

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

January 7, 2024 ~ *The Epiphany of the Lord*



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

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Holy Rosary Parish

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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
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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

"They were overjoyed at seeing the star". I myself am not a very accomplished stargazer but I am often impressed by not simply the magnitude but the relative permanence of stars in the sky. They're always there whether we see them or not and they seem to not be going anywhere. Unfortunately, things that seem to be constant in our lives sometimes lose their charm. When something is always there we tend to take them for granted. In the summer of 2002, I was a summer camp counselor, and two of the weeks I spent with students from the city of Chicago. For many of them, they had never left the city. The first clear night we would take them to the open field on camp and have them lie down with their eyes closed. When they opened them, the whole field would be filled with a gasp.

Brothers and sisters, the stars have not lost their shine, they have not lost their beauty. Neither has the Lord. This weekend we celebrate the moment when the Wise Men or Magi came to see Jesus. The feast of the Epiphany is so called because there was "a manifestation of a divine or supernatural being" (according to the dictionary). The Lord was made known to the three kings who went through so much to find Him. This weekend these three men witness to us all the desire needed to know Christ for without it there would have never been an Epiphany.

Though we celebrate Christmas every year, though we have access to church every day, though we celebrate Sunday every week, and though we have so much offered to us for our faith journey, do we truly desire to know this divine being we call the Christ? When was the last time you were overjoyed to pray? When was the last time you were overjoyed to go to Mass? When was the last time you were overjoyed to serve in the name of Christ? As we bring our liturgical season of Christmas to a close I encourage us all to hold the profound gift of Jesus Christ in our hearts and spend a little more time "stargazing" upon the Lord in prayer, in the Eucharist, and in our brothers and sisters.

The next stage of the building project at Holy Rosary has begun. I am grateful for our three other parish families who will be hosting many of our Holy Rosary parish families these next few months. I would also like to thank you all for your patience in this process. Let us pray that the project is finished in a timely manner but most importantly the work of preparing a place suitable for the Lord is accomplished according to His will. A reminder that Monday, Tuesday and Thursday daily Mass will be held in the Fireplace Lounge, Saturday evening Masses and Sunday morning Masses will be celebrated in the gym along with the Wednesday school Mass. The tabernacle will be in the Fireplace Lounge and available for private prayer and devotion during office hours and adoration will continue to take place at the specified weekly hours.

Let us pray for Fr. Julian as he embarks on a mission to Africa that the next two weeks will be full of joy and peace. I would like to welcome my friend Fr. Luke Strand, the Rector of the Seminary at St. Francis de Sales near Milwaukee this weekend as our help-out priest. We will also have Fr. Adam Laski returning next weekend to fill in. (Fr. Adam was here for many months during the pandemic. We will then have Fr. Joseph Kumar returning as well.) Fr. Joseph was here for a month last year to fill in when Fr. Kanna was gone. I am so very grateful for the generous help of my brother priests.

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, January 8, 2024

12:15 pm	+ Lee Jensen by Bob & Rosemary Werner	HR
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Tuesday, January 9, 2024

5:15 pm	NO Mass	HR
6:00 pm	+ Phyllis Dolezalek by Ron & Mary Kauer	GS

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

8:30 am	NO Mass	HR
8:30 am	+ Neil Micke by Jolanta Grzeszkowiak	SH

Thursday, January 11, 2024

7:00 am	+ Mike Schmitt by Ron & Ruth Fisk	HR
8:30 am	+ Lee Jensen by Janice & Jeff Langenhorst	HR
10:00 am	+ Ed Thiel by Ron & Mary Kauer	NHR

Friday, January 12, 2024

8:30 am	+ Pat Schmeiser by Pauline Riemer	OLPH
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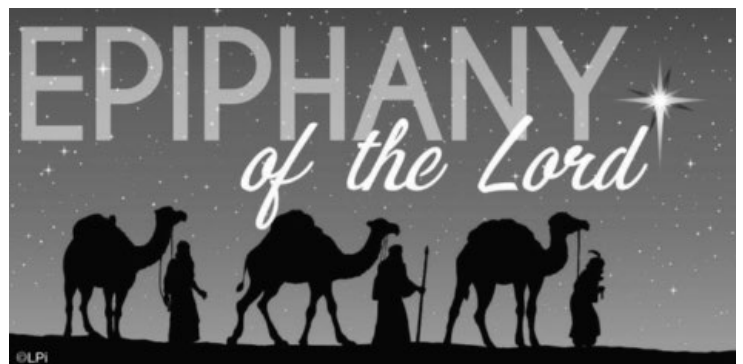
Saturday, January 13, 2024

4:00 pm	+ Mark & Loreen Boncher by Kathy Trimner	SH
5:00 pm	+ Marjean Bootzin by Sam & Rita Way	HR
6:30 pm	+ Eleanor Carroll by Joan & Gerald Matyka	GS

Sunday, January 14, 2024

7:15 am	+ Wayne Dahl and Family by Charlie & Mary Lavin	SH
8:00 am	For all the families of our 4-parish communities	OLPH
8:45 am	+ Art & Lenora Mayer by the John Mayer Family	HR
9:30 am	+ Shirley Hebert (wedding anniversary) by John Hebert	GS
10:30 am	+ Mat Olson (birthday) by the 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, January 7, 2024

9:00 am KC Waffles & Strawberries Breakfast in the Social Hall
11:45 am OCIA Class

Monday, January 8, 2024

12:15 pm Mass

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

NO 5:15 pm Mass, Confessions or Adoration

6:30 pm Holy Rosary Parent Pak Mtg. in the Kindergarten Rm.

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

NO 8:30 am Mass

4:00 pm Grades 1-4 RE Classes

6:00 pm Grades 5-8 RE Classes

6:00 pm First Communion Parent Session in the Gym

7:15 pm Grades 9-11 RE Class

Thursday, January 11, 2024

7:00 am Mass Before School

8:30 am Holy Rosary School Mass

4:00 pm Silent Adoration until 7:00 pm

6:00 pm Joint Liturgy Meeting

Saturday, January 13, 2024

3:45 pm Confessions until 4:45 pm

Sunday, January 14, 2024

Donut Sunday after both Masses

11:45 am OCIA Class

3:00 pm Youth Group until 5:00 pm

Holy Rosary Finances

December 19-27, 2023

Adult Envelopes \$34,437.03
Loose \$2,238.30
Christmas \$12,772.75
School Support \$2,246.00
Votives \$206.21
Aftercare \$1,627.31
Tuition - School \$5,025.00
OLPH Dec. Shares \$1,676.09
Memorials - School \$720.00
Luminaries \$720.00
Other \$1,462.15
Total \$63,130.84

Maintenance Fund

December 27, 2023

New Cash Contributed .. \$165.00



Capital Campaign Update

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

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*

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.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Monday, January 8, 2024

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

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

6:00 pm Grades K-5 RE Classes

7:15 pm Grades 6-11 RE Classes

Friday, January 12, 2024

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

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Finances

December 27, 2023

Adult Envelopes \$965.00
Loose..... \$1,244.00
Votives..... \$17.50
Christmas..... \$808.00
Initial Offering \$5.00
Total \$3,039.50

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*



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.

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

Sr. Shirley Wagner's New Address

Sr. Shirley Wagner's new address is
St. Rose Convent
701 Franciscan Way
La Crosse, WI 54601



The Knights of Columbus will be having a Waffles & Strawberries Breakfast at Holy Rosary Parish on Sunday, January 7th. 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.

Good Shepherd Parish

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

3:00 pm Adoration until 6:00 pm
5:00 pm Confessions until 5:45 pm
6:30 pm Finance Meeting in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

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

Saturday, January 13, 2024

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

Good Shepherd Finances Catholic Services Appeal

December 25, 2023	Total assessment\$26,396.00
Adult/Youth \$3,381.00	CSA Paid to date.....\$15,533.88
Loose..... \$318.00	Subtotal\$10,862.12
Energy.....\$1,210.00	Pledges due\$2,641.12
Bldg./Maintenance.....\$1,000.00	Balance due.....\$8,221.00
Candles \$39.00	
Blacktop\$1,000.00	<i>Total pledged \$18,175.00</i>
Bathroom Remodel....\$1,170.00	<i>74 Families</i>
Food Pantry/Charity \$945.00	
Gift \$100.00	
Faith Formation \$1,000.00	
Cath. Herald/Gift of Love \$19.00	
Christmas Collection .. \$4,092.00	
Total \$14,274.00	

RLUMC Food Pantry

A special "thank you" to those who donated the 29 hams for the food pantry recipients in Rib Lake. We will be taking a collection of nonperishable food items at our parish through January 16th. Food pantry is open at the Methodist Church the third Wednesday of the month, from 9-11 am and 4-5 pm.

Recent Deaths - May They Rest in Peace

Erhardt Lemke, brother-in-law to Joyce (Robert) Matyka;
Mary Schwabe, mother to Lori (Jeff) Dums.

Preparing for First Reconciliation

Wednesday, January 10th our second graders and their parents will attend a Reconciliation Retreat during their regular class time. These same students will make their First Reconciliation the following Wednesday, January 17th.

A Special Thank You

Advent and Christmas are always busy times in the church. THANK YOU to everyone who helped in one way or another — those in liturgical ministries, including musicians and singers; all the decorators (indoors and outdoors); Gerald & Joan Matyka, Czerniak Evergreens, Mary & Bob Erste (and any others) for the trees, lights and new decorations; and the Gr. 1-5 catechists who planned the Christmas Pageant.

Bathroom Remodel Project

Prep work for the bathroom project will begin in February, with the tiling to be completed after Easter. If anyone is still interested in donating toward this project, you can. Our thanks to all who have already made donations!

Sacred Heart Parish

Saturday, January 6, 2024

2:45 pm Confessions until 3:45 pm
Family Weekend after 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, January 7, 2024

Family Weekend after 7:15 am Mass

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

6:00 am Adoration until 4:00 pm

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

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, January 13, 2024

2:45 pm Confessions until 3:45 pm

Sacred Heart Finances Catholic Services Appeal

December 25, 2023	Total assessment	\$17,052.00	
Adult Envelopes	\$1,435.00	CSA Paid to date.....	\$9,820.00
Loose.....	\$400.00	Subtotal	\$7,232.00
Maintenance	\$260.00	Pledges due	\$2,750.00
Christmas.....	\$2,110.00	Balance due.....	\$4,482.00
Scrip	\$2,490.00		<i>Total pledged \$12,570.00</i>
Total	\$6,695.00		<i>33 Families</i>

This is 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 of Sacred Heart!

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.

Remember to follow Sacred Heart online!

We have two resources to keep parish information available:

- 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. You can sign up there to receive email alerts when a new bulletin is available.

Donations

A donation was given to
Holy Rosary School by
Dave & Melissa Emmerich

A donation was given to the
Holy Rosary Capital Campaign
by Joseph E. Chadwick
and Nicholas J. Naumann
in memory of

Linda O'Brien

Rest In Peace

Our sympathy to the
family & friends of

Debra L. Cee

may she rest in peace

Wedding Banns

Jeremy Fletcher and
Hannah Mahner II

Winter Tubing Event at Perkinstown

Saturday, January 20th

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 20th. Our youth group is having a winter tubing event at Perkinstown. We will meet at Perkinstown at 5:30pm and be there until 8:30pm! We will have some food and snacks (more details to come) as well as tubing under the lights. **All teens in grades 6-12 are welcome to attend and the cost is \$5/person.**

Any checks can be made out to the religious education department. We hope to see you there! If you have any questions please contact Tyler Kircher in the Holy Rosary Parish office tkircher@hrmedford.org.

Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Wise Men See God in the Simple Things

If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace."

There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Daily Bible Readings for the Week of January 7

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

Monday: Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

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 7th 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.

Alzheimer & Dementia Support Group

On Friday, January 12th 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.

DONUT SUNDAY

Come join us for
"Family Donut Sunday"
at Holy Rosary Parish

Join us for a cup of coffee and fellowship after all Masses at Holy Rosary Parish on **Sunday, January 14th** in the Social Hall. There will be a variety of sweet rolls, donuts and more!

Pax Christi Nominations

NOMINATIONS can be now be submitted. All nominations are due by Jan. 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 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”

OCIA starts today 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 this weekend **after the 10:30am Mass in the Fireplace Lounge.** Anyone interested in the program can still join the classes.

Youth Group Tubing Event — On Saturday, January 20th from 5:30 to 8:30pm the 4-Parish youth group will be having a winter tubing event at the Perkiuntown Winter Sports Area. Join us for a fun evening of tubing and refreshments. Watch the bulletin for more information and how to sign up. Contact Tyler Kircher for more information.

Important Religious Education dates for 2024:

As we start the Religious Education classes for our 4 parishes here are some important dates coming up in 2024.

- **Wednesday, January 31** — Religious Education Movie Night. Grades 1-5 at 4:00pm grades 6-12 at 6:30pm.
- **Wednesday, February 14** — Ash Wednesday students will be attending Mass during their class time. Grades 1-4 at 4:00pm. Middle and high school students Mass will be at 7:00pm.
- **Wednesday, February 28** — NO Religious Education classes at Holy Rosary due to Spring Break.
- **Saturday, March 9** — **First Communion Retreat.** First Communion Retreat is for all students making their First Communion this spring from all four parishes. At least one parent needs to attend the retreat with their child.
- **Saturday, March 16 and Sunday, March, 17** — **Confirmations Retreat.** This retreat is required for all Confirmation students. Students from all 4 of our parishes need to contact Tyler if they are unable to attend the retreat.
- **Saturday, March 30** — Easter Vigil; OCIA candidates receive their Sacraments at the Easter Vigil Mass.
- **Wednesday, April 24** — **1st Communion practice** at 5:30pm.
- **Sunday, April 28** — **1st Communion Mass at 10:30am.** Due the church construction we might have to change the location of the 1st Communion Mass.
- **Sunday, May 19** — **Baccalaureate Mass at the Holy Rosary 10:30am Mass** for the Medford Area high school seniors.

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



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 Kinderstars and the fourth graders had a Christmas retreat on Wednesday, December 20th. The students worked in small groups. They were able to participate in activities reflecting on the true meaning of Christmas.



Station 1 - Luke 2:1-7

- Mary and Joseph were very tired from their long journey. They needed a place to rest. They tried to find an inn to stay at but they were all full. Students played musical chairs to remind them of Mary and Joseph's longing to find a resting place.

Station 2 - Luke 2:8-14

- The angels brought great news to the shepherds. Students played a game to get the halo on an angel to remind them of this joyous news.

Station 3 - Luke 2:15-20

- The shepherds needed to guide their sheep into a sheepfold before they could leave for Bethlehem. Students will create sheep and then use candy cane shepherd's crooks to get the sheep into a pen.

Station 4 - Matthew 2:1-6

- The Magi from the East followed a star to find the one who was born king of the Jews. Students put together a star puzzle to reveal this prophecy.

Station 5 - Matthew 2:9-11

- The Magi, who brought presents to Jesus, traveled by camel. Students delivered their gifts by camel as well. They moved their gifts in an over under relay race.



This was a wonderful way for the children to work together and have fun while learning about the reason we celebrate Christmas.

Registration for the next school year is open. Please

contact the school office if you have any questions or want a tour of the school.

**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.

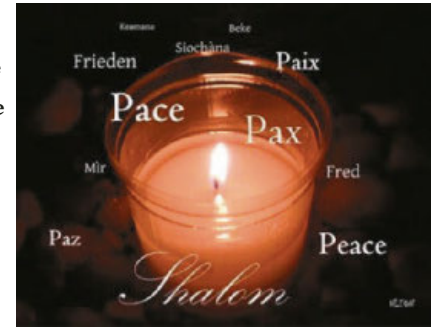
Please contact Rick Spanbauer at 715-965-5568 for a full job description. Resumes and references should be sent by January 15, 2024 to Rick Spanbauer at rspanbauer@hrmedford.org.

Mass — Did you Know?

Why does Father sing so much at Mass?

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) says: "Great importance should be attached to the use of singing in the celebration of the Mass, with due consideration for the culture of peoples and abilities of each liturgical assembly. Although it is not always necessary (e.g., in weekday Masses) to sing all the texts that are of themselves meant to be sung, every care should be taken that singing by the ministers and the people is not absent in celebrations that occur on Sundays and on holy days of obligation. (40)" This is based on the principle of *progressive solemnity*. The more "solemn" or important the liturgy is, the more that must be sung. More of the liturgy is sung at the parish-wide Easter Vigil than at a weekday Mass in Ordinary Time, for example.

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."



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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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