

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 24, 2023 ~ *Fourth Sunday of Advent*



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,
and you shall name him Jesus." - Lk 1:31

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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

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Good Shepherd Parish

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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
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Parish Office Hours

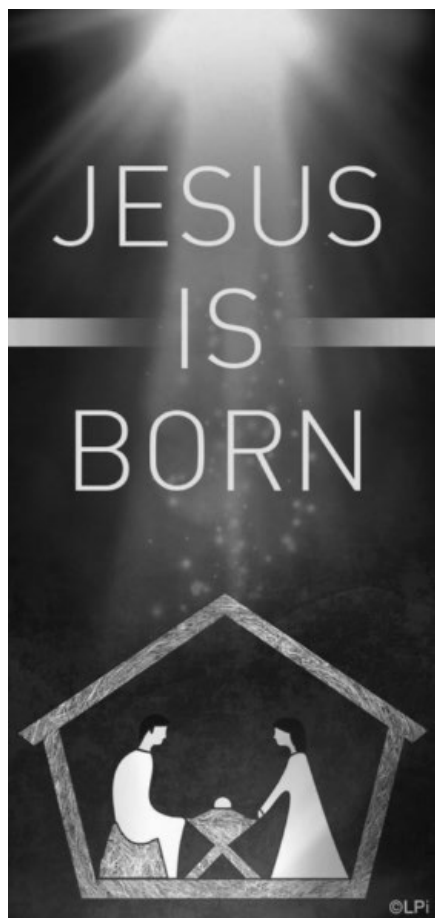
Tuesday & Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Father Patrick

"Do not be afraid Mary." This command of the Angel at first seems a little unfair, she is Mary after all. And yet, the reality of the situation, the announcement of the conception of Jesus in Mary's womb is a lot to take in. We just celebrated the feast of the Immaculate Conception, the celebration of the moment when Mary herself was conceived without sin in the womb of St. Anne, reflecting on this same reading, emphasizing the words "Mary full of grace". And now we reflect on the words, "You will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus!"

This is a lot, the fact that Mary is expected to receive this gift of Jesus is above and beyond what anyone would expect in their life. Yet, do we not all receive this gift? Is this not what we are all given every day in our lives as children of our Father in Heaven? This weekend we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent and within hours we begin the celebration of Christmas! With these words, "Do not be afraid," I pray we are encouraged to turn our attention from the many gifts that are given in love and care this Christmas and make sure we never forget the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to God for this great gift of Jesus Christ in my life and in turn, I thank God for the many ways He has blessed me through Christ. One of those greatest gifts is the blessing of serving with and for the four-parish family of Good Shepherd, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, and Sacred Heart. It is truly a gift to grow ever closer to the Heart of Jesus Christ together and this Christmas reminds us of this profound God.



I pray that all are blessed profoundly by the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ who took on flesh and dwelt amongst us. I also pray that we might continue to grow ever closer to Christ in the new year. I pray especially for all those who are suffering this Christmas, either from sickness or hardship, as well as those who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Please know of our prayers and the closeness of our Lord especially to His suffering friends.

*Many blessings
to you all this
Christmas!*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 23, 2023

4:00 pm	+ Joe & Kathy Retterath by the Family	SH
5:00 pm	+ Jenny Kalmon by the Werner Family	HR
6:30 pm	+ Ervin Ulrich (Christmas remembrance) by Mom, Dad & Family	GS

Sunday, December 24, 2023

7:15 am	For all the families of our 4-parish communities	SH
8:00 am	+ Jason Meyer by Pat & Carol Meyer	OLPH
8:45 am	+ Joe & Edna Sauer by the John Mayer Family	HR
9:30 am	+ Cletus Van de Castele by the Family	GS
10:30 am	+ Corliss Jensen by Shirley Werner	HR

Sunday, December 24, 2023 — Christmas Eve Masses

4:00 pm	+ Ryan Ruesch by the Family	HR
4:00 pm	+ Elaine Dowden by Doris Kiefer	SH
6:00 pm	+ Henry Krause by the Family	GS
6:30 pm	+ Elroy and Wayne Dahl by the Family	HR
12:00 am	For all the families of our 4-parish communities	HR

Monday, December 25, 2023 — Christmas Day Masses

8:00 am	+ Pat Schmeiser by Andy & Karen Dums	OLPH
8:30 am	+ Marjean Bootzin by Pat Mertens	HR
9:30 am	+ Jason Meyer by Ron & Mary Kauer	GS
10:30 am	+ Bill Kress by Leon & Carol Kress	SH

Tuesday, December 26, 2023

5:15 pm	+ Melva Klinger by Patti Nelson	HR
6:00 pm	+ Collin Eisner by Ted & Cheryl Eisner	GS

Wednesday, December 27, 2023

8:30 am	+ Joyce Grinker (anniversary of death) by the Dawn Rudolph Family	HR
8:30 am	+ Neil Micke by Jolanta Grzeszkowiak	SH

Thursday, December 28, 2023

8:30 am	+ Lawrence & Agnes Pernsteiner by the Family	HR
10:00 am	+ All Souls	NHR

Friday, December 29, 2023

8:30 am	+ Eugene Heindl by Kathy and Family	OLPH
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Saturday, December 30, 2023

4:00 pm	+ Kathy Wind by Kathy Trimer	SH
5:00 pm	+ Ed Boxrucker by Tim & Jill Koenig	HR
6:30 pm	+ Charles Matyka by Theresa Bube	GS

Sunday, December 31, 2023

7:15 am	+ Monsignor Alphonse Kress by Leon & Carol Kress	SH
8:00 am	Deceased members of the OLPH Ladies Sodality	OLPH
8:45 am	In Thanksgiving by the Ekwueme Family	HR
9:30 am	For all the families of our 4-parish communities	GS
10:30 am	Deceased members of the Williams Family by Kim	HR

Sunday, December 31, 2023 — Mary Mother of God Vigil

6:00 pm	+ Phyllis Dolezalek by Dan & Mary Fliehs	GS
12:00 am	For all the families of our 4-parish communities	HR

Monday, January 1, 2024 — Mary Mother of God

9:00 am	+ Bill Kress by John & Annette Tlusty	OLPH
9:00 am	+ Neil Micke by Jolanta Grzeszkowiak	SH
12:15 pm	+ Mike Schmitt by Bill & Deanna Hartman	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, December 24, 2023 — Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass
6:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass
11:00 am Adoration
12:00 am Midnight Mass

Monday, December 25, 2023 — Christmas Day

8:30 am Christmas Day Mass

Tuesday, December 26, 2023

Parish & School Offices Closed
6:00 pm Confessions and Adoration until 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 27, 2023

NO School or RE Classes

Thursday, December 28, 2023

NO School
4:00 pm Silent Adoration until 7:00 pm

Friday, December 29, 2023

NO School

Saturday, December 30, 2023

3:45 pm Confessions until 4:45 pm

Sunday, December 31, 2023 — Mary Mother of God Vigil

11:00 am Adoration
12:00 am Mary Mother of God Holy Day Midnight Mass

Monday, January 1, 2024 — Mary Mother of God

Parish & School Offices Closed
12:15 pm Mary Mother of God Holy Day Mass

Holy Rosary Finances

December 5-11, 2023

Adult Envelopes \$8,714.10
Loose \$752.00
Christmas \$1,035.00
School Support \$561.00
Aftercare \$545.15
School Tuition \$1,103.89
Sacred Heart - Nov. \$1,838.07
Donations \$2,906.82
Other \$308.50
Total \$17,764.53

Maintenance Fund

December 11, 2023

New Cash Contributed..... \$35.00

October 1-31, 2023

Checking Balance... \$648,008.56
Income..... \$184,009.72
Expense..... \$213,039.05
Ending Balance \$618,979.23

Catholic Service Appeal

Total assessment..... \$105,635.00
CSA paid to date \$35,159.90
Subtotal..... \$70,475.10
Pledges due..... \$5,580.00
Balance due \$64,895.10

*Total pledged \$40,739.90
109 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, December 25, 2023

8:00 am Christmas Day Mass

Wednesday, December 27, 2023

NO RE Classes

Thursday, December 28, 2023

6:00 pm Finance Council Meeting
7:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting

Friday, December 29, 2023

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

Monday, January 1, 2024 — Mary Mother of God

9:00 am Mary Mother of God Holy Day Mass
7:00 pm Prayer Hour

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Finances

December 11, 2023

Adult Envelopes \$929.00
Loose \$103.00
Immaculate Concept. ... \$284.00
Total \$1,316.00

October 1-31, 2023

Checking Balance \$19,056.38
Income \$8,878.77
Expense \$24,440.89
Ending Balance \$3,494.26

Catholic Services Appeal

Total assessment \$9,089.00
CSA Paid to date \$3,515.00
Subtotal \$5,574.00
Pledges due \$550.00
Balance due \$5,024.00

*Total pledged \$4,065.00
19 Families*



Campaign Update

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

Phase 1 / Phase 2

\$100,000 / \$125,000

Goal Reached 129% / 103%

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.

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

Year-End Giving

If you are making a donation for the year 2023, the checks must be dated no later than 12-31-23. All checks dated after 12-31-23 will be entered on your statements for the year 2024. For questions call Rick 715-748-3336 x254.

Good Shepherd Parish

Sunday, December 24, 2023 — Christmas Eve

6:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass

Monday, December 25, 2023 — Christmas Day

9:30 am Christmas Day Mass

Tuesday, December 26, 2023

3:00 pm Adoration until 6:00 pm

5:00 pm Confessions until 5:45 pm

Wednesday, December 27, 2023

No Religious Education classes this evening

Saturday, December 30, 2023

5:45 pm Confession until 6:15 pm

6:00 pm Rosary

Sunday, December 31, 2023 — Mary Mother of God Vigil

6:00 pm Mary Mother of God Holy Day Vigil Mass

Good Shepherd Finances Catholic Services Appeal

December 10, 2023

Adult/Holy Day \$2,752.00
Loose/Holy Day \$378.25
Energy \$388.00
Bathroom Remodel.... \$1,330.00
Memorial \$1,500.00
Other \$272.00
Total \$6,620.25

Total assessment \$26,396.00
CSA Paid to date \$15,533.88
Subtotal \$10,862.12
Pledges due \$2,641.12
Balance due \$8,221.00
Total pledged \$18,175.00
74 Families

Christmas Masses at Good Shepherd

Sunday, December 24, 6:00pm (No incense);

Monday, December 25, 9:30am (Incense will be used)

Christmas carols will be sung 20 minutes before both Masses.

Christmas Pageant

You are invited to *The Christmas Nativity* by Grades 1-5.

It will be held Sunday, January 7 immediately following the 9:30am Mass. Refreshments will follow in the parish hall.

Epiphany Gift Giving - Baby Shower for Jesus

After following the development of Baby Chris for 9 months in the bulletins (representing the Christ Child), we will now be offering a baby shower on Epiphany, January 6-7. It was on Epiphany that the Magi brought gifts to the Christ Child, so let us do the same for infants at the Abiding Care Pregnancy Resource Center. Gifts can be placed in the Shrine area (back of church) when you come that weekend. A box for monetary donations be available in that area. No need to wrap gifts.

“Partners in Prayer” Group — The group “Partners in Prayer” has been formed. Members plan to meet first Fridays of the month, 1:00pm in church (second Friday of month, if needed). If there is enough interest to warrant an evening prayer group too, call the parish office. A prayer vessel is in the Shrine area for you to name those in need of special prayers. These people will be prayed for when the group meets. Those with serious needs will be named individually before prayer time begins, and a candle will be lighted for them all. Everyone is welcome to come and join in uplifting our friends in need. *(Both the Rosary and silent prayer time are offered.)*

Sacred Heart Parish

Sunday, December 24, 2023 — Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass

Monday, December 25, 2023 — Christmas Day

10:30 am Christmas Day Mass

Tuesday, December 26, 2023

6:00 am Adoration until 4:00 pm

Wednesday, December 27, 2023

NO Religious Education Classes

9:00 am Confession until 9:30 am

Saturday, December 30, 2023

2:45 pm Confession until 3:45 pm

Monday, January 1, 2024 — Mary Mother of God

9:00 am Mary Mother of God Holy Day Mass

Sacred Heart Finances	Scrip	\$1,325.00
	Total	\$3,556.00

December 10, 2023

Adult Envelopes \$543.00
Loose \$985.00
Maintenance \$200.00
Candles \$13.00
Donation \$70.00
Immac. Conception \$320.00
Masses \$100.00

Catholic Services Appeal

Total assessment \$17,052.00
CSA Paid to date \$9,820.00
Subtotal \$7,232.00
Pledges due \$2,750.00
Balance due \$4,482.00

Christmas Masses — Sacred Heart will celebrate the birth of our Savior with Masses at 4pm Sunday, December 24 and 10:30am on Monday, December 25. See the bulletin for all Mass times available throughout our community.

Scrip Still Available for Christmas — Stop in the entry before/after Masses to purchase scrip gift cards for last minute Christmas gifts/gas purchases. Most local stores' cards in stock, including \$10 cards perfect for stocking stuffers.

Solemnity of Mary Masses — Sacred Heart celebrates the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, on Mon., January 1st at 9am. See the bulletin for the Mass times throughout our community for this Holy Day of Obligation.

2024 Financial Offering Options — Offering envelopes for your 2024 contributions are available in the entry for pickup. Reminder, Sacred Heart offers the option of automated giving, allowing a dollar amount you select to be automatically withdrawn from your deposit account on a frequency you select. Forms to establish this automated giving are on the bulletin board in the church entry. Questions related to your 2023-2024 giving can be directed to Peggy in the office. As always, thank you for your generosity and support.

2024 Calendars Available — 2024 Liturgical calendars are in the church entry. Be sure to take one for your household.

Upcycled Christmas & Bake Sale Success!

Our Upcycled Christmas and Bake Sale hosted by the Council of Catholic Women raised over \$1,400. 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.

Rest In Peace

Our sympathy to the family & friends of

Joseph H. Berger

Debra L. Cee

Archie A. McDonnell

Linda S. O'Brien

Edward J. Thiel

may they rest in peace

The Life of an Unborn Child — December 24 (wk 40):

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!!! Baby Chris (representing Christ) is preparing for His entry in this world. It's a time to celebrate! With newborn infants, don't be surprised at how they look right after birth. Their heads may be misshapen and the skin may be discolored with patchy looking rashes. EACH of them, including the Christ Child are made in the image and likeness of God. Let us celebrate this birth day! *Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to his people on earth!*

Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

The Journey

Advent comes along every year and will continue to do so until Jesus returns. As this season draws to a close, we can each ask ourselves, "Am I now any better a disciple of Jesus Christ and more of a steward of all my gifts than before the Advent season started?" I have been on this earth for 40+ years. I have had 40+ Advents to draw closer to God and to work on taking more seriously my baptismal call. Some have gone better than others, but I would like to think my spiritual life progressed at least a small amount during each of them.

Conversion is a process. Stewardship is about a way of living and it is about more than simply being generous when a situation calls for it. Stewardship and conversion go hand-in-hand and we are always moving closer to holiness in Jesus Christ. Living in this way takes practice and commitment. If this Advent didn't go as you had hoped, remember is not really an end. It is just another step along your journey.

This Christmas, while you are giving and receiving gifts and hopefully spending time with those you love, may you take the time to cherish the true gift that came to us over 2000 years ago and continues to call us to this day: Jesus. Let us be grateful beyond measure for this gift above all gifts, let us continue on our journey, and let our lives give testimony to the one who leads us. ~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Daily Bible Readings for the Week of December 24

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/
Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17,
22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/
Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 & 8ab, 16bc & 17
Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or
Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40



There are children/adults in our community that need a warm coat for the upcoming cold weather. If you are able to purchase or donate a new

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 someone you know could use a coat they are available in the church foyer. The foyer is open from 7:00am to 7:00pm daily. We also accept, hats, gloves, mittens, kids snow pants and snow suits. Thank you for helping to make a difference in our community.

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 Schiszik at janeschis@hotmail.com or call 715-748-5240 and/or Rosalie Bryan at rosalie4519thrp@aol.com or call 281-923-6124.

Catholic Herald Subscription

If you would like to get a Catholic Herald subscription sent to your home call the parish office at 715-748-3336. Subscribers receive 26 issues per year. The suggested cost is \$20.

Religious Education

"News You Need to Know"

4th Week of Advent — This year is a unique year. The 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve are on the same day. On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

Merry Christmas!! *And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."*
Luke 2:8-11

I want to wish everyone a Blessed and Merry Christmas. I hope during this special time of the year everyone has time to stop and reflect on the Joy in our lives. Please remember in your thoughts and prayers those who are away from home. **Merry Christmas!**

OCIA Sunday, January 7th — 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. The program will start Sunday, January 7th after the 10:30am Mass. If you or someone you know is interested in the OCIA program, please contact Mike Bub at 715-748-3336 ext. 248 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.



Giving Tree — Thank you to everyone who took a tag off the Giving Tree and filled the tag. The Knights along with some volunteers wrapped and delivered almost 170 gifts. Thank you! You made some people's Christmas a little brighter by your generosity. God Bless You!

Thank you for all the cupcakes! Thank you to everyone who made cupcakes for the Religious Education Christmas celebration. The students enjoyed the fantastic selection of cupcakes.

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

Thank you, Michael Bub



1st Communion Parent Session
Wednesday, January 10th
at 6:00pm in the School Gym

At least one parent needs to attend this session.

Holy Rosary School News

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.

Our mission calls us to minister to Medford and the surrounding communities, by supporting the spiritual, cognitive, physical, and social development of each individual child enrolled from three-year-old preschool through sixth grade.

We challenge and encourage our students to attain the highest level of academic achievement and to live out the social justice teachings of the Catholic Church values with one another, our families, and the extended community.

We believe that a strong faith formation supports the natural curiosity and imagination of our students and prepares them to take their place as leaders in our society.

Living out the Mission

The 2nd graders, with the help of our 6th graders, led a school wide Rosary during one of our Tuesday morning Prayer Services. These school wide Rosaries are a wonderful time to pray together and to reflect. We are proud of all our students here at Holy Rosary; may God bless them all!



*Blessings and
Merry Christmas from the
Holy Rosary School
Students and Staff!*

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

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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 do we bow during the Creed?

According to the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (GIRM), "at the words *et incarnatus est* ("by the power of the Holy Spirit . . . became man") all make a profound bow, **but on the Solemnities of the Annunciation and of the Nativity of the Lord, all genuflect.** . . . A bow signifies reverence and honor shown to the persons themselves or to the signs that represent them. There are two kinds of bows: a bow of the head and a bow of the body. (GIRM 137) The reason the GIRM calls us to bow at that point in the Creed is because it is at that point when we express our belief in the most fundamental mystery of Christianity: That in Jesus Christ, God actually became man, born of a woman by the power of the Holy Spirit. This is the Incarnation, the most sacred moment in all of human history. Therefore, we bow in honor of that event.

Christmas Mass Times

Sunday, December 24:

4:00pm, 6:30pm and Midnight at Holy Rosary
4:00pm at Sacred Heart
6:00pm at Good Shepherd

Monday, December 25:

8:00am at Our Lady of Perpetual Help
8:30am at Holy Rosary
9:30am at Good Shepherd
10:30am at Sacred Heart

New Year's Mass Times

Sunday, December 31:

6:00pm at Good Shepherd
Midnight Mass at Holy Rosary

Monday, January 1:

9:00am at Sacred Heart
9:00am at Our Lady of Perpetual Help
12:15pm at Holy Rosary



Today marks the end of the Advent season and the beginning of the Christmas season. We have lighted four candles these past four weeks and asked God to help us be present to our neighbors and friends. Now in the Christmas season we are called to be Christ in the flesh to our world.

Let us pray... God, you became human through the obedience of a simple young woman named Mary. Mary is our model of faith. May we be faithful to your word as Mary was. Give us the courage to face each day with the yes that Mary gave to you. We ask this through the incarnate God, who comes to us again during this Christmas season. Amen.

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