

# 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 12, 2023 ~ *Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*



## 32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'" - Mt 25:11-12

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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### Holy Rosary Parish

Phone: 715-748-3336 ext. 1  
Fax: 715-748-4185  
Email: bulletin@hrmedford.org  
Website: 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

### Good Shepherd Parish

Phone: 715-427-5259  
Email: goodshepherd@newnorth.net  
Website: 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

### Parish Office Hours

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

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## Father Patrick

The language of scripture can often be hard to understand due to the context in which it is written. When we are presented with the image of 10 virgins gathering at a wedding it might be difficult to grasp this language since we don't refer to anyone necessarily with this title. However, the context and reality of what is being celebrated is quite relatable. I invite us to think back to the last time we attended a wedding or even your own. There was a great number of people who were called to attend and assist us and the wedding that we hand-picked for the service. These people were there in a big part due to their love of you and their support for what you were about to do. There was a true acceptance of the love you had and the person you were.

Scripture continues to use the language of the wedding feast and the love that is shared between bride and groom. This is a language that we can understand. What is hard to understand is that this love is made available to all. We, the Church, the bride of Christ, are given a profound gift, the love of Jesus Christ. The virgins, those set aside for service of the groom and the bride are invited into this love. The question we must ask ourselves is, "How important is this to us?" The bridegroom is willing to pour out this profound love that can only come from the heart of a true lover. We are called to share that same profound intimate love with him as well.

This weekend we come to the end of Vocations Awareness Week. We are called into a profound life, a profound relationship with Christ which can be called our vocation. I pray that no matter what vocation we have we are constantly filling up our oil lamps, our hearts, with the fuel that is needed to keep the fire of our hearts burning by committing ourselves to the life that is necessary for the vocation that Christ has called us.



### 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 11, 2023

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| 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   |

### Tuesday, November 14, 2023

|         |  |    |
|---------|--|----|
| 5:15 pm | † Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus      | HR |
| 6:00 pm | <b>NO Mass</b> — Divine Praises to Close Adoration | GS |

### Wednesday, November 15, 2023

|         |  |    |
|---------|--|----|
| 8:30 am | † Mal-Hui Fischer by Steve, Peter, Kimberly and Angeline | HR |
| 8:30 am | † Monique Roach by Janet Widmer                          | SH |

### Thursday, November 16, 2023

|          |  |     |
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| 8:30 am  | <b>NO Mass</b>                             | HR  |
| 8:30 am  | † Howard Lamont (birthday) by Carole Ford  | GS  |
| 10:15 am | † Deb Wiinamaki by Mary Schmitz and Family | NHM |

### Friday, November 17, 2023

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| 8:30 am | † Phillip Knepper by his Sister      | OLPH |
| 8:30 am | † Elaine Dowden by Mike & Kim Poncek | SH   |

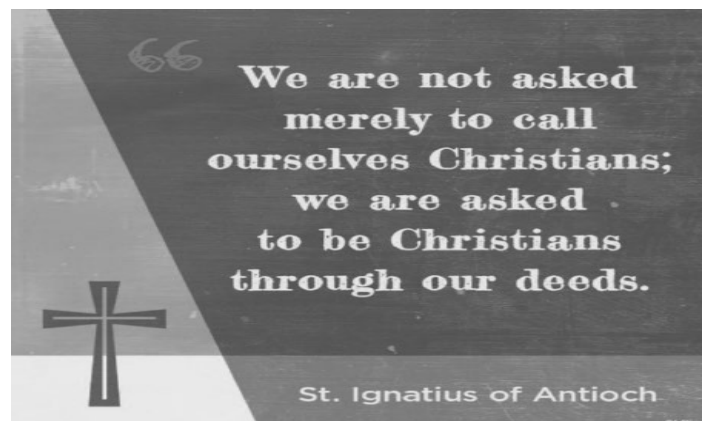
### Saturday, November 18, 2023

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| 4:00 pm | † Al & Alice Rindt by the Family  | SH   |
| 5:00 pm | Living and deceased members of the Melvin and Pat Gebert Families by Bryan & Mary Bormann | HR   |
| 6:30 pm | † Andy & Rose Zondlo by the Family  | GS   |
| 8:00 pm | † Wayne Dahl by John & Annette Tlusty   | OLPH |

### Sunday, November 19, 2023

|          |  |      |
|----------|--|------|
| 7:15 am  | † Neil Micke by Jolanta Grzeszkowiak                                 | SH   |
| 8:00 am  | For all the families of our 4-parish communities                     | OLPH |
| 8:45 am  | Gene & Helen Brushaber (wedding anniversary) by Carmen & Bill Thiede | HR   |
| 9:30 am  | † Ervin Ulrich (Thanksgiving remembrance) by Mom, Dad and Family     | GS   |
| 10:30 am | † Joyce Grinker by the Tom Leischer Family                           | 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 12, 2023

Family Donut Sunday after both Masses  
3:00 pm Youth Group until 5:00 pm

### Tuesday, November 14, 2023

4:00 pm Confessions and Adoration until 7:00 pm  
5:15 pm KC Memorial Mass  
6:30 pm Parent Pak Meeting  
7:00 pm KC Meeting

### Wednesday, November 15, 2023

8:30 am Food Pantry Collection at Mass  
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 16, 2023

**NO** 8:30 am Mass  
9:30 am Grief Support Meeting in the Fireplace Lounge  
10:15 am Nursing Home Mass  
4:00 pm Silent Adoration until 7:00 pm  
5:30 pm Finance Council Meeting  
7:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting

### Saturday, November 18, 2023

3:45 pm Confessions until 4:45 pm

### Sunday, November 19, 2023

3:00 pm Youth Group until 5:00 pm

### Holy Rosary Finances

#### October 31 - Nov. 6, 2023

Adult Envelopes .....\$14,990.90  
Loose .....\$1,382.71  
School Support .....\$75.00  
Votives.....\$214.50  
School Tuition.....\$6,050.00  
GS - Nov. shares .....\$3,947.46  
OLPH - Nov. shares ...\$1,676.09  
Other.....\$1,824.00  
Total .....\$30,160.66

#### September 1-30, 2023

Checking Balance...\$528,948.71  
Income .....\$321,643.51  
Expense .....\$202,583.66  
Ending Balance .....\$648,008.56

### Maintenance Fund

#### November 6, 2023

New Cash Contributed....\$470.00

### Catholic Service Appeal

Total assessment.....\$105,635.00  
CSA paid to date .....\$31,222.90  
Subtotal.....\$74,412.10  
Pledges due.....\$6,140.00  
Balance due .....\$68,272.10

*Total pledged \$37,362.90*

*103 Families*



### Capital Campaign Update

Pledges to date: \$1,875,186.00  
Households Pledging to date: 353  
Parishioner Participation: 88%

**Tiered Goal:**  
\$1.5M / \$2M / \$2.4M

**Goal Reached**  
125% / 94% / 78%

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

## Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

### Monday, November 13, 2023

6:30 pm OLPH Ladies Sodality Meeting  
7:00 pm Prayer Hour

### Wednesday, November 15, 2023

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

### Friday, November 17, 2023

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

### Saturday, November 18, 2023

8:00 pm Hunter's Mass

OLPH will be serving a breakfast in honor of all veterans, following the 8:00am Mass Sun., Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to join us for fellowship. Please remember to thank those who served!

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Finances

#### October 31 - Nov. 6, 2023

Adult Envelopes .....\$1,185.00  
Loose.....\$258.00  
Votives.....\$4.50  
CSA .....\$320.00  
World Mission Sun. ....\$10.00  
All Saints Day.....\$493.00  
Total .....\$2,273.50

#### September 1-30, 2023

Checking Balance .....\$5,386.21  
Income .....\$20,853.48  
Expense .....\$7,183.31  
Ending Balance .....\$19,056.38

### 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 — 19 Families*



**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

## Good Shepherd Parish

### Monday, November 13, 2023

1:00 pm Shepherd Knitters

### Tuesday, November 14, 2023

3:00 pm Adoration until 6:00 pm

6:00 pm Divine Praises ( **NO** Mass or Confessions )

### Wednesday, November 15, 2023

5:30 pm RE for Grades 1-5

7:00 pm RE for Grades 6-11

### Saturday, November 18, 2023

5:45 pm Confessions until 6:15 pm

6:00 pm Rosary

|                               |                        |            |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|------------|
| <b>Good Shepherd Finances</b> | World Mission.....     | \$100.00   |
| <b>October 29, 2023</b>       | Bathroom Remodel.....  | \$240.00   |
| Adult .....                   | Stepping Stones.....   | \$272.25   |
| Loose.....                    | Funeral Luncheon ..... | \$990.96   |
| Energy.....                   | Total .....            | \$5,881.21 |
| Charity.....                  |                        |            |
| Catholic Herald.....          |                        |            |

### Faithful Departed Held in Prayer - November 2

*Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, in your compassion and your love, we entrust to your merciful Heart the souls of our beloved departed who have gone before us in faith, including the following who were buried from Good Shepherd since last All Souls' Day:*

**Adrienne Schneider, Charles Matyka, Boyd "Bud" Brandner, Arlene Fallos, Wayne Heglund, Francis Kolecheck, Robert Shook, Florence Cedzo, Bernard "Ben" Yanko, Patricia "Patty" Kauger, Phyllis Dolezalek and Gladys Matyka.**

### Confirmation Congratulations & Blessings

May God continue to bless our seven 12<sup>th</sup> Graders who were confirmed at Holy Rosary November 5<sup>th</sup>: Kaylyn Annala, Isabella Fallos, Xavier Johnson, Athena Jones, Tessa Krause, Marissa Peters and Emma Winnie.

### Baskets for Rib Lake Health Services

The nursing home is looking for baskets for their residents. If you plan to donate baskets (similar to our small raffle baskets), note that they are due this week! (We had earlier reported they were due at a later day.)

### Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service

We encourage everyone to participate in this year's Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service with our friends from the Rib Lake United Methodist Church. Held Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm at Good Shepherd, service begins with prayer and thanksgiving, followed by a potluck supper in the hall. A donation will be taken that evening for a charitable cause.

### Coat Giveaway

You are reminded of our parish giveaway of winter coats and other items. If you know of someone in need of these items, they are available in the hallway of the RL Village Hall.

## Sacred Heart Parish

### Wednesday, November 15, 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 18, 2023

8:00 am Upcycled Christmas & Bake Sale until 4:00 pm

### Sunday, November 19, 2023

8:00 am Upcycled Christmas & Bake Sale until 2:00 pm

|                              |                                 |             |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Sacred Heart Finances</b> | Scrip .....                     | \$1,540.00  |
| <b>October 29, 2023</b>      | Total .....                     | \$2,881.00  |
| Adult Envelopes.....         | <b>Catholic Services Appeal</b> |             |
| Loose.....                   | Total assessment .....          | \$17,052.00 |
| Maintenance .....            | CSA Paid to date.....           | \$5,720.00  |
| Candles .....                | Subtotal .....                  | \$11,332.00 |
| World Mission Sun. ....      | Pledges due .....               | \$2,250.00  |
| All Saints Day.....          | Balance due.....                | \$9,082.00  |
| Masses .....                 |                                 |             |

### Upcycled Christmas and Bake Sale — Saturday and Sunday November 18-19

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! Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am to 4:00pm, and new this year, Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am to 2:00pm. 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.

### Use Scrip for your Holiday purchases!

As you prepare to make extra grocery, gift and gas purchases over the upcoming months, stop in the entry before or after weekend Masses to purchase gift cards for your favorite retailers. You purchase the cards at face value, but the Parish benefits because it obtains the cards at a 2-20% discount. We have most local stores' cards in stock, and can special order many others. Our most popular cards are Kwik Trip In Store: 15%, Culvers: 10%, Kwik Trip Gas: 5%, County Market: 4%, and Walmart: 2.5%.

### Remember to follow Sacred Heart online!

We have two resources to keep parish information available to you. 1) Like our Facebook page, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, to receive updates on events and other timely information. 2) Find current and past bulletins at [parishesonline.com/organization/holy-rosary-our-lady-of-perpetual-help-good-shepherd-and-sacred-heart-catholic-parishes](http://parishesonline.com/organization/holy-rosary-our-lady-of-perpetual-help-good-shepherd-and-sacred-heart-catholic-parishes). You can sign up there to receive email alerts when a new bulletin is available.

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## Rest In Peace

Our sympathy to the  
family & friends of

**Michael P. Schmitt**

may he rest in peace

## Donations

Donations were given to  
Holy Rosary School by Family  
and Friends in memory of

**Marjean Bootzin**

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## Baptisms

November 4, 2023

**Briggen Allen Viegut**

Son of  
Curtis & Brooke Viegut

Sponsors:

Blake Smola, Jasmine Stibbe  
and Dillon Viegut

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## Daily Bible Readings for the Week of November 12

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/  
Mt 16:21-27  
Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30  
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37  
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44  
Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11  
Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/  
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23  
Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5  
Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/  
Mt 18:15-20

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## The Life of an Unborn Child — November 12

(week 34): Baby Chris reports, "I am almost 17 inches long but I'm all curled up so it is hard to see how tall I actually am. I am starting to move my head downward. It seems funny to be upside down! I like to look around when I'm awake but it is hard to see anything—it's all fuzzy. Ouch! I scratched myself with my long fingernails!" Mom's uterus is stretching and pushing her organs every which way, causing heartburn, constipation, indigestion and breathlessness. *And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name, welcomes me.*

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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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## Abiding Care Baby Bottle Fundraiser

If you missed bringing your baby bottle for Abiding Care last week, please bring it back as soon as possible, or drop it off at Abiding Care at 220 N Main St. in Medford.

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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.



## Our Ladies of Holy Rosary

Holy Rosary Council of Catholic Women will be holding their annual Christmas Bake Sale December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. As part of the Bake Sale, Grandpa Choo Choo's Kettle Corn and Holy Spirit Wines will be offered by pre-order. Pick up will be the weekend of December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Order forms can be found in today's bulletin, in the back of church or at the Parish office and are due back by November 21<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions, contact Ann Dassow ([dassowag@hotmail.com](mailto:dassowag@hotmail.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.



## Mass of Remembrance 5:15pm Tues., 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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## Religious Education “News You Need to Know”

**Boxes of Joy Last Call** — Boxes of Joy were due back on **Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**. Our boxes will be picked by the delivery truck later this week. If you have a Box of Joy and forgot to bring it in please drop the box off Monday or Tuesday in the Holy Rosary parish office of this week. We can still get the box shipped on time.



**Giving Tree** — Each year the Knights of Columbus have had a Giving Tree to provide an opportunity for members of our parish to help those less fortunate with some gifts at Christmas. The Knights collect requests from families in our school, we also work with the Taylor

County Human Services department to gather requests. Help us to provide some hope, love and gifts at this special time of the year. Our “Giving Tree” looks more like a poster than a tree. The posters with tags will be located in the front of church and in the church foyer. Please select some tags to help bring Christmas Joy to families in our community. Gifts need to be returned by Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> the Knights will be wrapping the gifts for delivery. The gifts will be delivered on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Please **DO NOT** wrap the gifts in advance. The Knights and some great volunteers will wrap the gifts and place the tags needed for delivery on the gifts.

**Visit with Santa** — On Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus will be here to hear last minute requests from children before Christmas. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be here from 11:00am to 1:00pm in the Holy Rosary Commons area. Families bring your children and grandchildren here at Holy Rosary. The kids can meet Santa, you can take as many pictures as you want. Cookies and refreshments will be provided when visiting Santa.

**Advent is Coming Soon** — Advent is good time to recommit ourselves to attending Mass. In an attempt to help bring parish members back to Mass. We are looking to offer a series called The Elements of the Catholic Mass. This series of lessons would also be valuable to members of our pariah who come to Mass but could use a reminder about various parts of the Mass. Do you sometimes feel you go to Mass leaving feeling like you didn't real get anything out of the Mass? If yes, these brief lessons might help bring that joy back that is missing when you attend Mass.

**Elements of the Catholic Mass** is designed to help the faithful better appreciate the beauty of the Mass. Featuring Fr. Douglas Martis, former director of the Liturgical Institute, the program consists of thirty-one beautifully produced **short** videos. We are currently working on a schedule for the series. Our goal is to begin offering the series during Advent. To complete the entire series, we will go into 2024. A person can attend all or some of the lessons. We will probably cover 3 lessons in each class. Watch the bulletin for more information.

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

*Thank you, Michael Bub*

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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



Donations are currently being accepted for our Kids Helping Kids Sale. Now is your chance to clean out your toy boxes or closets. Any small items you feel the children would purchase for themselves or as

gifts for family members would be appreciated. Thank you!

~ Mrs. Niggemann & 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> graders

Our donation of supplies that was collected at our Family Fun Night was presented to Lacey Kohl, Director of The Taylor House. Thank you to everyone who donated!

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders did a fantastic job hosting the All Saints Day Mass. We had many children and staff dress up as Saints as well!



**The Month of November is Race to End Hunger.** We will be collecting nonperishable food items. There are boxes located in front of the school office. If every student brings in at least one item, we would have 134 food items to donate at our special Mass on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

*Mrs. Easterly*

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

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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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### OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Friday 9:00am - 10am

### SACRED HEART

Tuesday 6:00am - 4:00pm



**Coats for Kids and Adults** — There are children and adults in our community that

need a warm coat for the upcoming cold weather. If you are able to purchase a new coat or donate a coat in good condition please bring the coat to the box in the church foyer. Individuals or families can pick out a free coat to keep them warm this winter. If you or if someone you know could use a coat they're available in the church foyer. The church foyer is open 7:00am to 7:00pm every day. We also accept, hats, gloves, mittens, kids snow pants and snow suits. Thank you for helping to make a difference in our community.

## HRCCW Christmas Bake Sale

The Holy Rosary Council of Catholic Women will again be holding their annual Christmas Bake Sale on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and December 3<sup>rd</sup>. All are asked to please donate - baked items, jam and jellies, candy, mittens or any other items and/or monetary donations. All donations are very much appreciated! Please have your items to the commons area of Holy Rosary School prior to the sale - doors open at 7:30am on Saturday for drop off. This is our only fundraiser for the year - proceeds will be used to support our many projects. Holy Spirits Wine and Grandpa Choo-Choo's Kettle Corn will again be available. Watch for information on how to order.

## Everyday Stewardship

### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

**The Vision of Stewardship** — I love the original movie *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*. All the way through while I watch the film I still laugh and feel like a child. It is only the last line with which I have an issue. Wonka by now has chosen Charlie to succeed him as head of the chocolate factory. They board an elevator that proceeds to crash through the roof and begins to fly. Wonka then asks Charlie if he ever heard of what happened to the boy who got everything he ever wanted. After Charlie says no, Wonka explains, "He lived happily ever after." As I get older, I can say I have met several people who got all or most of all they have ever wanted, but unlike Charlie, it did not lead to endless bliss. In fact, as a Christian I know that that statement of Wonka's is a lie. The secret to living happily ever after lies in not getting all you ever wanted, but instead in giving all you ever wanted away.

A person can't have any sense of that reality until they begin to see his or her life transformed by Jesus. When we have accepted the challenge placed before us and made a choice to live a certain way daily, we can find ourselves transformed. Following Jesus is not easy, but it is the only true way to find authentic joy. When we have emptied ourselves and allowed him to fill the open spaces in us, we become different. We are transformed and, if enough of us in a parish community experience the same journey, our parish is transformed as well. Then we begin to transform the world around us. Don't be fooled: A flying elevator is cool, but it pales in comparison to what can happen when we find a new life in Jesus Christ.

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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