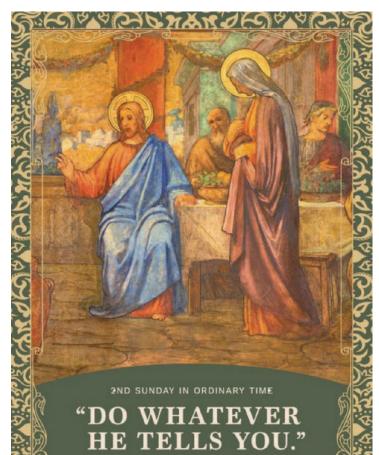


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# PARISH CLERGY

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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**

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/olqh-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 JANUARY 12, 2025

	General	\$10,753.00
6 5	Plate	\$1,130.40
SACRIFICIAL	Direct Donation 01/10/24	\$7,477.00
GIVING	Endowment Trust	\$28,778.74
	Building Maintenance	\$180.00
	Total	\$48,319.14

# **LECTIONARY READINGS**

#### Readings for the week of January 19, 2024

Sunday: Monday: Tuesday: Wednesday: Thursday: Friday: Saturday: Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11 Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110/Mk 2:18-22 Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111/Mk 2:23-28 Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110/Mk 3:1-6 Heb 7:25-8:6/Ps 40/Mk 3:7-12 Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85/Mk 3:13-19 Acts 22:3-16/Ps 117/Mk 16:15-18 Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19/ 1 Cor 12:12-30/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

# **ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK**

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# **SANCTUARY CANDLES**

While

The Sanctuary Candles burn the week of January 18–January 24 in memory of

W. L., Anne, Eileen & Gunny O'Connor By: Pat O'Connor



Please remember in your prayers

Shirley Peterson Colleen Zieher Judith Smith

May God grant them eternal rest.

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 <u>HelpOurMarriage.org</u>

A <u>**Pro-Life Rosary</u>** will be said on Monday, Feb. 10th at 4:00 pm along Eighth Street. All are welcome to join us. We will gather in Grace's parking lot at 3:45.</u>

**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, Feb. 5th. 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).

# **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.



**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!

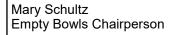
Dear FOCUS Volunteers,

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 lindaanddon@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





### Free Tax Service

"Need help filing your income taxes? The AARP Tax Aide Program was designed to provide free assistance for low to middle-income taxpayers, with special attention to those age 60 and older. Volunteer counselors, trained in cooperation with the IRS will be available every Monday, Wednesday and select Thursdays starting February 3 through April 9 (8:00 am until 3 pm) at the Lowell Center.

<u>Appointments are necessary!</u> Starting January 20, call 715-422-2778 between the hours of 10:00 am and 1:00 pm, Monday through Friday, to schedule your personal tax appointment. Appointments will be determined on a first-call, first-serve basis. As a reminder, although this is a free service, donations are appreciated and greatly benefit Lowell Senior Center programming."

#### **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.



# 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 easily incorporate liturgical living into their homes.

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) 423-1277.

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 <u>diolc.org/pilgrimageforlife</u>, or scan the QR code to the right.



# TOTS: Theology of the Storyteller STAR WARS: The Original Trilogy

Watch a film, deepen your faith. Our Lady Queen of Heaven Three Sundays Jan 12, Jan 26, Feb 9 12:00PM to 4:00PM RSVP today!



# **UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS**

# Monday, January 20, 2025 Sts. Fabian & Sebastian 8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025 ST. AGNES 9:00 am Children's Mass † Poor Souls in Purgatory

# WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children 8:00 am Mass Collective Intentions

- + Ed Altmann by: Ron & Marge Gass
- Marvin Kehrberg by: The Family
- + Todd Buntrock by: Lori & Family
- + Jim (Kraut) Siegler by: Janet Kelly & Family
- **†** Gail Ashenbrener by: Dick & Family

# 6:00 pm Religious Education Classes Grades 1-8

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2025 STS VINCENT & MARIANNE COPE 5:00 pm Mass † Arlen Wanta by: Grace Wanta

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025 ST. FRANCIS DE SALES 8:00 am Mass † Wayne Tracy by: Mike & Karen Abbott

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025

8:00 am Mass † Geraldine & Vernon Ashbeck by: The Family
8:30 am Confessions
3:00 pm Confessions
3:30 pm Rosary
4:00 pm Mass † Kim Giese & Patricia Doan by: Sue Morgan

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

7:30 am Mass † Fr. Mark Doyle by: Mike & Patti Ritchay 10:00 am Mass † Rose & Wolfgang Grassel by: Ken & Joyce Minch

# MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

#### Altar Servers

Jan. 25	4:00pm –	Corby Olson, Joe Fidler
		Noah Unversaw
Jan. 26	7:30am –	Christian Statz & Jim Hamm
		Silas & Gideon Franz
Jan. 26	10:00am –	Ruby & Hugo Marti, Paul Richmond

# Readers

Jan. 25 4:00pm – Brenda Walczak Jan. 26 7:30am – Deb Eron Jan. 26 10:00am – Nick Marti

#### **Gift Bearers**

Jan. 25	4:00pm –	Volunteers Needed
Jan. 26	7:30am –	Volunteers Needed
Jan. 26	10:00am –	Volunteers Needed

#### Greeters

Jan. 25	4:00pm –	Parker Vruwink
Jan. 26	7:30am –	Chad & Jennel Statz
Jan. 26	10:00am –	Gary & Kathi Wierzbicki

# Hospitality

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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...

# Scared of the Dark

I have been really enjoying the TOTS ministry (Theology of the Storyteller) that I have been leading these several weeks. Many are coming, all ages and backgrounds, and I hope many more come for January 26 and February 9 to find solace in tater tots, fellowship, prayer, and certainly the beauty in



watching movies. During my research for the last session on Star Wars, however, after wrestling with Providence and destiny, I stumbled upon a quote from Plato, a highly influential pagan philosopher. Here is the quote: "We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light." I must admit that it came providentially; it came to me exactly as the Church had prayed at Mass with Christ as light during Christmas and Epiphany.

It should strike us that children are scared of the dark because of their innocence. The dark hidden things of this world are twisted and bent upon harm; and children intuitively know that they are not made for that. Yet spiritually, we grown ups are equally afraid of the light, or rather uncovering the things that are unknown within us, the things that we never really looked at deeply. In our guilt and imperfection, we fear being really known. We know this to be true whenever we reflect on our intuitive reluctance to go to Confession or to admit a wrong or to really focus in prayer on what God wants us to do. Being honest and living in the light is difficult. Perhaps this is why children naturally make stories where the "bad guys" get punished, but we adults love stories like Star Wars when "bad guys" get a second chance. Children love justice because they are innocent, we love mercy because we are guilty.

So I invite you to reflect on the fear of the light. It is when as children, we first try to hide something from our parents. It is the broken cookie jar and the refusal to fess up. It is also the precise moment when Adam and Eve's eyes were opened after they ate the fruit; they saw the world differently and hid. They transformed in that moment from ones who would have feared the dark to the ones who fear the light. Hiding has not done much for us but make us darker and more cynical. But as any Catholic knows after Confession, shining light in those dark places feels good; we are not meant to hide all that stuff down there deep in our soul, but we are meant to bring it to His Light. Be honest, but more importantly, be honest with God.

Live in the light, Fr. Weller

# **Greetings from the Social Justice Committee** Happy New Year

Just a reminder that our sister parish dollar collection will be held after the Masses on January 25th and 26th. The donations will be used to help support the elderly members of our sister parish. Thank you.

# Assumption Catholic Schools News

## School News



BINGO AT ASSUMPTION. Sunday December 19, 2024 at Assumption High School. Doors

open at noon, with the first game called at 1:00pm. Concessions, 50/50 raffle, cash prizes, and progressive blackout awarded. Bingo is hosted by the Assumption Boys Basketball Team. Looking forward to seeing you there!

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK AND ENROLLMENT.

Catholic Schools Week is the week of January 26<sup>th</sup>. The theme is "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community." Catholic Schools Week leads us into enrollment time! For more information about Assumption Catholic Schools and enrollment, call the ACS enrollment office at 715-422-0901 or check us out online at

www.assumptioncatholicschools.org

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

KINDGERGARTEN REGISTRATION. Thursday, Jan. 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

# 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

# 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!



