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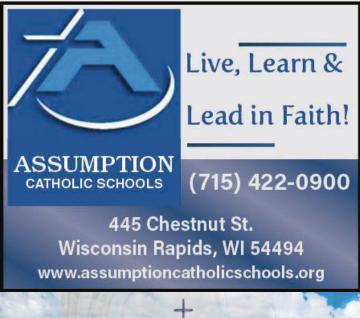
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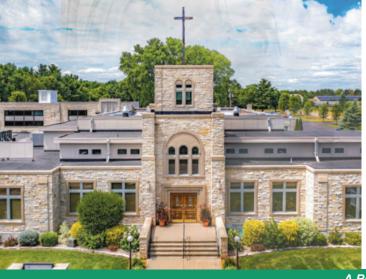
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Catholic Schools Week 2025





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.

PARISH STAFF

Business Manager	Janeen Sievers
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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.our-lady.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 19, 2025



General	\$7,412.00
Plate	\$845.29
Building Maintenance	\$400.00
Direct Donation 01/20/24	\$4,582.00
Total	13,239.29

LECTIONARY READINGS

Readings for the week of January 26, 2024

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19/1 Cor 12:12-30 /

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98/Mk 3:22-30 Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40/Mk 3:31-35 Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110/Mk 4:1-20 Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24/Mk 4:21-25 Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/

Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24/Lk 2:22-40

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SANCTUARY CANDLES



The Sanctuary Candles burn the week of January 25–January 31 in memory of

James Schmutzer By: Yvonne Dombrowski



Please remember in your prayers

Richard Altman

May God grant him 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 are available in the gathering space.



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 <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.

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.



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

Mary Schultz Empty Bowls Chairperson



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.

Appointments are necessary! 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

BISHOP CALLAHAN COMING TO OLQH ON FEB. 9

Bishop William P. Callahan, Emeritus Bishop of La Crosse, will celebrate the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, February 9 at OLQH. Please consider attending this Mass so as to have a nice turnout for Bishop Callahan.

Year End Financial Statements

Statements are available for pick up outside of the parish office.

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

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Jan 12, Jan 26, Feb 9 12:00PM to 4:00PM RSVP today!



UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025 St. ANGELA MERICI 8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025 ST. THOMAS AQUINAS 9:00 am Mass † Gail Seefeldt by: Mom & Dad

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025

8:00 am Mass Collective Intentions

- † George & Lucille Jackan by: Robert & Carol Heuer
- **†** Wayne Tracy by: Judy Greiner
- † Geraldine & Vernon Ashbeck by: The Family
- † Gail Ashenbrener by: Dick & Family

10:00 am ACS Mass @ SS Peter & Paul-All are welcome to attend NO Religious Education Classes

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025

1:00 pm Choir Practice

5:00 pm Mass † Louise Diedrich by: Guy Lobner

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2025 ST. JOHN BOSCO 8:00 am Mass † Colton Siegler by: Jeff & Char Siegler

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2025

8:00 am Mass † W.L., Anne, Eileen & Gunny O'Connor by: Pat O'Connor

8:30 am Confessions

3:00 pm Confessions

3:30 pm Rosary

4:00 pm Mass Special Intention of Ron & Jean Borre

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025

7:30 am Mass † Ed Altmann by: Ron & Kathy Shymanski 10:00 am Mass † Dr. Kevin Miller by: Therese Miller

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Altar Servers

Feb 1 4:00pm - Corby Olson, Joe Fidler
Dave & Rick Anderson
Feb. 2 7:30am - Christian Statz & Jim Hamm
Feb. 2 10:00am - Katharina & Jakob Gokey
Teegan Korte

Readers

Feb. 1 4:00pm – Doris Seifert Feb. 2 7:30am – Diane Moss Feb. 2 10:00am – Karen Abbott

Gift Bearers

Feb. 1 4:00pm – Volunteers Needed Feb. 2 7:30am – Volunteers Needed Feb. 2 10:00am – Volunteers Needed

Greeters

Feb. 1 4:00pm – Parker Vruwink & Lucy Lawrence Feb. 2 7:30am – Nora Kremer & Family Feb. 2 10:00am – Fleisner Family

Hospitality

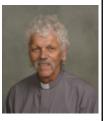
Jan. 25 4:00pm – Laura Danczyk Jan. 26 7:30am – Tom & Joan Freidel Jan. 26 10:00am – Bill & Cheryl Johnson

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...

THE BEAUTIFUL MINISTRY OF SERVING AT MASS

For many of us cradle Catholics we remember serving at Mass at our parishes that we grew up in. Serving it seemed at the time to be just for the very young. Today we are seeing more and more the combination of younger and older servers at our Masses; and that is a beautiful thing to see.



It is a beautiful ministry and we are asking young and older alike to please take that to prayer and think about becoming a server here at Our Lady Queen of Heaven.

We are looking for more servers to help out at our Masses. It is a beautiful site to see the Father of a family, an older adult serving at one of the Masses, what a striking picture and reflection for our young Catholic children to see a grown man, maybe their own father, serving our Lord at Mass.

There are many, now young adults, who have served here at Our Lady Queen of Heaven as servers when they were younger, and we are asking for them to reflect on where they are in life and consider once again stepping forward and helping out, even if it cannot be on a consistent basis.

Serving at Mass is a beautiful ministry and we are more than happy to have a couple of training days to help alleviate those feelings, those fears of making a mistake. Please consider giving some of your time to serving, young and older alike together at the altar, where we partake in the mystery of the real presence of Christ.

If you have interest in becoming a server please contact Deacon Tom.

SAVE THE DATE



Assumption High School Campus Ministry

BARN DANCE

Saturday, February 22 Music, food, bags, and family fun!





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

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK AND ENROLLMENT. This week is Catholic



Schools Week. 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

Wisconsin Rapids Area Serra Club

The Serra Club of Wisconsin Rapids invites you to learn more about our unique group who have made a commitment to support those who choose a Catholic religious vocation with our prayers and donations. We meet the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month at 11:45am. For more information, please contact Phil Parker at 715-459-7204.

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!





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