

# The Catholic Communities of

Holy Rosary, Medford, Good Shepherd, Rib Lake,  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Whittlesey  
and Sacred Heart, Stetsonville

## OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY

215 S. Washington Ave., Medford, WI 54451

### Mass Schedule

Tuesday — 5:15 pm  
Wednesday — 8:30 am  
Thursday — 8:30 am  
Saturday — 5:00 pm  
Sunday — 8:45 am and 10:30 am

### Adoration

Tuesday from 6:00 - 7:00 pm  
Thursday from 4:00 - 7:00 pm

### Confession

Tuesday from 6:00 - 7:00 pm  
Saturday from 3:45 - 4:45 pm

## GOOD SHEPHERD

513 State Rd., Rib Lake, WI 54470

### Mass Schedule

Tuesday — 6:00 pm  
Thursday — 8:30 am  
Saturday — 6:30 pm  
Sunday — 9:30 am

### Adoration

Tuesday from 3:00 - 6:00 pm

### Confession

Tuesday from 5:00 - 5:45 pm  
Saturday from 5:45 - 6:15 pm

## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

W5409 Whittlesey Ave., Medford, WI 54451

### Mass Schedule

Friday — 8:30 am  
Sunday — 8:00 am

### Adoration & Confession

Friday from 9:00 - 10:00 am

## SACRED HEART OF JESUS

322 W. Cty. Rd. A., Stetsonville, WI 54480

### Mass Schedule

Wednesday — 8:30 am  
Friday — 8:30 am  
Saturday — 4:00 pm  
Sunday — 7:15 am

### Adoration

Tuesday from 6:00 am - 4:00 pm

### Confession

Wednesday from 9:00 - 9:30 am  
Saturday from 2:45 - 3:45 pm

Very Reverend Patrick McConnell, Pastor  
Reverend Julian Druffner, Associate Pastor  
Deacon Patrick Gierl

November 5, 2023 ~ *Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*



## 31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant." - Mt 23:8-11

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### Holy Rosary Parish

Phone: 715-748-3336 ext. 1  
Fax: 715-748-4185  
Email: [bulletin@hrmedford.org](mailto:bulletin@hrmedford.org)  
Website: [www.hrmedford.org](http://www.hrmedford.org)

### Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

### Holy Rosary School

Phone: 715-748-3336 ext. 2

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Office Phone: 715-748-3336 ext. 1  
Onsite Phone: 715-748-6644  
Website: [www.hrmedford.org](http://www.hrmedford.org)

### Good Shepherd Parish

Phone: 715-427-5259  
Email: [goodshepherd@newnorth.net](mailto:goodshepherd@newnorth.net)  
Website: [www.goodshepherdriblake.org](http://www.goodshepherdriblake.org)

### Parish Office Hours

Monday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Wednesday 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm

### Sacred Heart Parish

Phone: 715-678-2395  
Email: [sacredheartchurchstetsonville@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartchurchstetsonville@gmail.com)

### Parish Office Hours

Tuesday & Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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## Father Julian

Hello and happy Sunday!

I hope everyone has been enjoying the final weeks of our fall season. This is my favorite time of the year, even if we are already getting snow! Every time the leaves change and the pumpkins begin to make their way to the front stoop, I am always reminded of God's bountiful gifts. The bright colors show God's handiwork in his creation and just how much of an artist he truly is. How amazing it is to know that the Lord has not only cared for our needs in the riches of the harvest, but He has also made it beautiful.

This week we are reminded of the true gift of the saints; those men and women who have lived their lives for Christ and continue to be a witness of love virtue for us today. As we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, we recall not only our own personal devotions to our patron saints, but every saint that lives with God in Heaven. A few weeks ago, I had the opportunity to teach our School kids about the process of canonization, speaking specifically about our own Br. Casimir Michael Cypher whose cause for sainthood is still ongoing.

In official Church procedures there are three steps to sainthood: a candidate becomes "Venerable," then "Blessed" and then "Saint." Venerable is the title given to a deceased person recognized formally by the Pope as having lived a heroically virtuous life or offered their life. To be beatified and recognized as a Blessed, one miracle acquired through the candidate's intercession is required in addition to recognition of heroic virtue or offering of life. Canonization requires a second miracle after beatification. The pope may waive these requirements. A miracle is not required prior to a martyr's beatification, but one is required before canonization.

Each of us is called to sanctity and to a life of holiness and virtue. This is also referred to as the "Universal Call to Holiness" by the Second Vatican Council. St. Paul tells us to live so "as becomes saints" and to put on "as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved a heart of mercy, kindness, humility, meekness, patience," and to possess the fruit of the Spirit in holiness." (Gal. 5:22, Rom. 6:22) These are all great virtues that we can strive to live out in our Christian lives of discipleship, and by witnessing to these habits of life, we too have the great opportunity to become holy. May the saints of God intercede for us this week and may Christ bless us with an abundance of virtue.

Have a blessed week!  
Fr. Julian Druffner



### Rev. Bill Donnelly

Please welcome Rev. William Donnelly who will be with us to celebrate Masses on November 18 & 19 at Holy Rosary and Sacred Heart, and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 17 developing countries. To learn more, call 800-875-6564 or visit Unbound online at [www.unbound.org](http://www.unbound.org).

*"I love being part of a community that works to empower our sisters and brothers in poverty and pursue their path forward to become fully the gift they are. It is a privilege to walk and be with people in such a way that we all grow into our best selves."*

As a priest of the Diocese of Rochester, New York, Father Bill Donnelly served as an associate pastor, pastor and chaplain. He also ministered to the homeless and worked with regional group homes. Now retired, he assists in a health care facility for the elderly and celebrates Eucharist at a homeless shelter as well as with college students. He enjoys water walking, traveling, and supporting others.

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, November 4, 2023

9:00 am	+ Romie Gaab by Joann Armbrust	HR
4:00 pm	+ Monique Roach by Janet Widmer	SH
5:00 pm	+ Don Gaffney by Justin & Emily Niggemann and Family	HR
6:30 pm	+ Ronnie, Curtis & Kevin Patrick by Mike & Bev Patrick	GS

### Sunday, November 5, 2023

7:15 am	+ Gene Gebert by C. and M. Romeneski	SH
8:00 am	+ Helen Hitt-Gelhaus by Friends and Family	OLPH
8:45 am	+ Jon Pernsteiner by Mary Pernsteiner	HR
9:30 am	For all the families of our 4-parish communities	GS
10:30 am	+ Epifanio Becera by Leroy & Marge Draeger	HR

### Tuesday, November 7, 2023

5:15 pm	+ Jo Clausnitzer (birthday) by the Family	HR
6:00 pm	+ Shirley Hebert (6 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of death) by John Hebert	GS

### Wednesday, November 8, 2023

8:30 am	Special Intention by Marcella & Hank Brushaber	HR
8:30 am	+ Neil Micke by Leon & Carol Kress	SH

### Thursday, November 9, 2023

7:00 am	Kelli Ray (health and healing)	HR
8:30 am	+ Jayne Brandner by Ron & Mary Kauer	GS
10:00 am	+ Bud Brandner by Shirley Thums, Dave & Diane Brandner	NHR

### Friday, November 10, 2023

8:30 am	+ Marjean Bootzin by Michele Armbrust	OLPH
8:30 am	+ Helen Marshall by Guy & Penny Olson	SH

### Saturday, November 11, 2023

4:00 pm	Ken & Judy Gierl (62 <sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary)	SH
5:00 pm	For all the families of our 4-parish communities	HR
6:30 pm	+ Charles Matyka (1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary of death) by Jim & Joanie Gebauer	GS

### Sunday, November 12, 2023

7:15 am	+ Charles Reise by Guy & Penny Olson	SH
8:00 am	+ Don Gaffney by George & Mary Niggemann	OLPH
8:45 am	+ Mary Luterbach by the Way Family	HR
9:30 am	+ Tom & Karen Olson (wedding anniversary) by Kevin & Nancy Mayer	GS
10:30 am	+ Rose Themar (birthday) by Audrey Peterson	HR

**HR** Holy Rosary • **GS** Good Shepherd • **OLPH** Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
**SH** Sacred Heart • **NHM** Nursing Home Medford • **NHR** Nursing Home Rib Lake

## Holy Rosary Parish

### Sunday, November 5, 2023

10:30 am Confirmation Mass

### Tuesday, November 7, 2023

4:00 pm Confessions and Adoration until 7:00 pm

6:00 pm HRCCW Meeting

### Wednesday, November 8, 2023

9:30 am Into Life Video Series in the Fireplace Lounge

4:00 pm Grades 1-4 RE Classes

6:00 pm Grades 5-8 RE Classes

7:15 pm Grades 9-11 RE Class

### Thursday, November 9, 2023

7:00 am Mass Before School / NO 8:30 am Mass

4:00 pm Executive Board Meeting

4:00 pm Silent Adoration until 7:00 pm

6:00 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting

### Saturday, November 11, 2023

3:45 pm Confessions until 4:45 pm

### Sunday, November 12, 2023

Family Donut Sunday after both Masses

3:00 pm Youth Group until 5:00 pm

### Holy Rosary Finances

#### October 17-30, 2023

Adult Envelopes .....\$17,050.06

Loose .....\$2,058.39

School Support .....\$4,331.53

Aftercare .....\$1,124.80

School Tuition.....\$23,583.89

GS - Oct. payroll.....\$2,344.45

Grants - School .....\$1,711.00

Other.....\$2,608.41

Total .....\$54,812.53

### Maintenance Fund

#### October 17-30, 2023

New Cash Contributed....\$285.00

### August 1-30, 2023

Checking Balance...\$541,716.14

Income.....\$192,499.73

Expense.....\$205,267.16

Ending Balance .....\$528,948.71

### Catholic Service Appeal

Total assessment.....\$105,635.00

CSA paid to date .....\$27,126.45

Subtotal.....\$78,508.55

Pledges due.....\$2,675.00

Balance due .....\$75,833.55

Total pledged \$29,801.45

82 Families

## Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

### Monday, November 6, 2023

7:00 pm Prayer Hour

### Wednesday, November 8, 2023

6:00 pm Gr. K-5 RE Classes / 7:15 pm Gr. 6-11 RE Classes

### Friday, November 10, 2023

9:00 am Confessions and Adoration until 10:00 am

Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be serving a breakfast in honor of all veterans, following the Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am Mass. All are invited to join us for fellowship. Please remember to thank those who served! They sacrificed much while protecting and defending our rights!

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Finances

#### October 17-30, 2023

Adult Envelopes .....\$1,750.00

Loose.....\$483.00

Votives.....\$7.50

Wreath Donation.....\$20.00

World Mission Sun. ....\$456.00

Total .....\$2,716.50

### Catholic Services Appeal

Total assessment .....\$9,089.00

CSA Paid to date.....\$3,505.00

Subtotal .....\$5,584.00

Pledges due .....\$660.00

Balance due.....\$4,924.00

Total \$4,165.00

19 Families

### August 1-30, 2023

Checking Balance .....\$7,194.32

Income .....\$23,148.86

Expense .....\$24,956.97

Ending Balance .....\$5,386.21



Phase 1 / Phase 2

\$100,000 / \$125,000

Goal Reached 128% / 102%

### Campaign Update

Pledges to date: \$127,854.00

Households Pledging to date: 54

Parishioner Participation: 68%

You may utilize "Campaign" envelopes in your envelope packet. Write "Capital Campaign" in the memo of your check.

### The 2023 Collection for the Homeless Veterans

Clothing and personal items will be collected the month of November, for Homeless Veterans, both women and men. Desired Items: thermal underwear, new underwear – boxer type briefs, winter coats, blue jeans. All clothing sizes should be Large - 1X - 2X. Also sleeping bags, bath towels and washcloths, full size toiletries, first aid supplies, razors, toilet paper and paper towels, feminine health care products and new or gently used clothing are needed. Boots and gloves are also needed. Clean and worn blue jeans are also being collected for the ladies at St. Paul's Lutheran Church so they can make quilts for the homeless Vets. The items can be placed on the table in the foyer between the church and social center. Thank you for supporting this important project.

~ Deanna Hartman & Jane Schiszik, Holy Rosary Parish Council of Catholic Women



### Capital Campaign Update

Pledges to date: \$1,873,024.00

Households Pledging to date: 352

Parishioner Participation: 88%

Tiered Goal:

\$1.5M / \$2M / \$2.4M

Goal Reached

124% / 94% / 78%

Thank you for continuing to use the Campaign envelopes. If you have any questions regarding your pledge contact the parish office.

### Abiding Care Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Today we are collecting the filled baby bottles for Abiding Care. Please put your bottles in the receptacles provided at the exits of the church. If you forgot your bottle this week, please return it as soon as possible.

## Good Shepherd Parish

**Tuesday, November 7, 2023**

3:00 pm Adoration until 6:00 pm  
5:00 pm Confessions until 5:45 pm  
6:30 pm Anointing following the 6:00 pm Mass

**Wednesday, November 8, 2023**

5:30 pm RE for Grades 1-5  
7:00 pm RE for Grades 6-11

**Saturday, November 11, 2023**

5:45 pm Confessions until 6:15 pm  
6:00 pm Rosary

### Good Shepherd Finances Catholic Services Appeal

**October 23, 2023**

Adult ..... \$1,582.00  
Loose ..... \$347.00  
Candles ..... \$59.00  
Bathroom Remodel ..... \$190.00  
Memorial ..... \$80.00  
World Missions ..... \$592.00  
Total ..... \$2,850.00

*68 Families have contributed  
so far for 2023-24.*

*As soon as the report is  
received from the Diocese,  
we will update you.*

**Thank You** — Thank you to the Shepherd Knitters for the nice blanket and the hats for the kids. We will enjoy them very much. Thank you for keeping us in your prayers while we deal with everything right now. It means alot to belong to such a tight knit family like Good Shepard. - Ryan and Audrey Metz Family

**Rest in Peace** — We pray for Charles Lang, age 95, who died October 24 in Wausau. He is grandfather to parishioner Sara (Mark) Matyka.

### Special Collections — Return Items Now

Baby Bottles and Boxes of Joy should be returned now. Deadline for the boxes is November 8—so don't delay! If bottles are empty, still return them for use again next year. Stepping Stones Shelter also welcomes items for their shelter, and monetary donations. (See their brochure.) Money box will remain in the entrance a couple weeks yet for the shelter. Thank you to all who help these causes.

**Blessing for Veterans** — A blessing for all veterans will be offered after both Masses November 11 and 12.

**AED Training** — Training for use of our Defibrillator will be held in the parish hall after both Masses next weekend. We encourage you to stay for this if you can. We especially encourage ushers to be trained to use this. Our thanks to Chryllyn Dums for providing the training.

Our thanks to the Catholic Order of Foresters, St. John's Court #823 for their \$200 donation toward Good Shepherd's bathroom remodel fund.

Pictured is Michael O. Roiger presenting the check to Father Patrick.



## Sacred Heart Parish

**Saturday, November 4, 2023**

Family Weekend after 4:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, November 5, 2023**

Family Weekend after 7:15 am Mass

**Wednesday, November 8, 2023**

9:00 am Confessions until 9:30 am  
3:15 pm Grades 1-4 RE Classes  
6:30 pm Grades 5-10 RE Classes

**Saturday, November 11, 2023**

7:00 am CCW Shrine Bus Trip Departs

### Sacred Heart Finances Catholic Services Appeal

**October 22, 2023**

Adult Envelopes ..... \$505.00  
Loose ..... \$212.00  
Maintenance ..... \$20.00  
World Mission Sun. .... \$312.00  
Scrip ..... \$1,915.00  
Total ..... \$2,964.00

Total assessment ..... \$17,052.00  
CSA Paid to date ..... \$5,570.00  
Subtotal ..... \$11,482.00  
Pledges due ..... \$2,000.00  
Balance due ..... \$9,482.00

**Family Weekend November 4 & 5** — Join us downstairs for refreshments and fellowship after both Masses.

**National Shrine Bus Trip - November 11** — Sacred Heart CCW is hosting a bus trip on Saturday, November 11 to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion in New Franken and the Diocese of Green Bay's Francis Xavier Cathedral. Late registration MIGHT still be possible by contacting Kris Brandner at 715-254-0624 or [kkbrandner@gmail.com](mailto:kkbrandner@gmail.com). The cost is \$25.00 per person. We will depart Stetsonville at 7:00am, returning around 7:30pm. Full details are available in the church entry and on Facebook.

**Upcycled Christmas and Bake Sale – Saturday, November 18** — Shop new-to-you and reasonably priced Christmas and winter decorations! Find baked goods for every sweet tooth at your hunting shack and Thanksgiving gatherings! Enjoy a relaxing outing with other hunting widows! Sponsored by Sacred Heart's CCW. *Seeking donations of baked goods, as well assistance before, during, and after the event; sign up in the foyer. Donations of gently used holiday decorations can be placed in the social hall now also.*

**Musicians: Organ for Sale** — Sacred Heart has an organ for sale. It is a Kurzweil Mark 5-Ensemble Grand and is in excellent condition. Contact Cathy Peissig at 715-965-4203. No reasonable offer will be refused.

**Catholic Services Appeal** — Sacred Heart's assessment for 2023-2024 is just over \$17,000. Our goal is that every family and individual will participate to the very best of their ability, in recognition and in thanksgiving for God's many blessings. To see a list of all essential services funded by the CSA, see your personal letter from Bishop Powers, which is also posted in the entry. If you have not yet made a commitment, envelopes are available in the pews for your donations.

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## Rest In Peace

Our sympathy to the family & friends of

**Michael John Diesing**

may he rest in peace

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## The Life of an Unborn Child

**November 4 (week 33)** — Baby Chris reports, “I weigh over 3 pounds and may weigh about 7 pounds at birth. My brain is growing very fast. I’m starting to have regular sleep and awake time. I have dreams but I keep them secret between God and me. I’m using my four senses of vision, hearing, taste and touch. I try to stretch out but there is not enough room. I don’t know why it’s always wet in here either.” *Listen to my words: “When a prophet of the LORD is among you, I reveal myself to him in visions; I speak to him in dreams.”*

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## Grief Support Group Gatherings at Holy Rosary

**Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am**  
*continues the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month*

**Hosted by Mary Anderson**

*Grief Support Specialist,  
Certified Spiritual Direction and End of Life Doula*

Contact the parish office to pre-register so books can be ordered.

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## Mass of Remembrance 5:15pm Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>

Holy Rosary Parish will be having a Mass of Remembrance for the families of deceased parishioners who have died during the past year. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Also during the month of November we will have “The Book of the Names of the Dead” placed in the front of church to put the names of your loved ones in to be prayed for.

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## Pax Christi Nominations

**NOMINATIONS can be now be submitted. All nominations are due by January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.** This award has the endorsement of Bishop Powers, encompasses all parishes in the Diocese of Superior and is a way your parish community can recognize and honor the devout, hardworking Christian women within your parishes. Nominees may be either lay or religious, single, or married women. Each parish is encouraged to nominate one woman for this award annually. The Nomination Form: History and General Procedure for Writing a Dossier, and an Example Dossier can be found on the Superior Diocesan Council of Catholic Women’s website: [sdccw-wisconsin.weebly.com](http://sdccw-wisconsin.weebly.com). For more information/questions contact SDCCW Pax Christi Co-Chairs Jane Schiszik at [janeschis@hotmail.com](mailto:janeschis@hotmail.com) or call 715-748-5240 and/or Rosalie Bryan at [rosalie4519thrp@aol.com](mailto:rosalie4519thrp@aol.com) or call 281-923-6124.

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## Daily Bible Readings for the Week of November 5

Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12  
Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14  
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcd, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24  
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33  
Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22  
Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8  
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15  
Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

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## Our Ladies of Holy Rosary

October and November are HRCCW membership months. All ladies of the HR parish are welcome. Membership dues of \$5 can be put into the envelope attached to the bulletin and placed in the collection basket, dropped off at the parish office or given to Betty Danen.

Holy Rosary Council of Catholic Women’s next meeting will be Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at **4:00pm** in the Fireplace Lounge. Please note the change in time, **4:00pm**. We will have a short presentation and discussion on Women in the Church with the 5:15pm Mass to follow. Please come join us for this short meeting and fellowship. If you have any questions contact Ann Dassow ([dassowag@hotmail.com](mailto:dassowag@hotmail.com)) or Eileen Cleaver ([eileencleaver74@gmail.com](mailto:eileencleaver74@gmail.com)).

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## Holy Communion Distribution and Receiving at Holy Rosary

Beginning the weekend of November 4-5 some changes will be implemented in the duty of the Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. Two ministers will assist the presiding priest and there will be a greater respect for the sanctuary. These changes reflect our support of the Eucharistic revival ongoing in the United States. This is also a time to remind everyone of the ways of receiving Holy Communion. To honor the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, when receiving on the tongue, please open your mouth wide with the tongue slightly extended to be sure that the minister can distribute Communion easily. When receiving Communion in the hand, please place one hand in the other hand, palm up and raise them to the minister and respond “Amen!” This response is an act of adoration and worship because we are saying “yes” to Christ Himself, “yes” to His love, “yes” to His desire that we be made one with Him and He with us.

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## Alzheimer & Dementia Support Group

On Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> the Alzheimer & Dementia Support Group will hold a meeting from 6:00 to 8:00pm at the Senior Dining Center at the Medford Fairgrounds. Call Ron Blackburn for more information at 715-748-2944.

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## Religious Education "News You Need to Know"

**Congratulations!** This weekend at the Sunday 10:30am Mass at Holy Rosary Bishop James Powers will be here celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. Students being Confirmed are from Holy Rosary, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Sacred Heart, Good Shepherd and St. Francis Xavier from Merrill. These students having been preparing for almost 16 months for this day. They attended a retreat, completed their service hours, attended classes and wrote letter to the Bishop explaining why they want to be Confirmed. Congratulations to the students, their parents and families.

**Boxes of Joy** — Boxes of Joy are due back by **Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**. Boxes of Joy may be returned to the Holy Rosary Office. Boxes can also be dropped off at any one of the four churches in our 4-parish community. Please remember to include the \$9.00 to cover the cost of shipping. Thank you for helping these children in need around the world. You indeed are helping to bring a miracle to a child.

**RCIA now being renamed to OCIA** — We are starting to prepare for the OCIA (RCIA) program for this year. OCIA is a program for adults that wish to join the Catholic faith or adults who never complete their Sacraments of Reconciliation, the Eucharist or Confirmation. The program will start on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30am Mass. If you or if you know someone that is interested in the OCIA program please contact Mike Bub 715-748-3336 x248 here at the Holy Rosary office. Anyone interested in the program can join the classes. If a person wants more information or wishes to discuss their specific situation please contact Mike.

**We Still Need Some Help** — Due some scheduling conflicts and one snow bird. The Religious Education Program at Holy Rosary needs a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher now. We need a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher starting the 1<sup>st</sup> week of January. If you are willing to help teacher either 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> grade at 4:00pm on Wednesdays. Please call Mike Bub or Amy Hughley in the parish office.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the Religious Education Program please contact me via email at [mbub@hrmedford.org](mailto:mbub@hrmedford.org) or call 715-748-3336 ext. 248.

*Thank you, Michael Bub*



### National Vocation Awareness Week November 5-11, 2023

National Vocation Awareness Week, is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

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## Holy Rosary School News

*Vision Statement — Holy Rosary Catholic School will be the school of choice Holy Rosary Catholic School was established in 1890 to educate, prepare, and inspire our students to achieve their full potential as lifelong learners while developing a spiritual faith formation.*

### Living out the Mission

What is Circle of Grace? This is a curriculum adopted by the Diocese of Superior in 2018. We as educators, assist children to recognize God's love by helping them to understand that each of us lives and moves in a Circle of Grace. We help them to know they are a child of God and created in God's image. The children come away from these lessons with a better understanding of the Grace, the gift of God's goodness and love, that they receive from God at baptism and that we should all respect each other's space. This is the prayer that goes along with our lessons. *Thank you, God, for always being with me in my Circle of Grace. Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit who helps me know what is good. Thank you for giving me people who care about me and want me to be safe. Amen*



### THANK YOU!

A very special thank you to George & Mary Niggemann for the donation of pumpkins to ALL our students.

Preschoolers enjoying our wonderful public library ladies. We are very fortunate that they make regular visits to our school.

*Mrs. Easterly*



### Each Student Matters, Every Moment Counts, Christ in the Center

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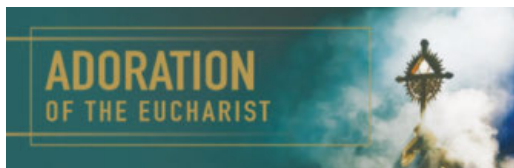
### South Central Deanery Meeting

The South Central Deanery meeting will be held Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at St. Stanislaus, W13381 South St., Lublin. Hospitality will begin at 8:30am and the meeting will start at 9:00am. We will have Mass at 11:00am. All ladies are welcome to come. If you have any questions please contact Karen Firnstahl, President at 715-560-2488.

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**The Central Chamber Chorale** will present its concert, "Music Through the Ages," November 11 at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, Abbotsford, at 7:30pm and November 12 at First Presbyterian Church, Marshfield, at 3:00pm. Free and open to the public. We hope you can join us at one of our concerts.

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## ADORATION TIMES

### HOLY ROSARY

Tuesday 6:00 - 7:00pm

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Let us pray... Good and gracious God, you do not condone war. Help us to understand the cause of war and work toward alleviating it from the face of the earth you created.

We ask you to bless the veterans of our country, but also to bless the veterans of our enemies too. War is the ultimate failure on our part to see the needs of our neighbor. Let us remember that our neighbor is our brother.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother and Savior. Amen.



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