

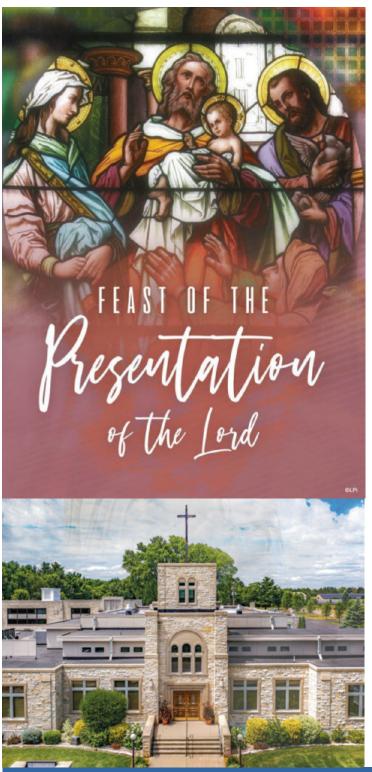
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Saturday: 8:30am–9:30am and 3:00pm–3:50pm First Fri.: 8:30am–9:30am; 6:30pm–7:30pm with Exposition • Any time by appointment by contacting the parish office.

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.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 26, 2025



General	\$6,236.00
Plate	\$970.90
Building Maintenance	\$185.00
Scrip Rebate Nov/Dec	\$1,048.25
Total	\$8,440.15

Thanks to everyone who purchases scrip for the parish!!

LECTIONARY READINGS

Readings for the week of February 2, 2024

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

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48//Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27/Mk 6:14-29 Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138/1 Cor 15:1-11

/Lk 5:1-11

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Please remember in your prayers

Marie Lobner Joan Ebacher

May God grant them eternal rest.

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.

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 February 17th.

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.

SAVE THE DATE



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UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025 St. BLAISE 8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025 ST. THOMAS AQUINAS 9:00 am Children's Mass † Gail Seefeldt by: Mom & Dad

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025 St. AGATHA

8:00 am Mass Collective Intentions

- **†** Walter Konopa by: The Family
- + Jim Schmutzer by: The Family
- † Gail Ashenbrener by: Dick & Family 90th Birthday of Ron & Don Borre

6:00 pm Religious Education Classes

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025 ST. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS

1:00 pm Choir Practice

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025

8:00 am Mass + Scott Lobner by: Mom

8:30 am - 9:30 am Adoration & Confessions

6:30 pm Adoration & Confessions

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2025

8:00 am Mass † Otto , Verena & Ron Lueschow by: Joan & Dick

8:30 am Confessions

3:00 pm Confessions

3:30 pm Rosary

4:00 pm Mass † Kenneth Skiba by: Ed & Pam Skiba

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025

7:30 am Mass † Jackie Ashbeck by: Jon & Audrey Arndt 10:00 am Mass † Marie Joosten by: The Family

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Altar Servers

Feb 8 4:00pm - Corby Olson, Greg Bathke

Rick Anderson

Feb. 9 7:30am – Christian Statz & Jim Hamm

Feb. 9 10:00am - John Hokamp, Violet Moss

Noah Unversaw

Readers

Feb. 8 4:00pm – Carol Dean

Feb. 9 7:30am - Mike Hittner

Feb . 9 10:00am - Angela Peters

Gift Bearers

Feb. 8 4:00pm - Volunteers Needed

Feb. 9 7:30am - Volunteers Needed

Feb . 9 10:00am - Volunteers Needed

Greeters

Feb. 8 4:00pm – Mark & Jeri Ann Reichl

Feb. 9 7:30am - Chad & Jennel Statz

Feb. 9 10:00am - Gary & Kathi Wierzbicki

Hospitality

Feb. 8 4:00pm – Mary Anderson

Feb. 9 7:30am - Shelley Bruley & Kerry Meinel

Feb. 9 10:00am - John & Rosemary Hokamp

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 Feast of the Presentation is a familiar feast to many of us: it is the fifth joyful mystery of the Rosary and our gospel passage today is a familiar one, often depicted in art and stained-glass windows. The action of today's feast is simple: Joseph and Mary take the young Jesus to the temple to present him



since he was the first-born son and offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Every Jewish family at the time would have done this same action with their first-born son.

Simeon (whose name means "God has heard") was promised to not die before he was able to see the Christ—the Messiah who came to save all people. His prophecy was specific: he recognized who Jesus was and who he was to become and gave the news of Jesus' destiny to his parents. Both Mary and Joseph were amazed to hear not only of the child's destiny but that Mary herself would experience great anguish and pain. Simeon both proclaims that Jesus is the Messiah—the light and glory of all people—and that Mary's heart will be pierced in anguish and grief.

Simeon's great canticle, the Nunc Dimittis, is prayed each night during the Liturgy of the Hours at the office of Night Prayer: Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, for my eyes have seen your salvation. Every person who prays the Liturgy of the Hours says these words before going to sleep each night, as a reminder that each day we have seen the Lord and He has brought us salvation. In many Lutheran Churches, this prayer is sung after receiving communion, and while Lutheran communion is not the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, it nonetheless forms a good post-communion reflection. Simeon's prophecy teaches us who Jesus is, what He came to do, and finally to prepare for his coming at the end of time. This Sunday's first reading from the Book of Malachi offers us encouragement to prepare for Christ's coming: Prepare! Become repentant! Be compassionate! Prepare for the Lord's coming!

The sixth-century bishop of Jerusalem, Saint Sophronius, encourages us: Let us be shining ourselves as we go together to meet and to receive with the aged Simeon the light whose brilliance is eternal. Rejoicing with Simeon, let us sing a hymn of thanksgiving to God, the Father of the light, who sent the true light to dispel the darkness and to us all a share in His splendor.

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Patrons, Thank you for all of your support towards the Community Elves Program! We are truly blessed to have sponsors such as yourselves. You have created holiday magic for many children in our community. It is inspiring to see your church community come together for the whole community. You not only provide gifts for children, but winter jackets and hats to keep them warm too. Your caring hearts and hands spread joy and safety—Thank You!. Ariel Hildebrandt—Head Elf

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS

School News

Registration is open for the 2025-2026 school year!



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Mrs. Kerry Meinel 715.422.0901 kmeinel@assumptioncatholicschools.org

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program: Did you know your child could attend Assumption Catholic Schools tuition-free? This incredible opportunity is available for both new and current students entering 4K, 5K, 1st, or 9th grade. Applications for the 2025-2026 school year open on February 3, 2025. For more information about qualifications and how to apply, visit

<u>www.assumptioncatholicschools.org</u> **or** <u>www.dpi.wi.gov/</u> <u>choice</u>.

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