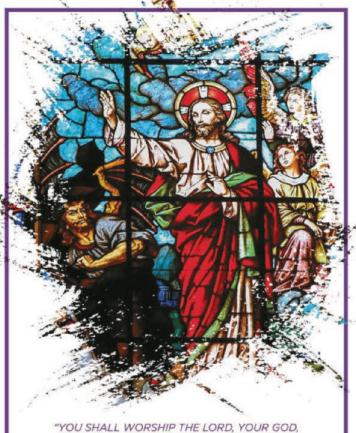
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"YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD, YOUR GOD, AND HIM ALONE SHALL YOU SERVE." - LK 4:8

157 SUNDAY OF LENT



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

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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	reoffice@our-lady.org
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Maintenance & Grounds	
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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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Principal Shelley Bruley • Administrative Asst. Jenny Zacher Tel: 715-422-0980 • 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.ourlady.org/contact**. Parishioners are asked to inform the office of any address, telephone, or family status changes.

UPCOMING BAPTISM CLASS

The next baptism preparation dass will be April 8. 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 MARCH 2, 2025

	General	\$10,702.00
6	Plate	\$1,474.00
MAN SACRIFICIAL	Building Maintenance	\$626.00
GIVING	Total	\$12,802.00

LECTIONARY READINGS

Readings for the week of March , 2024

Sunday:	Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	ls 55:10-11/Ps 34/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138/Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday:	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27/Phil 3:17—4:1/
,	Lk 9:28b-36

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SANCTUARY CANDLES



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

> Fran Eggett & Marie Lobner by: Sue Morgan

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Monday, March 10: Fourth Degree meeting at Our Lady Queen of Heaven cafeteria starting at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 13: Council Officers meeting at Our Lady Queen of Heaven cafeteria at 6:30 pm with the Council Meeting starting at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 20: Annual Council Memorial Mass for deceased members at Our Lady Queen Of Heaven at 5:00 pm Mass. All friends, relatives, and K of C members and families are invited. A short social will follow.

Sunday, March 30: Council #1558 Corporate Communion at Our Lady Queen Of Heaven, 10:00 am Mass. All K of C members and families are invited. A short social will follow.

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!

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.</u>

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 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.



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 through April 9 (8:00 am until 3 pm) <u>at the</u> <u>Lowell Center</u>.

<u>Appointments are necessary!</u> 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."

Lenten Regulations:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.

2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted

PARISH MISSION WITH

MARY COMES TO INSPIRE YOUR FAITH!

Join us as we explore one of the most amazing events in the history of the Church. Fr. Tim will be presenting the vital message of Guadalupe for our troubled times. Let us stand close to Mary as she teaches us how to live for and love Jesus in our daily lives that all may come to believe and follow!

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

- Mary's Message of Evangelization for our time.
 Meaning of the Miraculous Image of Guadalupe
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 Reasons why Marian Devotion is essential
- Deeper Appreciation of how to share our Faith



THE MARIAN

Fr. Tim Oudenhoven, S.T.D Director of the Marian Messengers Privat of the Diocese of La Crosse Wi





6:30PM-7:30PM 715-423-1251



2025 Lenten Collections March 5th (Ash Wednesday) – April 20th (Easter)

Greetings from the Social Justice Committee. During Lent, in addition to giving up something, consider doing something extra to help someone else. As we have done in the past, here are some ideas:

Suggestions for Lenten Collections		
SWEPS	Dry pasta, jelly, peanut butter, canned soups, & canned vegetables Mac and cheese, ramen noodles, toilet paper	
First Choice & FOCUS Infant Pan- try	Sensitive skin baby wipes, Diapers Size 4, Any clothes, infant undershirts or onesies up to size 5T. baby toys, Small gift cards for the mothers.	
Family Cen- ter	Hamburger Helper, Canned Fruit, Jelly, Dry Pasta and Spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, soups, fruit juices, pancake mix and pancake syrup.	
Shepherd's Loft	Blankets, New infant clothing, or gently used children's clothing up to school age. Men's clothing (New or gently used), New men's socks. Always can use pill bottles	
Wood County Jail	Black and white composition notebooks (No spiral bound and no staples) Cheater glasses - any strength, unisex, (Dollar Tree on 8 th Street is \$1.25) Playing cards Kwik Trip \$10. Gift cards "Fuel Only" to provide transportation- We Have some at the Scrip bar in the gathering area. "Broken Like Me" workbooks only (available on Amazon - <u>https://</u> www.amazon.com/Broken-Like-Workbook- Incarcerated-Person/dp/1737078635)	
	Book: "Finding God; It is easier than you think" By Lonnie Selje Available on amazon.com	
You can place your donations in the bins near the exterior		

You can place your donations in the bins near the exterior doors of church. Try not to put locations for multiple locations in one bag. It takes a long time to open up each bag and go through it to separate items Then we will get them delivered to the right place. Thank you.

UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS

Monday, March 10, 2025 8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025

9:00 am Children's Mass † Ed Altmann by: Mark & Terri Hamus

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025

- 8:00 am Mass Collective Intentions
 - **†** Karen Janz by: Tom & Joan Freidel
 - **†** Gail Ashenbrener by: Dick & Family
 - † Todd Buntrock by: Lori & Family
 - † Jeff Helminiak by: Gary & Brenda Kolo

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025

1:00 pm Choir Practice 5:00 pm Mass † Francis, Mike & Terry Cherney by: John & Pat Dekarski

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025 8:00 am Mass † Greg Gillen by: John & Marilyn Rehberg

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025 8:00 am Mass † Eva Skibba by: OLQH School Staff 8:30 am Confessions 3:00 pm Confessions 3:35 pm Stations of the Cross 4:00 pm Mass † Anita Hager by: The Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT; 7:05 am Stations of the Cross 7:30 am Mass † Jackie Ashbeck by: Jon & Audrey Arndt 9:35 am Stations of the Cross 10:00 am Mass † Harry Richmond by: The Family

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Altar Servers

Mar. 15	4:00pm –	Corby Olson, Dave Anderson
Mar. 16	7:30am –	Christian Statz & Jim Hamm
Mar. 16	10:00am –	Paul Richmond, Vilet Moss
		Rick Anderson

Readers

Mar. 15	4:00pm –	Carol Dean
Mar. 16	7:30am –	Mary Benbow
Mar. 16	10:00am –	Mike Hittner

Gift Bearers

Mar. 15 4:00pm – Volunteers Needed Mar. 16 7:30am – Volunteers Needed Mar. 16 10:00am – Volunteers Needed

Greeters

Mar. 15	4:00pm –	Parker Vruwink, Lucy Lawrence
Mar. 16	7:30am –	Chad & Jennel Statz, Nor Kremer
Mar. 16	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

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.

PASTORAL THOUGHTS...

What is the Rite of Sending, Election, and Call to Continuing Conversion?

Depending on your location in the world, Catholic bishops, on a Sunday during Lent, gather those sent by the parish along with their godparents and sponsors for the *Rite of Election* and the Call to Continuing Conversion. The Rite of Sending, celebrated during Mass in the



home parish, provides the parish community an opportunity to recognize the spiritual growth that catechumens and candidates have achieved, express their support for their election or recognition, and send them forth to the bishop with the assurance of the parish's care and backing. To send a catechumen or candidate to the bishop signifies that the parish has discerned the individual is ready to enter the Catholic Church.

In Sacred Scripture, the Book of Revelation speaks of a Book of Life, which contains the names of those who have chosen to follow the Lord Jesus and receive Baptism. Those who are already baptized, whether as Catholics or in other denominations, had their names inscribed in the Book of Life at the time of their Baptism. During this Rite, those preparing for Baptism are invited to approach and sign a book known as the Book of the Elect, symbolizing their desire to be counted among God's chosen people.

This Rite signifies a pivotal moment for the catechumens, marking their calling by Christ and affirming that only those mystically united with Him will enter Heaven. Throughout the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) process, catechumens are encouraged to engage with the parish community. The community, accompanied by godparents representing the parish, will enthusiastically recognize the participant's readiness. It is fitting for the bishop to acknowledge them, as he embodies the unity of the particular Church, and it is the parish community's duty to guide those in OCIA into the fullness of Church life. The godparents provide public testimony regarding the catechumens, highlighting their important role as representatives of the community. During this Rite, they are called to make significant affirmations about the catechumens. The decision of an OCIA participant to proceed through this Rite indicates that the judgment and decision-making regarding their entry into the Catholic Church—both by the catechumen and the parish—has concluded. From this point forward, they are no longer referred to as catechumens but are designated as the "elect." They have been chosen to enter the final phase of preparation for initiation, called by the bishop, their shepherd, to the holy mysteries to be celebrated during Easter.

For all who have been baptized, the profound reality of being chosen and claimed by Christ was established at their Baptism. As a result, the Rite of Election is not applicable to them, as they are already counted among the elect in Christ. Instead, the candidates are called to a process of ongoing conversion, and their intention to be fully initiated and partake in the Eucharist is acknowledged. This Rite is also conducted before the bishop, typically as part of the same liturgical event as the Rite of Election. With their sponsors by their side, the candidates are addressed by the bishop. In this way, together with the elect, the candidates are ushered into a period of intensive spiritual -Rebecca Zalar preparation.

Director of Religious Formation

Assumption Catholic Schools News

School News

Registration is open for the 2025-2026 school year!



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Wisconsin Parental Choice Program: Did you know your child could attend Assumption Catholic Schools tuition-free? 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 February 3rd-April 17th. Visit <u>www.dpi.wi.gov/choice</u> to apply.

The Assumption Flag Football Academy is back! Play will resume on Saturday, April 26 and continue every Saturday through May 31. Grades K - 2 will be from 9:00 - 10:00 AM and Grades 3 – 5 from 10:15 – 11:30 AM. The Academy will be held at Our Lady Queen of Heaven's Football Field Registration is \$25 and needs to be turned in by April 4. All students in Grades K - 5 are eligible to play regardless of what school you attend. For a registration form or questions please contact Joe Ravles

at jrayles@assumptioncatholicschools.org.

Volunteers Needed at the Food pantry Our parish has the week of March 31 thru April 4 at FOCUS (Feeding Our Communities with United Services) food pantry. On Tuesday the hours are 3:45 to 7:00 pm. The hours are 11:45 to 4:00 pm Thursday and Friday. The pantry is at 2321 West Grand Ave. If you can help one or more days with this worthwhile community program please call Cindy Holberg at 715-421-2311 or email at holberggc@hotmail.com Thank You



OLQH Parish is now undertaking a full parish census. It's been over 15 SUS years since the parish last took a census. Please pick up your census packets in front of the parish office now and return them 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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