




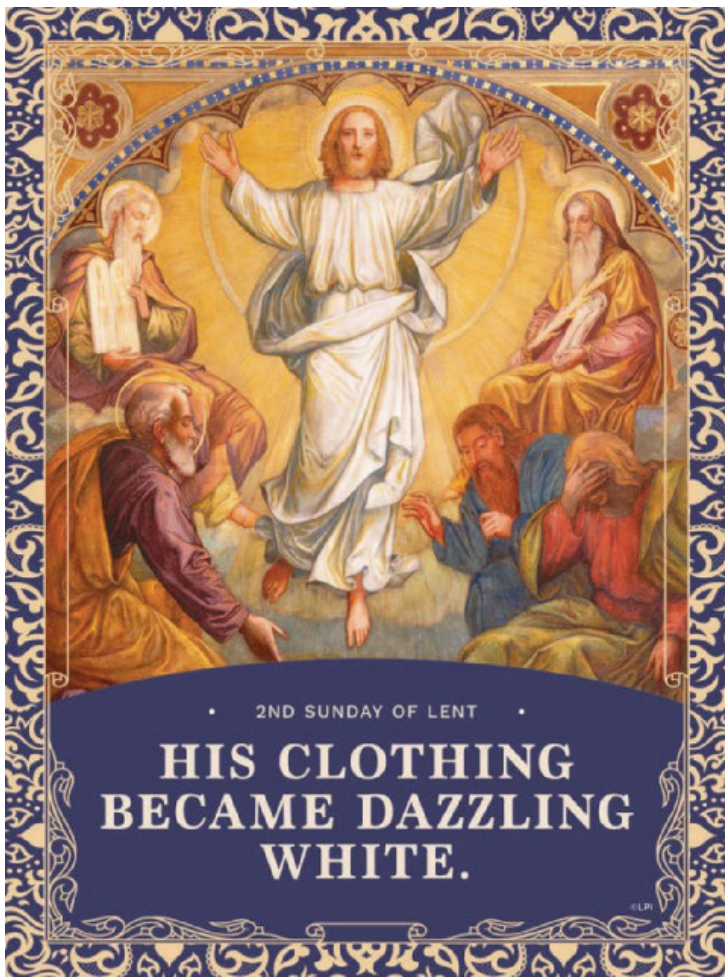
# Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish

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• 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT •

**HIS CLOTHING  
BECAME DAZZLING  
WHITE.**



## PARISH CLERGY

Fr. Alan M. Guanella, JCL • *Pastor* • [fr.guanella@our-lady.org](mailto:fr.guanella@our-lady.org)  
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Deacon Thomas C. Anderson • [dcn.anderson@our-lady.org](mailto: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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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

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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 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](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 MARCH 9, 2025



General	\$8,965.00
Plate	\$1,411.70
Building Maintenance	\$285.00
Ash Wednesday	\$1,972.95
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,634.65</b>

## LECTIONARY READINGS

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

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27/Phil 3:17—4:1/  
Lk 9:28b-36

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89/  
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105/  
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/  
Lk 13:1-9  
*Scrutiny:* Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/  
Jn 4:5-42

## ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

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## SANCTUARY CANDLES



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

**Jerome Strub**  
by: Yvonne & Family



Please remember in your prayers

**Linda Ortscheid**

May God grant her eternal rest.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**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.

### Parish Picnic News

The first picnic meeting for 2025 will be on Tuesday, April 1st at 6:00 pm in the gathering area.



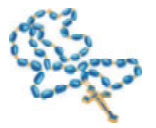
### Lenten Reconciliation

Deanery Confessions  
SS Peter & Paul  
Sunday, April 13  
Noon until 5:00 pm

A **Pro-Life Rosary** will be said on Monday, April 14th 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 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.

### 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) at the Lowell Center.

Appointments are necessary! 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

**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 \$8, Dec \$11, Apr \$13 and Apr \$15  
Shrimp & Fish: \$14  
Shrimp: Apr \$9, Apr \$11, Apr \$13

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

**BASKET RAFFLES!** Thank you for your support!!

**St. Mary's Auburndale**

**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**

*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

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**2025 Lenten Collections Ends 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 Pantry	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 Center	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) Cheat glasses - any strength, unisex, (Dollar Tree on 8 <sup>th</sup> 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" <b>workbooks only</b> (available on Amazon - <a href="https://www.amazon.com/Broken-Like-Workbook-Incarcerated-Person/dp/1737078635">https://www.amazon.com/Broken-Like-Workbook-Incarcerated-Person/dp/1737078635</a> )  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 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 17, 2025** *ST. PATRICK*  
8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

**TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025** *ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM*  
9:00 am Children's Mass † Gail Seefeldt by: Mom & Dad

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025**  
*St. JOSEPH, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
8:00 am Mass Collective Intentions  
† Elisabeth Mertes by: Scott & Linda Paterick  
† Gail Ashenbrener by: Dick & Family  
† Ken Mertes by: Scott & Linda Paterick  
† Barb Tork by: Scott & Linda Paterick  
† Mike Hasenohrl by: Pat & Family  
† Gordon Boerner by: Dee Boerner  
† W. L., Anne, Eileen & Gunny O'Connor by: Pat O'Connor

**THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025**  
1:00 pm Choir Practice  
5:00 pm Mass † Jim, Leona & Doreen Dekarske by: The Family

**FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2025**  
8:00 am Mass † Dennis Virnig by: The Family

**SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025**  
8:00 am Mass † John Woyak by: Karen Pagel  
8:30 am Confessions  
3:00 pm Confessions  
3:35 pm Stations of the Cross  
4:00 pm Mass † Kevin Miller by: Therese Miller

**SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025** *3RD SUNDAY OF LENT*  
7:05 am Stations of the Cross  
7:30 am Mass † Bill Reitz by: Diane & Family  
9:35 am Stations of the Cross  
10:00 am Mass † Helen Rominski by: Rhonda Faul

**MINISTRIES SCHEDULE**

**Altar Servers**

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

**Readers**

- Mar. 22 4:00pm – Therese Miller
- Mar. 23 7:30am – Mike Hittner
- Mar. 23 10:00am – Elaine Skibba

**Gift Bearers**

- Mar. 22 4:00pm – Volunteers Needed
- Mar. 23 7:30am – Gary & Carol Collins
- Mar. 23 10:00am – Volunteers Needed

**Greeters**

- Mar. 22 4:00pm – John & Peg Wasshausen
- Mar. 23 7:30am – Nora Kremer, Mark & JeriAnn Reichl
- Mar. 23 10:00am – Fleisner Family

**Hospitality**

- Mar. 22 4:00pm – Laura Danczyk
- Mar. 23 7:30am – Shelley Bruley & Kerry Meinel
- Mar. 23 10:00am – John & Rosemary Hokamp



**Rabbits**

“Father, why this big fuss about being Catholic? Can’t I just believe in my heart that Jesus is Lord? Do I need to be Catholic to be saved?” I have heard it all, folks. I find these inquiries at first funny, honestly, because people say it to a celibate priest who has literally given up his entire life for Jesus in the Catholic Church. I do not like answering the question (“do I really need to be Catholic?”) because I really think at that point, the person asking the question doesn’t really know what life is about. Now, please do not misunderstand; my sadness at the question comes not because that person is thinking of leaving (which is sad in itself), but because that person has become a bit less human by asking the question. It is like when a child lies the first time; a line has been crossed, and the soul has violated itself. The person asking the question has in an instant become uninterested in what reality is. Men and women wonder at the universe and investigate and believe that the Earth revolves around the Sun; and regardless of how this helps us day to day, we believe it because it is true. Likewise with our beliefs about toads and taxes and everything else that is not useful or even burdensome, we believe things because they are true. Most of us don’t get anything out of knowing that toads are amphibians; of course, we don’t get anything out of that belief except the satisfaction of knowing that it is true. Indeed, that is what we are made for. We are not made for lies.



And so I come back to the question, and why we should flee it. I tell you to flee it, not because I think that Protestantism is wrong or that any other religion is wrong (of course I think they are incorrect; I gave my whole life to Catholicism and truly believe it to be correct!). No, I tell everyone to flee the question because the asking of the question makes one less than a man or a woman. It turns one into a rabbit, so to speak. For true men and women seek things and believe them because they are true, not because they are convenient or give us something. The person asking about needing Catholicism to be saved is the person who has heard and investigated and is now on the brink of the great door behind which is the greatest mystery of all. The opening of this door would cause a whole lot of trouble, inconvenience, and in short, the awful work of salvation; but to avoid this terrible trouble, to refuse to open the door and peek behind it, that is a tragedy. Men and women open doors and look, rabbits look for carrots and hide in holes. I personally, like most, can tolerate people that I think are in error who sincerely believe what they thought about. But I doubt many will seriously tolerate people in dishonest error; and furthermore, what will God tolerate in heaven? Surely not rabbits, for he came to save humanity. Christ tells us that the truth will set us free. And there is a bit of rabbit in each of us, that part of us that cowers at the door of truth, that cowers at just how much we fall short, how we prioritize our own reality over God’s reality, of desiring salvation without the savior, of loving what we think more than what God thinks, of loving rabbit holes more than truth. And opening that door, throwing ourselves into that impossible reality called Catholicism, God will rip that fur right off of us, until this Lent, we become true men and women. Seek the truth, don’t hide.

The Truth will set you free,  
Fr. Weller

**School News**

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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 Rayles at [jrayles@assumptioncatholicschools.org](mailto: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](mailto:holberggc@hotmail.com)  
Thank You



OLQH Parish is now undertaking a full parish census. It’s been over 15 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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