

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

Monday — 12:15 pm
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
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
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

December 10, 2023 ~ *Second Sunday of Advent*



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"Prepare the way of the Lord." - Mk 1:3

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Holy Rosary Parish

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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

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Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

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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

Father Patrick

Come, Lord Jesus, come! As we continue to celebrate this great gift of Advent we continue to grow in our anticipation and coming of Christ each Mass. During this three-year process of Eucharistic Revival, we are taking time to grow in our celebration of the liturgy and service to it especially in each of our liturgical ministries. I will be taking time to explain these changes more thoroughly over the weeks and months to come through bulletin articles, posts in the bulletin as well as announcements at Mass and homilies. I would like to address the changes we are making with our servers in the four-parish family. I have added to the United States Bishop's guidelines with some of our own additions for our parish community. The following guidelines were prepared by the Committee on the Liturgy and presented to the National Conference of Catholic Bishops for discussion at the June 1994 Special Assembly on Thursday, June 16, 1994.

1. The diocesan bishop may permit the liturgical functions of the instituted acolyte to be carried out by altar servers, men and women, boys and girls. Such persons may carry out all the functions listed in no. 100 (with the exception of the distribution of Holy Communion) and nos. 187-190 and no. 193 of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal. The determination that women and girls may function as servers in the liturgy should be made by the bishop on the diocesan level so that there might be a uniform diocesan policy. (*Our Bishop has allowed both boys and girls to serve.*)
2. No distinction should be made between the functions carried out in the sanctuary by men and boys and those carried out by women and girls. The term "altar boys" should be replaced by "servers". The term "server" should be used for those who carry out the functions of the instituted acolyte. (After discussion and guidance from our four parishes we will be having both servers' groups of boys and girls. We will begin to form them separately with an emphasis on discernment of vocation to priesthood for the boys and discernment of religious life for the girls as well as encouraging leadership amongst these groups. The document published in 1994 by the Congregation on Divine Worship on "Vatican Communication on Female Altar Servers" says that "the Holy See wishes to recall that it will always be very appropriate to follow the noble tradition of having boys' servers at the altar. As is well known, this has led to a reassuring development of priestly vocations." With that being said I would like to uphold the current tradition of girl servers with emphasis on the development of religious vocations for them as well as encouraging girls to join the Handmaid's of the Lord for this same purpose.)
3. Servers should be mature enough to understand their responsibilities and to carry them out well and with appropriate reverence. They should have already received holy communion for the first time and normally receive the eucharist whenever they participate in the liturgy. (It is for this reason that we start training in 4th grade at this time.)
4. Servers should receive proper formation before they begin to function. The formation should include instruction on the Mass and its parts and their meaning, the various objects used in the liturgy (their names and use), and the various functions of the server during the Mass and other liturgical celebrations. Servers should also receive appropriate guidance on maintaining proper decorum and attire when serving Mass and other functions.
5. Acolytes, altar servers, readers, and other lay ministers may wear the alb or other suitable vesture or other appropriate or dignified clothing. (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no.339) All servers should wear the same liturgical vesture. (We are encouraging the wearing of cassock and surplis as a way to emphasize the unique role of the server as well as differentiate between the priest who is in alb and the server who is in cassock and surplis).

We will continue to do the best we can to communicate the ways we are trying to best follow the Church and lead our parish ever closer to Christ. The altar guild will be formed by Fr. Julian on 1st Saturdays for the boys from 10:00am to 12:00pm and all boys are welcome to come to be trained and enjoy fellowship, and fun. The girls will be trained, enjoy fellowship, and have fun with Fr. Patrick on third Saturdays from 10:00am to 12:00pm as well as invited to join the Handmaids of the Lord on 2nd Saturdays from 10:00am to 12:00pm for formation, fellowship, and fun. I am sending out a letter to all parents in our parishes as well to better communicate these ministries and invite their children to join us.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 9, 2023

4:00 pm	+ Wayne Dahl & Family by Arnie & Jean Dassow	SH
5:00 pm	+ Jean Boxrucker by Tim & Jill Koenig	HR
6:30 pm	+ Charles Matyka by Gerald & Joan Matyka	GS

Sunday, December 10, 2023

7:15 am	+ Ralph Thiede by Marcy and Family	SH
8:00 am	For all the families of our 4-parish communities	OLPH
8:45 am	+ Julee Klemm by the Klemm Family	HR
9:30 am	+ Lorraine Eisner (birthday) by Ted & Cheryl Eisner	GS
10:30 am	+ Mark Potaczek by Jane & Luke Brunner Family	HR

Monday, December 11, 2023

12:15 pm	+ Marjean Bootzin by the Jerry Brandner Family	HR
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Tuesday, December 12, 2023

5:15 pm	+ Raymond Brandner by Bob & Rosemary Werner	HR
6:00 pm	+ Hubert Ford (anniversary of death) by Carole Ford	GS

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

8:30 am	+ Tom & Helen Marshall by Michele Armbrust	HR
8:30 am	+ Helen Bednarek by the Bednarek Family	SH

Thursday, December 14, 2023

8:30 am	+ Marjean Bootzin by Ardath & Rich Dums	HR
10:00 am	+ Ben Yanko by Ben & Pearl Kauer	NHR

Friday, December 15, 2023

8:30 am	+ Norma & Janet Kraemer by Kimberly	OLPH
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Saturday, December 16, 2023

4:00 pm	+ Neil Micke by Charles & Mary Lavin	SH
5:00 pm	+ Marge Metz by the Metz children	HR
6:30 pm	+ Almira Olwell (anniversary of death) by the Olwell Family	GS

Sunday, December 17, 2023

7:15 am	+ Elaine Dowden by Guy & Penny Olson	SH
8:00 am	+ Pat Haenel (30 th anniversary of death) by the Family	OLPH
8:45 am	+ Mary Luterbach by the Way Family	HR
9:30 am	+ Claude (anniversary of death) & Arlene Fallos by Bernie & Mary Wahl	GS
10:30 am	+ Randall Rothamer by the Family	HR

Holy Rosary Parish

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Family Donut Sunday after both Masses
3:00 pm Youth Group until 5:00 pm
6:00 pm Confessions and Adoration until 6:45 pm
6:45 pm Night Prayer

Monday, December 11, 2023

12:15 pm Mass

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

6:00 pm Confessions and Adoration until 7:45 pm
6:30 pm Parent Pak in the School Commons
7:00 pm KC Meeting
7:45 pm Night Prayer

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

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, December 14, 2023

9:00 am Confessions and Adoration until 10:00 am
NO Adoration from 4:00 to 7:00 pm
5:30 pm Holy Rosary School Christmas Program in Churrh

Saturday, December 16, 2023

3:45 pm Confessions until 4:45 pm

Sunday, December 17, 2023

12:00 pm Wrap Giving Tree gifts in the Social Hall
1:00 pm Confessions until 3:00 pm
6:00 pm Confessions and Adoration until 6:45 pm
6:45 pm Night Prayer

Holy Rosary Finances

November 28 - Dec. 4, 2023

Adult Envelopes\$15,774.03
Loose\$784.00
School Support\$281.00
School Tuition.....\$100.00
Kids Helping Kids -
School.....\$482.17
Children's Mass.....\$125.79
Other.....\$610.52
Total\$18,157.51

Maintenance Fund

December 4, 2023

New Cash Contributed.... \$465.00



Capital Campaign Update

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

September 1-30, 2023

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

Catholic Service Appeal

Total assessment.....\$105,635.00
CSA paid to date\$33,170.90
Subtotal.....\$72,464.10
Pledges due.....\$6,140.00
Balance due\$66,324.10

Total pledged \$39,310.90

108 Families

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, December 11, 2023

6:30 pm OLPH Ladies Christmas Party
7:00 pm Confessions and Adoration until 8:00 pm
7:00 pm Prayer Hour

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

6:00 pm RE Classes grades K-5
7:15 pm RE Classes grades 6-11

Friday, December 14, 2023

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

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Finances

December 4, 2023

Adult Envelopes \$1,345.00
Loose..... \$177.00
World Mission Sunday \$5.00
Total \$1,527.00

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 pledged \$4,165.00

19 Families



Phase 1 / Phase 2

\$100,000 / \$125,000

Goal Reached 129% / 103%

Campaign Update

Pledges to date: \$128,759.00
Households Pledging to date: 59
Parishioner Participation: 74%

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

Collection of Items for the Homeless Shelter

The Ladies of Our Lady of Perpetual Help are sponsoring a collection of items for the Homeless Shelter in Medford during Advent. Please bring non-perishable food items, toiletries, cleaning supplies, etc. Baskets will be in the back of church to collect your donations.



Good Shepherd Parish

Monday, December 11, 2023

1:00 pm Shepherd Knitters in parish hall

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

3:00 pm Adoration until 6:00 pm

4:00 pm Confessions until 5:45 pm

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

5:30 pm RE for Grades 1-5

7:00 pm RE for Grades 6-11

Saturday, December 16, 2023

5:45 pm Confession until 6:15 pm

6:00 pm Rosary

Good Shepherd Finances Catholic Services Appeal

November 26, 2023

Total assessment	\$26,396.00
Adult	\$4,562.00
Loose	\$710.00
Energy	\$25.00
Bldg. & Maintenance	\$140.00
Candles	\$40.00
Blacktop	\$25.00
Total	\$5,502.00
CSA Paid to date	\$14,859.44
Subtotal	\$11,536.56
Pledges due	\$2,865.56
Balance due	\$8,671.00
<i>Total pledged \$17,725.00</i>	
<i>71 Families</i>	

Thank You

Thank you, Knitters, for the prayer shawl, the Communion visit and the soup and rolls while I was unable to attend Mass. It really meant a lot to me. — Jennifer Lennartz

Thank you to the Knitters for the prayer shawl. I can feel the extra warmth from all the prayers. I am on the mend, but it will take a while and a lot more prayers. Thank you also to Father Patrick for the hospital visit. — Joe Yanko

Christmas Ornaments of Love

For those who did not get our November insert with the ornament order, the form is printed below. Please return your form this week! All those named (and you who donate) will be prayed for at our Christmas Masses. Deadline has been extended to next Sunday, December 17.

Christmas Ornaments of Love (Clip and return form and money by **Dec. 17**. Place in collection basket or mail to PO Box 295, Rib Lake, WI 54470)

Names for Ornaments:	Suggested Donation
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1. _____	\$ 2
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2. _____	\$ 2
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3. _____	\$ 2
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4. _____	\$ 2
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5. _____	\$ 2
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Submitted by _____	TOTAL \$ _____
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Use another sheet of paper for additional names, if needed.

Sacred Heart Parish

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

6:00 am Adoration until 4:00 pm

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

9:00 am Confession until 9:30 am

9:30 am AED Training

3:15 pm Grades 1-4 RE Classes

6:30 pm Grades 5-10 RE Classes

Saturday, December 16, 2023

2:45 pm Confession until 3:45 pm

Sacred Heart Finances

November 26, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$620.00
Loose	\$328.00
Maintenance	\$370.00
Masses	\$10.00
Scrip	\$2,240.00
Total	\$3,568.00

Catholic Services Appeal

Total assessment	\$17,052.00
CSA Paid to date	\$5,720.00
Subtotal	\$11,332.00
Pledges due	\$2,250.00
Balance due	\$9,082.00
<i>Total pledged \$7,970.00</i>	
<i>26 Families</i>	

Upcycled Christmas & Bake Sale Success!

November's Upcycled Christmas and Bake Sale hosted by the Council of Catholic Women raised over \$1,400! Thank you to everyone who donated items, helped with the event, or stopped to shop! We are now preparing for next year's sale. Any gently used Christmas and holiday decorations you would like to donate can be placed in the basement library now through January 14.

AED Training Wednesday, Dec. 19th at 9:30am

Sacred Heart has purchased an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and installed it above the food donation box in the church entry. This is an easy-to-use, and potentially lifesaving, tool to help anyone suffering a cardiac emergency. A brief training session will be held this Wednesday, December 13, at 9:30am, after the 8:30am Mass. All are welcome.

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.

Sacred Heart Mission Statement — The Sacred Heart Catholic Church is rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we welcome all to respond to the voice of Christ to live the commandments, practice the beatitudes, and celebrate the sacraments, which engage us to build a community of love by serving each other.

Baptisms

November 25, 2023
at Sacred Heart Parish

Kinslee Mae Kauer

Daughter of
Peter & Kristen Kauer

Sponsors:
Matthew & Casey Kauer

December 2, 2023
at Holy Rosary Parish

Alice Gloria Studinger

Daughter of Kurt Studinger
and Jenny Peterson

Sponsors:
Amanda Beyer & Greg Gossel

The Life of an Unborn Child

December 10 (week 38): Baby Chris reports, "I am now considered full-term but continue to gain and grow every day. My lungs are days from completion. I'm practicing breathing with my amniotic fluid. It is easy to grasp things with my little fingers." Typically, boys will weigh more than girls at birth. Only 4% of babies are actually born on their due date. Mom is probably packing her hospital bag now! *...they will see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God.*

Pax Christi Nominations

NOMINATIONS can be now be submitted. All nominations are due by January 15th, 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. For more information/questions contact SDCCW Pax Christi Co-Chairs Jane Schizik at janeschis@hotmail.com or call 715-748-5240 and/or Rosalie Bryan at rosalie4519thrp@aol.com or call 281-923-6124.

Daily Bible Readings for the Week of December 10

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/
Mk 1:1-8
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/
Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/
1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

DONUT SUNDAY

Come join us for "Family Donut Sunday"

After all Masses at Holy Rosary Parish Sunday, December 10th in the Social Hall. Join us for a cup of coffee and fellowship. There will be a variety of sweet rolls, donuts and more!

Grief Support Group Gatherings

Friday, December 15th at 9:30am

Holy Rosary Parish - Fireplace Lounge

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.

**If you have a prayer you would like passed on,
please contact Jane Schizik at 715-748-5240.**

Advent Reconciliation



4-Parish Advent Confession Schedule

Saturday, December 9	5:45 - 6:15 pm GS
Sunday, December 10	6:00 - 6:45 pm HR
Monday, December 11	7:00 - 8:00 pm OLPH
Tuesday, December 12	4:00 - 5:45 pm GS 6:00 - 7:45 pm HR
Wednesday, December 13	9:00 - 9:30 am SH
Thursday, December 14	9:00 - 10:00 am HR
Friday, December 15	9:00 - 10:00 am OLPH

Saturday, December 16	2:45 - 3:45 pm SH 3:45 - 4:45 pm HR 5:45 - 6:15 pm GS
Sunday, December 17	1:00 - 3:00 pm HR 6:00 - 6:45 pm HR
Monday, December 18	7:00 - 8:00 pm OLPH
Tuesday, December 19	4:00 - 5:45 pm GS 6:00 - 7:45 pm HR
Wednesday, December 20	9:00 - 9:30 am SH
Thursday, December 21	9:00 - 10:00 am HR
Friday, December 22	9:00 - 10:00 am OLPH
Saturday, December 23	2:45 - 3:45 pm SH 3:45 - 4:45 pm HR 5:45 - 6:15 pm GS

Religious Education “News You Need to Know”

2nd week of Advent — The second candle of Advent is the Candle of Hope. It is sometimes called the Bethlehem Candle to remind us of the place in which preparations were made to receive and cradle the Christ child. Hope is a gift that we must be prepared for. God gives us the gift of hope when we turn to him in faith. We only have 15 more days until Christmas. Advent is a time to prepare for the Real Reason for the Season! As we prepare for the Birth of our Savior. Are you getting your heart ready for Christmas?

Reconciliation — Holy Rosary will be hosting a special Reconciliation (Confession) times on Sunday, December 17th. Fr. Patrick has arranged for 6 priests to be here from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Catholics are required to receive the Sacrament at least once per year. However, if you are aware of having committed any mortal (serious) sin, you should receive the Sacrament. That being said, all are encouraged to take advantage of the Sacrament on a regular and frequent basis. Advent is good time for us to go to Confession as we prepare for the Christmas season. If you haven't gone to Confession in while. No problem the priest will welcome you back and help you with the process.



Giving Tree - where do I return my gifts? First, **THANK YOU** to everyone who selected a tag from the Giving Tree. Your willingness to help others is wonderful. After you have purchased your gift you can return the gift to the Holy

Rosary office or you can leave your gift in the lobby of church at Holy Rosary. We will pick up the gifts. Remember to attach the tag to your gift. All gifts need to be returned by **Sunday, December 17th**. Please do not wrap the gifts the Knights of Columbus and other volunteers will wrap the gifts on December 17th. Placing gifts in gift bags is encouraged.

Visit with Santa — Would you like a free visit with Santa? Bring your camera and take your photos with Santa here at Holy Rosary. Santa will be here on **Sunday, December 17th from 11:00am to 1:00 pm** in the School Commons area. We will have free hot chocolate and Christmas snacks for both children and adults

“Keep Christ in Christmas” — Knights of Columbus “Keep Christ in Christmas” signs and magnets are available in the church foyer. The magnets and signs are only \$5 each. Stop by and pick up a sign or magnet to show your support for keeping Christ in Christmas.!

RCIA/OCIA — The OCIA (RCIA) program for this year will begin on Sunday, January 7th after the 10:30am Mass (about 11:45am). OCIA is a program for adults that wish to join the Catholic faith or adults who never completed their Sacraments of Reconciliation, the Eucharist or Confirmation. If you or someone you know is interested in the OCIA program, please contact Mike Bub 715-748-3336 x248 at the Holy Rosary office. If a you need more information or wish to discuss their specific situation please contact Mike.

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

Thank you, Michael Bub

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

The fourth grade visited Tigger, their virtually adopted calf, at the Brost Farm last week. They are learning about Wisconsin agriculture. They are graphing the weight and height of two Holstein calves that were born in September.



The 5th and 6th graders wrapped up their Project Lead the Way unit titled Infection Detection. The students learned about germs, viruses, and infectious disease tracings. They walked to the Taylor County Health Department where they learned a little bit about the paperwork involved in infectious disease outbreaks.



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

Director of Development and Communication Job Opening

Holy Rosary Parish & School, Medford, is accepting applications for a Director of Development & Communications. This would be a permanent, full-time position. This person should have experience and/or studies in communications, marketing, and development (advancement). The primary objective is to oversee and develop new methods of external communications and grow our parish and schools' ongoing and planned giving initiatives and furthering the mission of Christ.

Please contact Rick Spanbauer at 715-965-5568 for a full job description. Resumes and references should be sent by January 15, 2024 to Rick Spanbauer at rspanbauer@hrmedford.org.

Mass — Did you Know?

Why don't we sing the Gloria during Advent?

"(The Gloria) is sung or said on Sundays outside the Seasons of Advent and Lent, on solemnities and feasts, and at special celebrations of a more solemn character." GIRM #53 (The General Instruction of the Roman Missal) "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" (the Latin for Glory to God in the Highest) which is normally sung at every Sunday Mass was sung on the night that Christ was born by the angels to the shepherds in the field around Bethlehem. We refrain from singing this song leading up to Christmas as a sign of waiting in anticipation for the joy of Christ's birth.

New 4-Parish Community Mass Schedule - Beginning December 4, 2023

Good Shepherd (GS), Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH), Holy Rosary (HR), Sacred Heart (SH)

Rib Lake

Whittlesey

Medford

Stetsonville

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SH 7:15 am	HR 12:15 pm	HR 5:15 pm	HR 8:30 am	HR 8:30 am	OLPH 8:30 am	SH 4:00 pm
OLPH 8:00 am		GS 6:00 pm	SH 8:30 am			HR 5:00 pm
HR 8:45 am						GS 6:30 pm
GS 9:30 am						
HR 10:30 am						

Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Jubilation to Share

Sometimes you have something to share with people that causes you to well up inside with excitement to the point of going crazy. A pregnancy test, a pay raise, a college acceptance, a wedding or engagement are all examples of moments in life when we might be bursting at the seams to tell somebody the good news. When we finally get the chance to tell somebody, joy just seems to flow through us with ease. We literally want the entire world to share in our jubilation.

When was the last time you shared with a friend or loved one how much your faith in Jesus means to you? You don't feel the same motivation to share? Are you not overwhelmed with a desire to spread the Good News?

Don't feel bad. You are not alone. As Christians, we often fail to grasp the powerful implications of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. We can become complacent and lose sight of what matters the most. That is when sharing with others about our faith seems uncomfortable.

Faith is a gift. As everyday stewards we are called to share with others what God has given us. Advent is a great time to grow in our faith and love of the Lord. The more we cultivate our faith and the closer we draw to Him, the more we will want to share about Him. We might not have the impact of John the Baptist in the course of human history, but our proclamation of the Gospel to another might be the gift that changes their history. ~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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