




# Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish

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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.

## 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

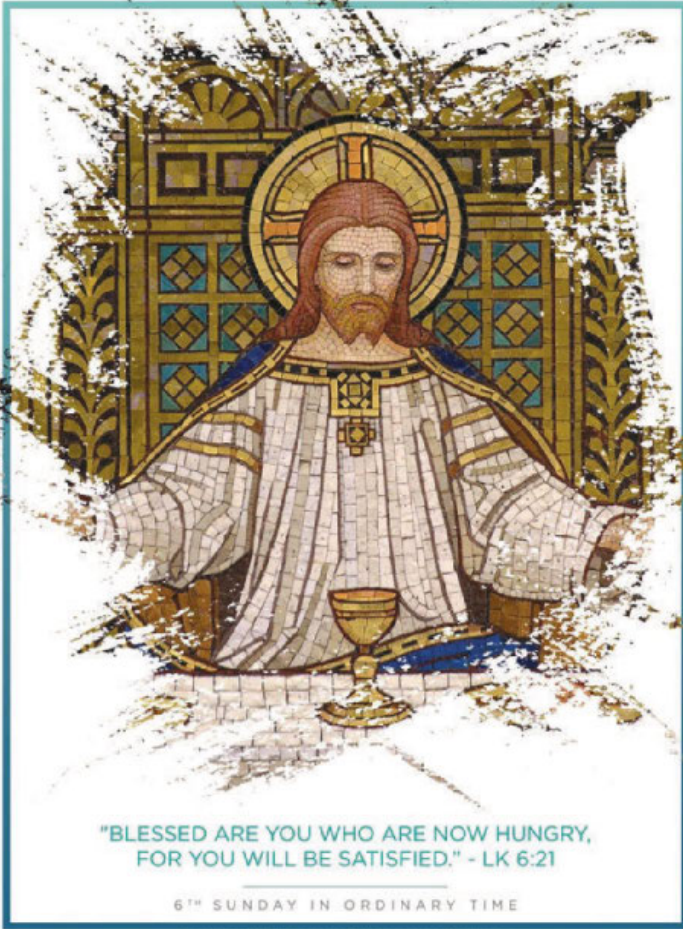
Couples requesting the celebration of Marriage should contact the parish at the time of formal engagement or at least six months prior to the anticipated date of marriage.

## 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

Principal Shelley Bruley • Administrative Asst. Jenny Zacher  
Tel: 715-422-0980 • [www.assumptioncatholicschools.org](http://www.assumptioncatholicschools.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](http://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](http://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](http://our-lady.org/contact)

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING FOR FEBRUARY 9, 2025



General	\$14,873.00
Plate	\$854.00
Building Maintenance	485.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,212.00</b>

## LECTIONARY READINGS

### Readings for the week of February 16, 2024

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/  
Lk 6:17, 20-26  
Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50/Mk 8:11-13  
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29/Mk 8:14-21  
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116/Mk 8:22-26  
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102/Mk 8:27-33  
Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33/Mk 8:34—9:1  
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23/Mt 16:13-19  
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/  
Lk 6:27-38

## ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

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## SANCTUARY CANDLES



The Sanctuary Candles burn the week of February 15–February 21 in memory of

**Jerome Strub**  
by: Yvonne & Family



Please remember in your prayers

**Daniel Franson**  
**Arline Goska**

May God grant them 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, Fr. Woodrow Pace, Mission Office Director

### 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](mailto:reoffice@our-lady.org).

A **Pro-Life Rosary** will be said on Monday, March 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).

**MAGNIFICAT:** There are extra copies of the Magnificat for \$3 each. They are located on the counter by the sink in the gathering area. You may pay at the 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.

### SPAGHETTI & SWEDISH MEATBALL DINNER

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SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH, 2025

10:30AM - 1:00PM

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St. Joseph Parish  
*Winterfest*  
Friday, February 28, 2025  
4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

### Fish Fry & Raffle

Dine-in or Carryout

**\$13-15 Menu Options:**  
\$13 - Fried or Baked Fish (2 pc.)  
\$15 - Fried Shrimp (8 pc.)  
\$14 - Combo: Fish (1 pc.) & Shrimp (4 pc.)  
*Included: Coleslaw, Choice of Potato, and Dessert*

Children's Meals Available Upon Request

Dine-in: 1st come, 1st served

Pre-Order To-Go:  
715-341-1617 or [PointCatholicFaith.org/fishfry](http://PointCatholicFaith.org/fishfry)

1709 Wyatt Ave, Stevens Point, WI

### 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."

### Evenings of Hope | Feb. 22, 2025 at 4:30 pm

#### Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, La Crosse

You are invited to participate in one of the Evenings of Hope with Bishop Battersby in La Crosse, Eau Claire and Wausau. The first Evening of Hope will be held in La Crosse on Feb. 22. Bishop Battersby will celebrate the 4:30 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman and impart the Papal Blessing with the attached plenary indulgence. A Holy Hour will follow Mass, during which Bishop Battersby will offer a jubilee reflection on hope. Confessions will also be heard. The event will end with a closing benediction at 7:00 pm. Future Jubilee Evenings of Hope with Bishop Battersby include:

- Saturday, May 31, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour, Confession, and 4:00 p.m. Mass (Bishop Battersby as celebrant) at Sacred Heart Church, Eau Claire; Speaker, Fr. Daniel Sedlacek (Coincides with the Jubilee of Families in Rome).
- Sunday, Oct. 12, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Holy Hour and Confession at Resurrection Church, Wausau; Speaker, Fr. James Kurzynski (Coincides with the Jubilee of Marian Devotion in Rome).

### St. Lawrence Cod Fish Fry

Dates: Fridays during Lent  
(March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church  
530 10th Avenue North Wisconsin Rapids

### 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Adults: \$13.00 Child: \$8.00  
(Salad Bar included for meals dining in)

Dining Room & Carry Outs - \$13.00

Carry Out Menu: Fried or Baked Fish, Potato Salad or French Fries,  
Baked Beans or Pasta Salad, Cole Slaw, Bread,  
Tartar Sauce, Dessert

Dining Room Desserts: \$2.00

### St. Mary's 50th Annual Fish Fry

### SHRIMP & BEER-BATTERED FISH FRY

CARRYOUTS ONLY- Fridays: Feb. 7, March 21, April 4  
EAT IN or Carry out: Fridays: Feb. 21, March 7, April 18

Call St. Mary's Church basement to order after 1:00pm on Friday  
715/452-2747 Serving 3:30-7:00 pm

Fish: Apr 28, Apr 29, Apr 30, Apr 31, Apr 31, Apr 31 and Apr 31  
3 Shrimp & 2 Fish: \$14  
Shrimp: Apr 28, Apr 29, Apr 30, Apr 31

Menu includes: beer battered or baked fish, shrimp, potato salad, french fries or baked potato, bread, coleslaw, and coleslaw. Desserts available for \$2

BASKET RAFFLES! Thank you for your support!!

### Fish Fry

St. Mary's Auburndale

### Greetings from the Social Justice Committee:

Thank you for your generosity for the elderly of our sister parish. The dollar collection held the weekend of January 25 & 26 will allow us to send approximately \$2000 to our sister parish. With the current exchange rate, this equals approximately 175,000 Indian rupees. This will help provide food and shelter for a whole year to several of the poorest elderly of the parish. Thank you.

Our next activity will be the Lenten Collections. Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, March 5th.

### 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!

### Unplug!

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, March 5. It is helpful for us to decide on what we will do before Lent actually begins so that we are ready on Ash Wednesday. Would you like to "unplug" from screens by setting an easy goal of time to fast? There will be a simple theme for each week to help stay committed:

- Set aside social media and phones
- Step out of your comfort zone
- Stand tall against what is difficult
- Spend time with family
- Savor sacred Scripture - renew your mind
- See better what is true, good and beautiful

## 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.



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March	6190 Chapel Road	To
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To place your orders please contact Melissa Mattheis at  
715-435-4296 or melissamattheis@gmail.com  
No Later than Friday, February 28th


Mass at 8:30 a.m.

1891 Financial Life  
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St. Philip Catholic Church  
Rudolph, WI  
**Annual Pancake Breakfast**  
and BAKE SALE  
Potato and Buttermilk Pancakes  
Sunday, March 2nd, 2025  
Serving 8:00 am - 12:00 pm in Wagner Hall

Serving  
Potato and Buttermilk Pancakes, Pork Sausage Patties,  
Applesauce and Cinnamon Rolls

Adults - \$10.00 Ages 6-12 - \$5.00 5 and under - Free

Sponsored by 1891 Financial Life, we will match funds up to \$1,000!  
All proceeds will be used for Basement Floor updates



## 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

JANUARY  
Scrip News



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 17, 2025

SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER  
8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025

9:00 am Children's Mass † Poor Souls in Purgatory

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025

8:00 am Mass Collective Intentions

- † Ed Altmann by: Jerome Schill
- † Karen Janz by: Tom & Joan Freidel
- † Gail Ashenbrenner by: Dick & Family
- † Margaret Boyarski by: The Family
- † Geraldine & Vernon Ashbeck by: The Family
- † Wayne Tracy by: Jon & Audrey Arndt

6:00 pm Religious Education Classes Grades 1-8

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025

5:00 pm Mass † Douglas Borre by: The Family

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025 ST. PETER DAMIAN

8:00 am Mass † Joanie Ebacher by: Wayne & Sue Basler

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025

8:00 am Mass † Joe Mallek by: Sharon Mallek

8:30 am Confessions

3:00 pm Confessions

3:30 pm Rosary

4:00 pm Mass † Karen Compton by: The Family

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

7:30 am Mass † Ron Greiner by: Judy Greiner

10:00 am Mass † Marie Joosten by: The Family

## MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

### Altar Servers

- Feb 22 4:00pm – Corby Olson, Joe Fidler  
Dave Anderson
- Feb. 23 7:30am – Christian Statz & Jim Hamm
- Feb. 23 10:00am – Katharina & Jakob Gokey,  
Teegan Korte

### Readers

- Feb. 22 4:00pm – Jerry Bach
- Feb. 23 7:30am – Deb Eron
- Feb. 23 10:00am – Tim Huebner

### Gift Bearers

- Feb. 22 4:00pm – Volunteers Needed
- Feb. 23 7:30am – Volunteers Needed
- Feb. 23 10:00am – Volunteers Needed

### Greeters

- Feb. 22 4:00pm – Mark & Jeri Ann Reichl
- Feb. 23 7:30am – Rebecca Zalar
- Feb. 23 10:00am – Gary & Kathi Wierzbicki

### Hospitality

- Feb. 22 4:00pm – John & Rosemary Hokamp
- Feb. 23 7:30am – Joanne & Andy Dachel
- Feb. 23 10:00am – Jeri Ann & Mark Reichl

**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.

**What is a Hero?**



I recently completed my Theology of the Storyteller (TOTS) ministry for Star Wars: The Original Trilogy. It was a blast and fueled a lot of good discussion. Perhaps the most pressing lesson upon me, however, is that of learning what it means to be a hero. And in Star Wars, we learn what a hero is by learning what a Jedi is. It is a subtle point, but very important, and therefore by being an important subtle point, simplifying it can be tempting. For example, it is far too tempting to simply say that a Jedi (or any hero) is just the guy who comes in and saves people. Or similarly to say that a Jedi is the guy who puts others first, or is compassionate, or hones his incredible abilities for the good of others. Now, while all of those points are important, and certainly essential to a Jedi (or any hero), none of them is what makes a hero a hero.

It seems to me that the point of The Original Trilogy is not the simple point that a hero is a generic good person who finds compassion or serves others. No, it is far deeper, and this is why these movies so timelessly remain with us. It is not that Luke becomes a "good guy" by "saving others" but rather, it is that he is saved. It is not that he is effectively and competently doing a whole lot of things; it is more that things happen to him. Don't get me wrong, Luke does a lot of active things, but there is something incredibly passive about Luke Skywalker. For being a hero, he is constantly being saved! His New Hope world (the first movie of saving the day) is flipped upside down in the rest of the trilogy. In Empire Strikes Back (the second movie), Luke crashes to have his ship rescued by Yoda and has to be rescued from a failed attack on the dreaded Darth Vader. In Return of the Jedi (the third movie), Luke comes to save his friends, but ends up captured, escaping by reliance upon his many friends. Finally, in his greatest moment, he is saved in his fight against the big bad guy, the Emperor! He beats the bad guy by being saved by Darth Vader!

These movies are so timeless because they touch on a timeless spiritual truth. That truth is that one must be saved before one does saving: heroes need as much saving as they save others. It is the same with all the greatest saints; people remember Mother Teresa rescuing thousands of people from death on the streets, but not many remember her prayerful hours every day before the holy Eucharist. St. Francis did a lot of things to change the hearts of others, but he spent countless hours as a humble servant to God in prayer. As saints save others, they do just as much time being saved by God. And it is easy to get lost in the ministry of "saving others." As an old depressive adage goes for worn-out priests, "Jesus, I used to love you, but now I just work for you," which is a bad place to be in. Luke has a hard time in the movies because he wants to go save the day, but that is not what a Jedi is about. A Jedi is firstly a servant of the Force; he is not firstly a savior. A true hero is first held in the arms of the Master, an instrument accustomed to the Master's craft and care. If we are overwhelmed by the obligations of religious observance or evangelization, then such are good indicators that we need more prayer. We need to be consumed by the Eucharist if we are to be consumed with his work. We need to be seen by God before we can look with his love on others.

Be holy, Fr. Weller

**School News**  
**BINGO AT ASSUMPTION**



Sunday February 16, 2025 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 (over \$3,000!!!) awarded. Bingo is hosted by the Assumption Junior Class. Looking forward to seeing you there!



**ENROLLMENT AT ASSUMPTION**

Enrollment is now open! 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. For more information about Assumption Catholic Schools and enrollment, call or email the ACS enrollment office at 715-422-0901 - kmeinel@assumptioncatholic schools.org or check us out online at www.assumptioncatholic schools.org Please join us in our excitement and spread the word about Assumption Catholic Schools!

**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](http://www.dpi.wi.gov/choice)

Barn Dance admission includes a dinner and drink ticket

**Pre-Sale Price: February 3-February 19**  
Tickets available at **AHS office** or email [lindsay.graumann@yahoo.com](mailto:lindsay.graumann@yahoo.com)  
\$8.00 child / \$10.00 Adult

**At the Door Price: on Saturday, February 22**  
\$10.00 Child / \$15.00 Adult / Family \$75.00

**Bags Tournament**  
Check-in 5:00pm, games start at 5:30  
\$20 per team - Cash prizes, guaranteed two games  
Pre-registration **REQUIRED** by February 19  
Email: [barndancebags@atlantisawait.com](mailto:barndancebags@atlantisawait.com)



**BARN DANCE**  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22**  
Assumption High School Gymnasium  
Hosted by: Campus Ministry

**Dinner 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm      Dancing 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

Dinner Ticket includes:  
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