

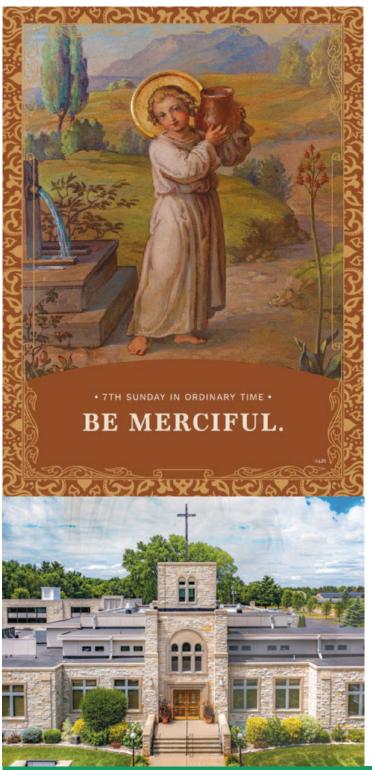
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Monday–Thursday: 8:30a–3:30p • Friday: 8:30a–12:00 noon Scrip is available for purchase during parish office hours.

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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.

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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 FEBRUARY 16, 2025



General	\$5,965.00
Plate	\$905.15
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Direct Donation 02/10/24	\$7,477.00
Total	\$14,607.15

LECTIONARY READINGS

Readings for the week of February 23, 2024

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/ 1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38 Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93/Mk 9:14-29 Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119/Mk 9:38-40
Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1/Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103/Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

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Unpluq!

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



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.

A <u>Pro-Life Rosary</u> 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 March 17th.

Mission Rosary Makers —The next date is Wednesday, March 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).

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.



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(March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11)

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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 & Damp;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!

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."



Knights of Columbus Council #4646 Spaghetti and Meatball

Dinner (regular & Swedish)
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It's not easy balancing life when you care for someone with a chronic health condition. Powerful Tools for Caregivers is a six-week class that teaches you how to take care of yourself while caring for someone else. You will benefit whether you are helping a parent, spouse, or friend.

This class gives you the tools to:

- Manage your time, set goals and solve problems
- Communicate effectively with others
- Make tough decisions
- Reduce feelings of stress, guilt, anger & depression
- · Locate helpful local resources

The class will be facilitated by Ann Schlice and Jonna Kronholm

Thursdays, April 24 – May 29 12:30 to 2:30 pm

Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1517 24th St. So. Wisconsin Rapids

Space is limited! To register, Contact Immanuel Church (715)423-3260 or ilcoffice @immanuelrapids.com by April 17, 2025

Suggested contribution: \$15 to offset the cost of the book, "The Caregiver Helpbook"

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.



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!! The rebate is 10%.

UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025

8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025

9:00 am Children's Mass † Gail Seefeldt by: Mom & Dad 5:30 pm Baptism Class

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025

8:00 am Mass Collective Intentions

- † Marie Schuetz, John & Vic Jackan by: Robert & Carol Heuer
- † Jim (Kraut) Siegler by: Margaret Nash
- † Gail Ashenbrener by: Dick & Family
- † Geraldine Ashbeck by: The Family
- † Wayne Tracy by: Lois Altmann
- † Jeff Helminiak by: Lois Altmann

6:00 pm Religious Education Classes Grades 1-8

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2025 St. GREGORY OF NAREK

1:00 pm Choir Practice

5:00 pm Mass † Marvin Erdmann by: The Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2025 ST. PETER DAMIAN

8:00 am Mass † Janice Stublaski by: Andy & Family

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025

8:00 am Mass † Veronica Fleischman by: Jim & Mary Krause

8:30 am Confessions

3:00 pm Confessions

3:30 pm Rosary

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025

7:30 am Mass † Marian Cota by: Tom & Teresa Plante
10:00 am Mass † Scott Lobner by: Mom

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Altar Servers

Mar. 1 4:00pm – Corby Olson, Joe Fidler

Greg Bathke

Mar. 2 7:30am – Christian Statz & Jim Hamm Mar. 2 10:00am – John Hokamp, Violet Moss

Noah Unversaw, Rick Anderson

Readers

Mar. 1 4:00pm – Brenda Walczak Mar. 2 7:30am – Mike Hittner Mar. 2 10:00am – Deanna Scholz

Gift Bearers

Mar. 1 4:00pm - Volunteers Needed
Mar. 2 7:30am - Volunteers Needed
Mar. 2 10:00am - Volunteers Needed

Greeters

Mar. 1 4:00pm – Parker Vruwink & Lucy Lawrence

Mar. 2 7:30am – Jerold & Nancy Mischnick,

Nora Kremer

Mar. 2 10:00am - Gary & Kathi Wierzbicki

Hospitality

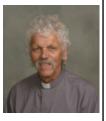
Mar. 8 4:00pm - Rebecca Zalar

Mar. 9 7:30am – Tom and Joan Freidel Mar. 9 10:00am – Bill and Cheryl Johnson

PASTORAL THOUGHTS...

Fundamental Right to Religious Freedom -

Just a few short weeks ago we had thousands again descend on Washington D.C. to march in a peaceful manner, recognizing the right to enjoy **LIFE**. If we do not start out with protecting each unique individual as a person of God, then not one of the other freedoms even come into play.



It was very nice to see that our Vice President, who is Catholic, personally speak at the march, and our President also speak to the crowds virtually. Regardless of our political feelings, when it comes to life, the evil of abortion, the willingness to take the life of a child in the womb, we must protect the right for that child to be born.

Much has happened in just a few short days after the **PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES** voted in a new president. Many Christians and pro-life activists who were jailed for standing up to the **INTRINSIC** (inherent, always wrong) evil of taking the life of a child in the womb, were pardoned, released from jail.

Service members who were forced out of the military because they did not take a covid shot, because of religious objections, were reinstated.

No longer can the government use their power and the people's money to force anyone person to violate their commitment to life.

Accountability to those who persecute people of a specific faith group, especially for being Catholic or of the Jewish faith, antisemitism.

Establishment of a White House Faith Office that authorizes faith-based community organizations and houses of worship, and for Federal protection for religious liberty.

The possible defunding of the largest abortion establishment in the country, Planned Parenthood.

Whatever political or religious persuasion we are, the right to life and the right to pray to our God is a fundamental right.

"LIFE IS AN OPPORTUNITY, BENEFIT FROM IT, LIFE IS BEAUTY, ADMIRE IT; LIFE IS A CHALLENGE, MEET IT" (Mother Teresa)

Deacon Tom

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 clothing items to our church, take directly to the Shepherd's Loft. Thank you.

QUOTE FROM DEACON TOM'S HOMILY LAST WEEK "If you have God, you have everything, even if you don't

"If you have God, you have everything, even if you don't have anything else; if you have everything else but you don't have God, you have nothing at all; and the one who has God plus everything else, doesn't have any more than the one who has God alone." —St. Augustine of Hippo

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS

School News

Greetings Wisconsin Rapids Deanery



As we move towards Lent, I want to express the thanks of Assumption Catholic Schools for the financial and spiritual support you as individuals and parishes provide to the schools. May God continue to bless each of you.

Winter sports are wrapping up. The girls' basketball team won their fifth straight conference championship and will begin play towards a spot in the state tournament on February 28th with a 7 PM home game against either Loyal or Northland Lutheran. Please check the website <u>assumptioncatholicschools.org</u> on the events tab for details on other sports.

On March 7, there will be a talent show at St. Vincent de Paul School featuring acts from students in grades 3-5. The time is not yet known,

Enrollment is now open for the 2025-26 school year. Check the website for details or contact Kerry Meinel, enrollment coordinator at 715-422-0901 kmeinel@assumptioncatholicschools.org

Planning is underway for staffing for the 2025-2026 school year. There are a few open positions posted and these will be added to, as they become known. The list can be found on the website at https://www.assumptioncatholicschools.org/central-office/employment.cfm. In addition to regular staff, we are also looking for substitute teachers and support staff.

In Christ's Peace

Daniel Minter President Assumption Catholic schools

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OLQH Parish will soon be taking a parish census. It's been over 15 years since the parish last took a census. Please pick up your census letters in front of the parish office when they are ready and return by

April 30, 2025. They will be mailed to your home on March 17. Please help us save on postage by picking yours up. All households which have not returned a census form by the April 30 deadline will be switched to inactive status. Please contact the parish office for any questions. Thank you!



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