

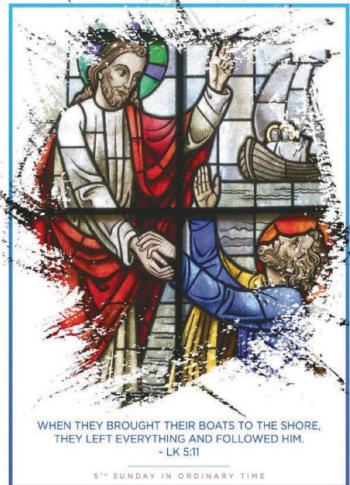
Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish

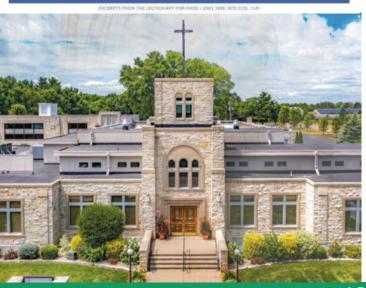
750 10th Avenue South • Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin • 54495-4100

Telephone: 715-423-1251 • Facsimile: 715-423-9407

parishoffice@our-lady.org • www.our-lady.org • OLQHWisconsinRapids

Please submit bulletin notices to bulletin@our-lady.org by noon on





PARISH CLERGY

Fr. Alan M. Guanella, JCL • Pastor • fr.guanella@our-lady.org Fr. Steven Weller • Parochial Vicar • fr.weller@our-lady.org Deacon Thomas C. Anderson • dcn.anderson@our-lady.org

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
-	jsievers@our-lady.org
Director of Religious Education	Rebecca Zalar
-	reoffice@our-lady.org
Choir Director	Mary Englert
Maintenance & Grounds	Paul Richmond
Custodian	LuAnne Birkhauser
Sacristan	Karen Pagel

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

Principal Shelley Bruley • Administrative Asst. Jenny Zacher Tel: 715-422-0980 • www.assumptioncatholicschools.org

A Roman Catholic Parish of the Diocese of La Crosse • www.diolc.org

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 FEBRUARY 2, 2025



General	\$11,568.00
Plate	\$901.05
Building Maintenance	\$450.00
Total	\$12,919.05

The collection for Religious Retirement was \$1,691.00.

LECTIONARY READINGS

Readings for the week of February 9, 2024

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138/1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 5:1-11

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104//Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/

Lk 6:17, 20-26

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

Thank you for supporting our parish!

Please support the advertisers who make our bulletin possible!



SANCTUARY CANDLES



The Sanctuary Candles burn the week of February 8–February 14 in memory of

Wayne Tracy
Love His Family



Please remember in your prayers

Daniel Franson

May God grant him eternal rest.

A heart-felt thank you from the **Society for the Propagation of the Faith** and our Diocesan Mission Office to Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish for your generous response of prayer and sacrifices for *World Mission Sunday*. Your response to Pope Francis' call to "Go and invite everyone to the banquet" gives witness to your commitment to Christ. We will forward your financial contribution of \$1,406.00 to our national office.

Your continued support for the mission is vital. Thank you for all you do! To learn more, visit the national website https://onefamilyinmission.org

May God reward you in all you are and do. Yours in Christ, Rev Woodrow Pace Mission Office Director

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. 19th. 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.

On behalf of the Palestinian Christian families in the Bethlehem area, my family, and my staff, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for your trust. Thanks to the support of your parishioners, our total sales were \$4,000.00. We are grateful for your understanding, interest and especially for your kind hospitality during our visit with you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Monday, February 10: Fourth Degree Valentine's Day dinner with the Ladies. The social will begin at 5:30 pm, and dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. Invitations have been sent.

Thursday, February 13: Council Officers meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Our Lady Queen of Heaven cafeteria, followed by the Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. We will elect delegates for the State Convention.

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



Assumption High School Campus Ministry

BARN DANCE

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

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!



Nekoosa—Port Edwards Knights of Columbus "Drive Thru Fish Fry"

Price: \$13.00

Friday, March 7- April 11 3:00 pm-6:00 pm

Sacred Heart Parish 711 Prospect Ave, Nekoosa, WI Enter on 7th St and follow the signs



Kwik Trip rebates will double in February!! 10% gift cards will be ordered on Monday, February 3rd and will be available on Thursday, February 6th.

UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025 St. Scholastica 8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025

9:00 am Children's Mass † Michael Hasenohrl by: Pat & Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025

8:00 am Mass Collective Intentions

- † Earl & Louise Armagost by: The Family
- † Ilene Freidel by: Tom & Joan Freidel
- † Gail Ashenbrener by: Dick & Family
- † Jeff Helminiak by: Lois Altmann
- † John Klonsinski by: Terry
- † Monica & Henry Winiecke & Andy Kaminski Sr. by: Andy Jr. & Deb Kaminski

6:00 pm Religious Education Classes

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025 BLESSED JAMES MILLER 5:00 pm Mass † Bruno Cetnarowski by: Mike & Karen Abbott

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2025 Sts. CYRIL & METHODIUS 8:00 am Mass † Jane Roseno by: Ron Lorbeck

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025

8:00 am Mass † Joan Ebacher by: Dan McCarville

8:30 am Confessions

3:00 pm Confessions

3:30 pm Rosary

4:00 pm Mass † John Piatt by: The Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025

7:30 am Mass † Jerry Wirtz by: The Family

10:00 am Mass † Ron Greiner by: Mike & Karen Abbott

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Altar Servers

Feb 15 4:00pm - Corby Olson, Joe Fidler

Dave Anderson

Feb. 16 7:30am – Christian Statz & Jim Hamm

Feb. 16 10:00am – Paul Richmond, Rick Anderson

Silas & Gideon Franz

Readers

Feb. 15 4:00pm – Therese Miller

Feb. 16 7:30am – Diane Moss

Feb .16 10:00am - Elaine Skibba

Gift Bearers

Feb. 15 4:00pm - Volunteers Needed

Feb. 16 7:30am - Volunteers Needed

Feb .16 10:00am - Volunteers Needed

Greeters

Feb. 15 4:00pm – John & Peg Wasshausen

Feb. 16 7:30am – Joanne & Andy Dachel

Feb. 16 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...

What is the Biblical foundation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

To gain a foundational understanding of the history of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we must explore the Scriptures and Jewish tradition. Prior to the Incarnation of Jesus, Judaism practiced rituals akin to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Torah



and the Law of Moses established penitential practices for the Jewish people. Individual infractions of the law, whether intentional or unintentional, required rectification through specific acts of repentance, as described in the scriptures or defined by rabbis who sought to clarify the law where the Torah was ambiguous. One common means by which the Jews sought forgiveness involved offering sacrifices at the Temple in Jerusalem. For those living outside the city, reconciliation with God was pursued through alternative methods. The rabbis recommended practices such as prayer, fasting, sleeping on the ground, wearing sackcloth and ashes, and engaging in almsgiving as forms of penance.

As Savior, Jesus is central to the forgiveness of sins, which was a fundamental aspect of His earthly ministry. For instance, in Luke 9:47-48, He forgives a sinful woman, stating "Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little. And He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." Similarly, in Mark 2:1-12, Luke 5:15-32, and Matthew 9:1-8, Jesus offers forgiveness to a paralytic man. These Scripture passages illuminate the significance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As noted, "The Lord Jesus Christ, physician of our souls and bodies, who forgave the sins of the paralytic and restored him to bodily health, has willed that His Church continue, in the power of the Holy Spirit, His work of healing and salvation, even among her own members" (CCC 1421).

Jesus Himself established each of the seven Sacraments within the Catholic Church. On the evening of His Resurrection, as the apostolic mission is set to commence, Jesus bestows upon the Apostles, through the Holy Spirit, the authority to reconcile repentant sinners with God and the Church. He declares, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (John 20:22-23 NRSV)

Jesus conferred upon Peter the authority to make decisions that would have binding significance both on earth and in Heaven. He stated, "You are Peter, and upon this rock, I will establish my Church, and the gates of Hades shall not overcome it. I will grant you the keys to the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:18-19 NRSV). The Catechism teaches us that "the words bind and loose mean: whomever you exclude from communion with God; whomever you receive anew into your communion, God will welcome back into His. Reconciliation with the Church is inseparable from reconciliation with God" (CCC 1445).

Please pray for our youth making their First Reconciliation this weekend.

Rebecca Zalar

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS

School News

Registration is open for the 2025-2026 school year!



At Assumption Catholic Schools, our mission is to inspire excellence and personal growth, grounded in Catholic principles and tradition. We offer a Christ-centered learning environment that combines faith formation with academic excellence, guided by state and diocesan educational standards. All ACS schools are fully accredited, and our small class sizes ensure that every student receives the individual attention they need to thrive both academically and spiritually.

Call or email for a tour or check us out online: www.assumptioncatholicschools.org

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>choice.

Mission: To inspire excellence and personal growth grounded in Catholic principles and tradition Vision: A community of academic excellence Catholic in spirit and culture nurturing integrity and respect.





Paul Schlaefer (715) 213-7449

"Assumption Family! Paul@mcrealtywi.com | MCRealtyWI.com



OLUTIONS, INC. Wisconsin Rapids

(715) 451-8888 Stevens Point Grand Rapids ExpressRecycling.Biz



www.assumptioncatholicschools.org

(715) 422-0900 | WPCP Parti

Live, Learn &

Lead in Faith

5631 Kellner Road Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494 Office (715) 423-2028 Parishioner



Combine Home & Auto. Save & Smile.

STATE FARM ® INSURANCE AGENT **Kari Van Ert** (715) 424-4181

🤏 State Farm

NICK MICHELS AND SONS INC

Established in 1946

Commercial • Industrial • Roofing Contractor

886-3551 • Fax: 886-3966

PO BOX 127- NEKOOSA

Union Member • Member NRCA - MRCA



Tree Removal • Tree Pruning • Stump Grinding

(715) 897-1849

sales@adentreecare.com







Barry Johnson, PharmD & Lucy Johnson, LPhT-pHIB (715) 712-0870

Located in the Former Shopko Plaza HomeTownPharmacyRX.com



Since 1953 715-423-5460 2201 Chestnut Street, Wisconsin Rapids www.taylorfuneralhome.net



1500 Pepper Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids www.rennesgroup.com

Free In-Home

WI Rapids Plover 423-4460 345-1992 Parish Member

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS Place Your Ad Here and Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME Rob Witte

Rwitte@4LPi.com • (800) 950-9952 x2501



7117 County Road S Rudolph, Wisconsin 435-3379



Design Service

I A-7-BOY® GALLERY



WE BUILD FUTURES.

Municipal/Government Manufacturing Commercial Educational Health Care

(715) 421-2550 altmannconstruction.com



ightly Dinner & Drink Specials WINTER HOURS Mon-Fri: 5-9



wisconsin valley building products IIc

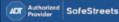
610 McKinley St, Wisconsin Rapids (715) 818-4251 | WisValleyBP.com



ADT-Monitored Home Security Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

Fire Safety

 Flood Detection Carbon Monoxide



833-287-3502

SHORT STAFFED?







1610 Lincoln St. Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494 715-421-1610 www.membersadvantagecu.com







221 Market Ave • Port Edwards, WI

715-887-2233

SUPPORT OUR

ADVERTISERS!

Not valid with any other offers



1950 12th St. South 423-1414















www.terracehomes.com





