

## 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 31, 2023 ~ *The Holy Family*



## THE HOLY FAMILY



The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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](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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## Deacon Patrick Gierl

A Christian family - THE DOMESTIC CHURCH!

As you read this we are about to embark on a fresh new year. **HAPPY NEW YEAR!** I would imagine that the New Year's resolutions are fresh on your mind. Everything from shedding those holiday pounds, to exercising, to breaking a bad habit that has weighed you down for far too long, or simply cutting out some or all of social media and filling that time with quiet prayer. All of these are worthy of our attention and dedication.

This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, and as such we have a wonderful opportunity to extend our New Year's resolutions beyond the routine and resolve to look deep into what it means to be a part of a holy family. The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that **the Christian family** presents us with a real and specific framework that is worthy of a calling as "Domestic Church." "Domestic"... at the core; the basic unit or cell of social life - "Church"... a place of prayer to God; the call to assemble; **THE BODY OF CHRIST!**

At the beginning of St. John Paul II's letter to the families, written in February 1994, he began... "Christ entrusted "man" to the **church**. He entrusted man to her as the "way" of her **mission and ministry**. Among these many paths, the family is the first and the most important. It is a path common to all, yet one which is particular, unique, and unrepeatable, just as every individual is unrepeatable; it is a path from which man cannot withdraw."

As these words ring deep into my soul, I sit in awe and wonder at the reality of Christ's "call to mission" and **how this powerful reality runs squarely through the family**. As husbands and wives, mothers and fathers, parents and children, we all have a place and we all have a call. **WHAT IS MY CALL? WHAT IS MY MISSION?** This is a question born in the family unit. The family has an evangelizing and missionary task, beginning with each other in the home and spreading out from there to friends, neighbors, and beyond.

As we begin a new year, let us gather together in the family and begin to resolve to talk more openly about the matters of Christ and His call to mission and ministry. Let us not miss a moment to hold each other up in prayer, spending time together calling on the Lord to strengthen each of us in our families. As our gospel from Luke concluded today, "The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon Him." (Lk. 2:40), so may this be the reality for every **"DOMESTIC CHURCH"!**

Happy New Year from my FAMILY to Yours!

**The family is the great mystery of God. As the "domestic church", it is the bride of Christ!**

(quote from JP. II - Letter to the family)



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, December 30, 2023

4:00 pm	+ Kathy Wind by Kathy Trimner	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

### Tuesday, January 2, 2024

5:15 pm	<b>NO Mass</b>	HR
6:00 pm	+ Ben Yanko by Ted & Cheryl Eisner	GS

### Wednesday, January 3, 2024

8:30 am	<b>NO Mass</b>	HR
8:30 am	+ Tom Marshall by Guy & Penny Olson	SH

### Thursday, January 4, 2024

8:30 am	+ Russell and Signe Bergh by Tom Mertens	HR
10:15 am	+ John Walkowicz by the Medford KCs	NHM

### Friday, January 5, 2024

8:30 am	+ Andrew & Agnes Herman by the Kaja and Regitschnig Families	OLPH
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### Saturday, January 6, 2024

9:00 am	+ Paul Metz by the Family	HR
4:00 pm	+ Bill & Marie Hayden by Kathy Trimner	SH
5:00 pm	+ Marge Metz by the Family	HR
6:30 pm	+ Francis Kolecheck by Mike & Peggy Czerniak	GS

### Sunday, January 7, 2024

7:15 am	+ Lester Dassow Sr. & Lester Dassow Jr. by Kristin and Family	SH
8:00 am	+ Joe Berger by John & Annette Tlusty	OLPH
8:45 am	+ Patricia Vint by Nu Vint	HR
9:30 am	+ Bob Shook by Julie Lake & Tracy Shook Families	GS
10:30 am	For all the families of our 4-parish communities	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

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Let us pray...

God of heaven and earth, you came to us and took our earthly flesh through the gift of Mary's yes. She is our Mother in faith, as she is your earthly mother.

We are thankful beyond our ability to thank you for the gift of her Son as our brother and savior. Through her self-giving, we have been reconciled to you.

Bless us as we begin this New Year and endow us with the desire and ability to create a world of peace.

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## Holy Rosary Parish

### 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

### Tuesday, January 2, 2024

School Resumes  
**Parish Office Closed**  
**NO** 5:15 pm Mass, Confessions or Adoration

### Wednesday, January 3, 2024

**NO** 8:30 am Mass  
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, January 4, 2024

10:15 am Nursing Home Mass  
4:00 pm Silent Adoration until 7:00 pm

### Saturday, January 6, 2024

8:00 am Confessions until 8:45 am  
9:00 am First Saturday Mass  
3:45 pm Confessions until 4:45 pm

### Sunday, January 7, 2024

11:45 am OCIA Class

### Holy Rosary Finances

#### December 12-18, 2023

Adult Envelopes ..... \$6,798.03  
Loose ..... \$561.61  
Christmas ..... \$375.00  
School Support ..... \$605.00  
Votives ..... \$116.90  
School Tuition ..... \$2,313.89  
Other ..... \$395.00  
Total ..... \$11,165.43

#### Maintenance Fund

##### December 18, 2023

New Cash Contributed \$1,580.00

#### 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 ..... \$35,429.90  
Subtotal..... \$70,205.10  
Pledges due..... \$5,580.00  
Balance due ..... \$64,625.10

Total pledged \$41,00.90

110 Families



#### Capital Campaign Update

Pledges to date: \$1,932,019.00  
Households Pledging to date: 356  
Parishioner Participation: 89%

Tiered Goal:  
\$1.5M / \$2M / \$2.4M  
Goal Reached  
128% / 97% / 81%

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

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

## Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

### Monday, January 1, 2024 — Mary Mother of God

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

### Wednesday, January 3, 2024

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

### Friday, January 3, 2024

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

### Monday, January 8, 2024

6:30 pm OLPH Ladies Sodality

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Finances

#### December 18, 2023

Adult Envelopes ..... \$1,184.00  
Loose ..... \$164.00  
Votives ..... \$20.00  
Christmas ..... \$25.00  
Total ..... \$1,393.00

#### 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.



The Knights of Columbus will be having a Waffles & Berries Breakfast at Holy Rosary Parish on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. Serving will be from 9:00am to 12:30pm in the Holy Rosary Parish Social Hall.

A free will offering will be taken for the Holy Rosary Capital Campaign Project. The Medford Knights of Columbus will match up to \$2,000 in donations to the Capital Campaign Project.



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 31, 2023 — Mary Mother of God Vigil**

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

**Tuesday, January 2, 2024**

3:00 pm Adoration until 6:00 pm

5:00 pm Confessions until 5:45 pm

**Wednesday, January 3, 2024**

5:30 pm RE for Grades 1-5

7:00 pm RE for Grades 6-11

**Saturday, January 6, 2024**

5:45 pm Confessions until 6:15 pm

6:00 pm Rosary

**Sunday, January 7, 2024**

10:30 am Youth Christmas Pageant & Social

### Good Shepherd Finances Catholic Services Appeal

**December 17, 2023**

Adult/Holy Day .....	\$2,934.00	Total assessment .....	\$26,396.00
Loose.....	\$227.00	CSA Paid to date.....	\$15,533.88
Gift of Love Ornaments ..	\$76.00	Subtotal .....	\$10,862.12
Charity/Food Pantry .....	\$600.00	Pledges due .....	\$2,641.12
Other.....	\$86.00	Balance due.....	\$8,221.00
Total .....	\$3,923.00	Total pledged \$18,175.00	
		74 Families	

### Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Vigil Mass at Good Shepherd for this holy day will be Sunday, December 31, 6:00pm. Because this holy day falls on a Monday, it is not obligatory; however, we encourage everyone to come. Note there will be incense Sunday, December 31, 9:30am (for the Holy Family) and 6:00pm (for the holy day).

### Partners in Prayer

Partners in Prayer meet this Friday, January 5, 1:00pm in church. How does this group work? The group will gather; before we begin, members will name those currently in need of special prayers, and light a candle for them and all who are named in our prayer vessel in back of church. The Rosary will be prayed, and a short silent time held thereafter to invoke God to bring his healing love upon those in need. Our thanks to Gerald Matyka who has been leading the Rosary for the group. Anyone can attend!

### The Christmas Nativity

Everyone is invited to this year's youth pageant by Grades 1-5, called "The Christmas Nativity." It will be held Sunday, January 7, immediately following the 9:30am Mass at Good Shepherd. Bring your neighbors and friends! Refreshments will follow in the parish hall.

### Epiphany: Giving of Baby Items

We have been following the development of Baby Chris (representing Christ) in the bulletins. We now celebrate his birth by our Epiphany gift giving of baby items January 6-7. Please bring baby items (unwrapped) and place them in the shrine area of the church. Donations will be given to Abiding Care Pregnancy Resource Center in Medford.

## Sacred Heart Parish

**Monday, January 1, 2024 — Mary Mother of God**

9:00 am Mary Mother of God Holy Day Mass

**Tuesday, January 2, 2024**

6:00 am Adoration until 4:00 pm

**Wednesday, January 3, 2024**

9:00 am Confession until 9:30 am

3:15 pm Grades 1-4 RE Classes

6:30 pm Grades 5-10 RE Classes

**Saturday, January 6, 2024**

2:45 pm Confession until 3:45 pm

Family Weekend after 4:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, January 7, 2024**

Family Weekend after 7:15 am Mass

### Sacred Heart Finances Catholic Services Appeal

**December 17, 2023**

Adult Envelopes .....	\$2,315.00	Total assessment .....	\$17,052.00
Loose.....	\$387.00	CSA Paid to date.....	\$9,820.00
Maintenance .....	\$230.00	Subtotal .....	\$7,232.00
Candles .....	\$15.00	Pledges due .....	\$2,750.00
Immac. Conception .....	\$65.00	Balance due.....	\$4,482.00
Christmas.....	\$90.00	Total pledged \$12,570.00	
First Offering.....	\$13.00	33 Families	
Catholic Herald .....	\$20.00		
Masses.....	\$220.00		
Scrip .....	\$2,015.00		
Total .....	\$5,370.00		

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

### Family Weekend - January 6 & 7

Join us downstairs for refreshments and fellowship after both Masses next weekend.

**2024 Financial Offering Options** — Offering envelopes for your 2024 contributions are available in the entry for pickup. 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!

The Council of Catholic Women is preparing for next year's Upcycled Christmas sale. Any gently used Christmas and holiday decorations you would like to donate can be placed in the basement library now through January 14.

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## Rest In Peace

Our sympathy to the  
family & friends of

**Daniel G. Makovsky**

**Jack W. Dallas**

**Marjorie E. Dallas**

**Jay M. Ruesch**

may they rest in peace

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## Wedding Banns

Jeremy Fletcher and  
Hannah Mahner I

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## Alzheimer & Dementia Support Group

On Friday, January 12<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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## Special Olympics Basketball Team

We are looking for special athletes or parents of special athletes to participate on our Special Olympic Basketball Team. Practices start on January 7<sup>th</sup> and will be held on Sundays from 1:00 to 3:00pm at Holy Rosary in the gym. For more information call Ron Blackburn at 715-748-2944.

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## Everyday Stewardship

### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

#### The Gift of Family

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us.

Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a caretaker or temporary guardian. For others it is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, "people need people."

When God gave the world His only Son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important God would have still included this in the plan of salvation?

As this year draws to a close, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son.

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## Daily Bible Readings for the Week of December 31

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

Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

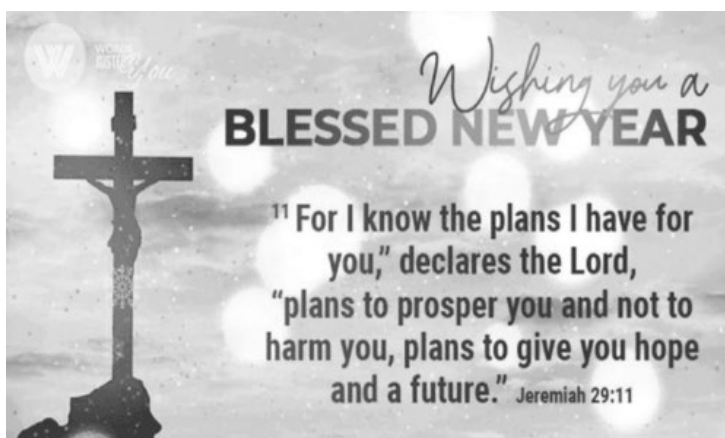
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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## Pax Christi Nominations

**NOMINATIONS can be now be submitted. All nominations are due by Jan. 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 information/questions contact SDCCW Pax Christi Co-Chairs Jane Schizik 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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## COATS FOR KIDS

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.

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## Religious Education

### "News You Need to Know"

**Happy New!!** I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year. As we start a new year I want to thank all the people in our parish who help make our parish come alive. The ladies and gentlemen who do the funeral lunches, the KC's, CCW and the school staff. Thank you to all the people, many who we do not see that do so much behind the scenes to decorate our church, set up for Mass, etc. Thank you to the readers, choir members, and ushers. To the volunteers that help with the Religious Education program and to all the people who support our students (during our fundraising efforts) as we help them on their faith journey. Each of you are making a difference in the lives of our students and our parish.

As we start a new year take time reflect on the Joy in our lives. With the start of a new year we have a chance to look forward. This coming year our church will be remodeled. During the remodeling we will have to be flexible with meetings, special events, etc. We all need to work together to keep our parish Masses and activities going during the remodeling project.

**OCIA Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>** — 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 on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> 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 close to 200 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.

**Reminder NO Religious Education class on December 28<sup>th</sup>** due to Christmas and New Year's. We will resume class for all grades on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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*



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**1<sup>st</sup> Communion Parent Session**  
**Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 6:00pm in the School Gym**

*At least one parent  
needs to attend this session.*

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## 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 5<sup>th</sup> graders grew alfalfa sprouts as part of their PLTW (Project Lead The Way) activities. Here they are sharing a salad with Mrs. Easterly. The salad is topped off with some very tasty sprouts.



Thank you to our amazing HRS Parent Pack! Our school library just received some new books and shelf dividers due to their generosity! Please consider attending one of their meetings. They are an awesome group of parents who do so many great things for our staff and school. They meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 6:30-7:30pm at the school.



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

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### SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

It is through the generosity of our advertisers that our bulletin is produced at no cost to the parish. Please support these area businesses.

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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](mailto:rspanbauer@hrmedford.org).

## Mass — Did you Know?

**Why do we bless chalk for Epiphany?**  
Epiphany (also known as Twelfth Night, *Theophany*, or Three Kings Day) marks the occasion of a time-honored Christian tradition of “chalking the doors.” The formula for the ritual is simple: take chalk of any color and write the following above the entrance of your home: **20 + C + M + B + 23**. The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar — who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: “May Christ bless the house.” The “+” signs represent the cross, and the “20” at the beginning and the “23” at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless those homes so marked and that He stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year. Chalk will be available at all four churches along with prayers for the “chalking of the doors”.

## Mary Mother of God Mass Times

Sunday, December 31:

6:00pm at Good Shepherd

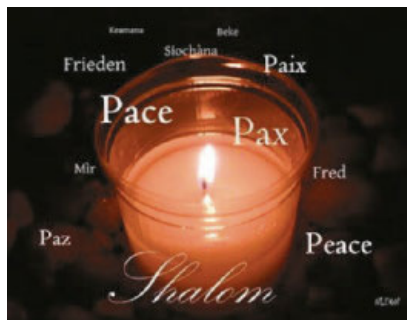
## Midnight Mass at Holy Rosary

Monday, January 1:

9:00am at Sacred Heart

9:00am at Our Lady of Perpetual Help

12:15pm at Holy Rosary



Holy Rosary Parish will have a Bethlehem Peace Light located in the Chapel, which will be in the Fireplace Lounge through January 7, 2024.

You are invited to come and light  
your own candles off of the  
Bethlehem Peace Light.  
"Share the Love. Spread the Light."

## Holy Rosary Parish Worship Locations During Construction

January 2, 2024

- Renovation of the church will begin
- The church will be closed for approximately 3-4 months

**New Mass Location:**

- Weekday Masses will be moved to the Fireplace Lounge
- Weekend Masses will be moved to the School Gym

### Adoration & Confession:

- Adoration will be in the Fireplace Lounge
- Confessions will remain in the current confessional for the time being. Enter through the foyer doors.

Please know you are welcome and encouraged to attend Mass at Holy Rosary or at one of the other three parishes in our 4-parish community. Thank you for your continued prayers and support! Any questions or concerns please contact the parish office.



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