

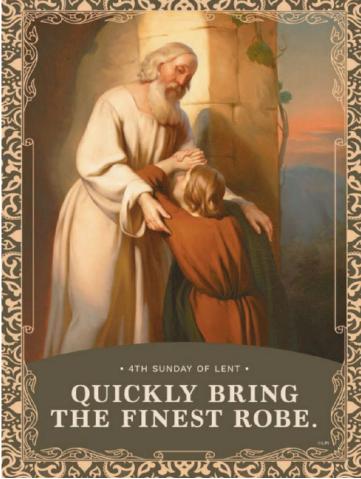
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Monday–Thursday: 8:30a–3:30p • Friday: 8:30a–12:00 noon Scrip is available for purchase during parish office hours.

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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 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 23, 2025



General	\$4,542.00
Plate	\$1,238.00
Building Maintenance	\$370.00
Direct Donation 03/20/25	\$3,627.00
Total	\$9,777.00

LECTIONARY READINGS

Readings for the week of March 30, 2025

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34/2 Cor 5:17-21/

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23/Eph 5:8-14/

Jn 9:1-41

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145/Jn 5:17-30 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45

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The Sanctuary Candles burn the week of March 29–April 4 in memory of

Dick Dean by: Carol Dean



Please remember in your prayers

Philip Schlimgen Joan Smiley

May God grant them eternal rest.



Knights of Columbus annual drive

Please bring bottles back by the weekend of April 5/6 Please return bottles if you decide not to use them.

Glacier Lake FNE Explorers "Pancake Breakfast" Sunday, April 6th, 8:00 am – 12:30 pm at SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church 1110 1st Street North, Wisconsin Rapids. Menu includes: gluten free potato pancakes, buttermilk pancakes, sausage, real maple syrup, applesauce, cheese, cookies and choice of beverage. Adults \$10.00; Children ages 5-12 \$5.00; Children 4 & under eat free; Maximum Family Rate \$40.00. Please enter through the Drive-Up Entrance and use the Elevator to reach the Lower Level.



Lenten Reconciliation

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

A <u>Pro-Life Rosary</u> 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 April 21st.

Mission Rosary Makers —The next date is Wednesday, April 2nd. 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.



EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

If you wish to donate for flowers in memory of a loved one, please have your donation to the parish office by Wednesday April 9th.

Thank You





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



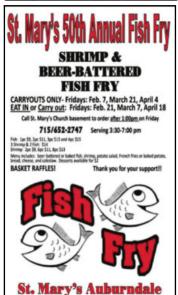
Nekoosa—Port Edwards **Knights of Columbus** "Drive Thru Fish Fry"

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





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.

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.



Presentation by Father Justin Kizewski



AT OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PARISH

Holy Week is a time to reflect on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 8:00 am Daily Mass

Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025

6:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Suppe 7:15 pm 10:00 pm Chapel of Repose

Good Friday, April 18, 2025

12:10 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, April 19, 2025

9:00 am Morning Prayer 8:30 pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

8:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass

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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) 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 - https://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 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 31, 2025

8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025

9:00 am Children's Mass † Dale & Jeff TerMaat by: Kathy TerMaat

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025 ST. FRANCIS OF PAOLA

8:00 am Mass Collective Intentions

- † Marvin Kehrberg by: The Family
- † Karen Tritz by: Lee Tritz
- † John Klonsinski by: John & Rosemary Hokamp
- † Gail Ashenbrener by: Dick & Family
- **†** Charlotte Anderson by: Friends

6:00 pm Religious Education Classes Grades 1-8

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025

1:00 pm Choir Practice

5:00 pm Mass † Hank & Marge Oesterreicher by: Kay

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2025 ST. ISIDORE

8:00 am Mass † Teresa (Falkosky) Burns bv: Mom. Dad. Debbie & Brian

8:30 am Adoration & Confessions

6:30 pm Cor Jesu (Adoration & Confessions)

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025

8:00 am Mass † Daniel Franson by: Donna Trickle & Family

8:30 am Confessions

3:00 pm Confessions

3:35 pm Stations of the Cross

4:00 pm Mass † Ed Altmann by: Delores Hoffmann

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025 5TH 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 † Marie Joosten by: Tom & Teresa Plante

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Altar Servers

Apr. 5 4:00pm – Corby Olson, Dave Anderson

Joe Fidler, Greg Bathke

Apr. 6 7:30am – Christian Statz & Jim Hamm

Apr. 6 10:00am – Ruby & Hugo Marti, John Hokamp

Readers

Apr. 5 4:00pm – Jerry Bach

Apr. 6 7:30am – Deb Eron

Apr. 6 10:00am - Nick Marti

Gift Bearers

Apr. 5 4:00pm - Volunteers Needed

Apr. 6 7:30am - Volunteers Needed

Apr. 6 10:00am - Volunteers Needed

Greeters

Apr. 5 4:00pm – Parker Vruwink & Lucy Lawrence

Apr. 6 7:30am – Jerold & Nancy Mischnick

Nora Kremer

Apr. 6 10:00am - Gary & Kathi Wierzbicki

Hospitality

Apr. 12 4:00pm – Mary Anderson

Apr. 13 7:30am – Joanne & Andy Dachel Apr. 13 10:00am – Bill & Cheryl Johnson

PASTORAL THOUGHTS...

The book of Job is one of my favorite Old Testament books to reflect on during the Lenten season as it shows how God will be with us in times of trial. The book begins by presenting a man from the land of Uz as God's faithful servant who would rise early and offer burnt offerings. However, it quickly changes tone before the end of the second chapter when he lost his family, property, and health. After his



wife saw the loss Job experienced, she asked Job to curse God, but Job refrained from doing so (Job 2:9-10).

Job's response helps me to see that picking up a Lenten penance isn't merely an act of deprivation. Instead, we should see the Lenten penance as an invitation to grow closer with Christ in our faith by depriving ourselves of something that normally would keep Christ at a distance. The goal of the Lenten season is not to arrive to the Easter Vigil Mass, but to have a new or rejuvenated drive to keep Christ active in our lives. Job recognized that we do not intuitively recognize every blessing, and this thought shouldn't be a hurdle to recognizing it. The recognition that we cannot perceive all blessings is why we fast in Lent as it provides a mechanism to recenter our sights on how Christ is working in our lives.

In addition to Job, I tend to reflect on the temptation of Christ in the desert quite often and pray on the idea of what it means to hunger. The temptation of Christ demonstrates the need that we all must enter the desert separate from the world and set time strictly for God alone. Matthew's account for this event mentioned Christ having a hunger following this 40-day fast. One can presume that this hunger mentioned can be a literal need for food and drink, but it very well can also show a hunger or desire for his ministry growing. We can see this by Christ providing food and drink whether it's the Bread of Life Discourse, the woman at the well, or the countless other miracles completed during his ministry.

Reflecting on Job and Christ in these two capacities has helped me to recognize the importance my own disposition when it comes to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These pillars provide opportunities of taking small disciplines and training ourselves to recognize how God can enter our suffering. It is through these intentional acts of self-denial that we continue to see how Christ is present in our carrying of the cross.

—Matthew Aaseng Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry



OLQH Parish is now undertaking a full parish census. It's been over 15 years since the parish last took a census. Please return the packets that were mailed to your home by April 30, 2025. 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!

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS

Registration is open for the 2024-2025 school year!

Contact Mrs. Kerry Meinel for a tour kmnel@assumptioncatholicschools.org, 715-422-0901



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www.dpi.wi.gov/choice for the online application.

Spring Concerts Please mark your calendars for:

- Our Lady Queen of Heaven's Spring Concert: April 29 at 6:30 pm in the church
- St. Vincent de Paul's Spring Concert: May 1 at 6:30 pm in the gym
- AHS, AMS, SVDP Combined Spring Band Concert: May 5 at 6:30 pm in the gym
- AHS, AMS Spring Choir Concert: May 12 at 6:30 pm in the gym

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Parish Picnic News

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



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