.

Cultivating your Domestic Church

Check out Restoring the Roots on top of the Children's Bookshelf in the gathering space.

The newsletter provides families with a monthly roadmap for saint days, fun family events, prayers, resources, and even recipes that can be tied into a saint's feast day. Every idea helps individuals or families

Are you in love with the faith? Do you want the best for young children? Do you have a desire to serve the church? We need you!

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program is in need of Catechists. Help paying tuition for the CGS training is available. For more information, call Peg Klinkhammer at 734-787-4630 or Rosemary Hokamp at (715) 423-1251.

Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to this beautiful work.

I'm writing from the Music Department at the University of Mary today because I am the director of a choir that specializes in liturgical music. I am traveling around the country seeking out singers that have a special skill and devotion to sacred music so that I can award them a generous scholarship to come sing sacred music at the University of Mary. We are providing substantial scholarships to students, just like college athletes, to come to Bismarck and share their musical gifts in service to God. You may recently have seen articles and stories written on us in Aleteia, Catholic News Agency, EWTN, and the Cardinal Newman Society (project for Eucharistic Education)...or heard our music on Relevant Radio. I am accepting auditions from students until February 14. More information can be found here —> www.cappellaumary.edu

I know that there are wonderful student musicians out there that serve their hometown parishes. We'd like them to audition for Cappella, as a singer or as an organist. They can get substantial scholarships!

Rebecca L. Raber

Join Tens of Thousands at the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

Sign up for the Pilgrimage for Life, Jan. 22-26, our diocesan participation in the national March for Life in our nation's Capital. This is a wonderful opportunity for adults, families, and young people to bear witness to the sanctity of human life. To learn more, visit diolc.org/pilgrimageforlife, or scan the QR code to the right.



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UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025 ST. HILARY 8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025

9:00 am Children's Mass † Scott Lobner by: Mom

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025

8:00 am Mass Collective Intentions

- † Libby Rosandick by: Cathy & Dave Reinke
- † Gail Ashenbrenner by: Dick & Family
- † Ed Altmann by: Duwayne & Judy Hoffman
- † Geraldine Ashbeck by: The Family
- † Joe Mallek by: Sharon Mallek
- † Anne Clancy O'Connor (RNA) by: Pat O'Connor

6:00 pm Religious Education Classes Grades 1-8

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025

1:00 pm Choir Practice

5:00 pm Mass † Jim, Leona & Doreen Dekarske by: The Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025 St. Anthony

8:00 am Mass † Margaret Boyarski by: The Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025

8:00 am Mass † John Piatt by: The Family

8:30 am Confessions

3:00 pm Confessions

3:30 pm Rosary

4:00 pm Mass † Clements & Diane Skiba by: Ed & Pam Skiba

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025

7:30 am Mass † Marie Freibotch by: Tom & Teresa Plante 10:00 am Mass † Jerome Strub by: Ken & Joyce Minch

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Altar Servers

Jan. 18 4:00pm - Corby Olson, Joe Fidler

Rick Anderson

Jan. 19 7:30am - Christian Statz & Jim Hamm

Jan. 19 10:00am - John Hokamp, Silas & Gideon Franz

Readers

Jan. 18 4:00pm – Jerry Bach

Jan. 19 7:30am - Mike Hittner

Jan. 19 10:00am - Karen Abbott

Gift Bearers

Jan. 18 4:00pm - Volunteers Needed

Jan. 19 7:30am – Volunteers Needed

Jan. 19 10:00am - Volunteers Needed

Greeters

Jan. 18 4:00pm - Mark & JeriAnn Reichl

Jan. 19 7:30am – Joanne & Andy Dachel

Jan. 19 10:00am - Fleisner Family

Hospitality

Jan. 25 4:00pm – Laura Danczyk

Jan. 26 7:30am – Tom & Joan Freidel

Jan. 26 10:00am – Bill & Cheryl Johnson

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.

PASTORAL THOUGHTS...

Baptismal Call to Discipleship

This Sunday, we honor Jesus's baptism and the beginning of His public ministry at age thirty. When John the Baptist baptized Jesus, the Holy Spirit came down in the form of a dove, and God the Father announced Jesus's place as His Son. With this, Jesus was sent out to proclaim the Gospel. But



doesn't Jesus already have the Holy Spirit within Him? Jesus was conceived when his mother, Mary, was overshadowed by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit never left Jesus. Saint Peter, in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 10:38), makes it clear that the baptism of Jesus is Jesus' anointing. Just like Saint Peter, Jesus also views His baptism in this way. After His baptism, Jesus recalls His baptism in the River Jordan and says, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because He has anointed me."

Jesus' anointing is a new filling with the Spirit, a new empowering of his humanity to inaugurate a specific threefold mission: the mission of Priest, Prophet, and King. Just like Jesus, we are called to be priests, prophets, and kings when we are baptized. But how do we fulfill our Baptismal call? Discipleship is ultimately the way we can fulfill our Baptismal call. Jesus, as our Master teacher, has taught us how to think, pray, and love as He does.

As disciples, we are called to strive for more than just the bare minimum. True discipleship involves more than simply attending Mass and participating in Bible study once a week. It requires cultivating a personal relationship with Jesus. The original disciples came to know, love, and follow Him even before they fully understood His true identity. When we limit ourselves to minimal engagement and lack a personal connection, our perception of the Catholic Church can become distorted. To develop a genuine relationship with Jesus, one must shift from treating Him as an aspect of life to making Him the very center of it.

You can make Him the center of your life by incorporating prayer and acts of service into your daily routine. Remember, as a disciple, you are also called to embrace the role of a missionary disciple. Being a missionary disciple is not optional; if you are not sharing the Gospel, you cannot truly consider yourself a disciple. The message of the Gospel, or "Good News," compels us to share it. Love remains unfulfilled until it is given away. Both truth and love require that we pass on what we have received to others. The Good News is straightforward: God created us for a loving relationship with Him, we lost that union through Original Sin, and Jesus restores our connection with God through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

Start the new year by reforming your life and reorienting your entire life around Jesus. If you want to learn more about Jesus, start with the book *Jesus: The Way, The Truth, and the Life* by Marcellino D'Ambrosio.

Rebecca Zalar Director of Religious Formation

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS

School News

Enrollment



Do you know someone in 4K to 12th grade who would thrive in a Catholic school environment? They are welcome to join our Assumption school family at any time. If you would like to visit our schools and see what a day in the life of a Catholic school student involves, please call the ACS Enrollment office at 715-422-0900 to make a reservation for a tour or check us out online at www.assumptioncatholicschools.org

Please join us in our excitement and spread the word about Assumption Catholic Schools!

Kindergarten Registration

Thursday, January 30th at Our Lady Queen of Heaven School from 4:00-6:00pm. Bring birth certificate and immunization records.

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program

Did you know that your child(ren) could attend Assumption Catholic Schools tuition free?

This program is open to new students and current students entering 4K, 5K, 1st, or 9th grade. The application period is open on February 3rd-17th.

Application and re-applications can be completed using the following link beginning February 3rd. Visit www.dpi.wi.gov/choice

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Save the Date! Dine & Dough at Rocky!

Join us on Wednesday, Jan. 29, from 11am - 7:00 pm to make a significant impact by helping fundraise for Our Lady Queen of Heaven's Youth Ministry (also known as Rapids Catholic Youth Ministry). Rocky Rococo will donate 20% of your purchase. Enjoy a day of delicious food and community spirit while supporting a great cause. Keep a lookout for the January 18 & 19 bulletin for a flyer!



"Behold: Prayer of the Saints" Young Adult Retreat | Jan. 25, 2025 | Blessed Sacrament Church, La Crosse

This retreat is for young adults aged 18-25 and will be held on January 25, 2025, from 9 am-5 pm at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in La Crosse. Hear inspiring talks about the prayer of the Saints, foster a deeper Catholic community with other young adults, and participate in the life of God via Mass, Confession, and personal prayer. There are also optional evening socials on Friday, January 24 at 7 pm at 608 Brewing Co. and Saturday, January 25 at 6 pm at Pizzeria Dolorosa. The cost is \$25 per person and includes a warm meal. Register at tinyurl.com/beholdprayer.



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