

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

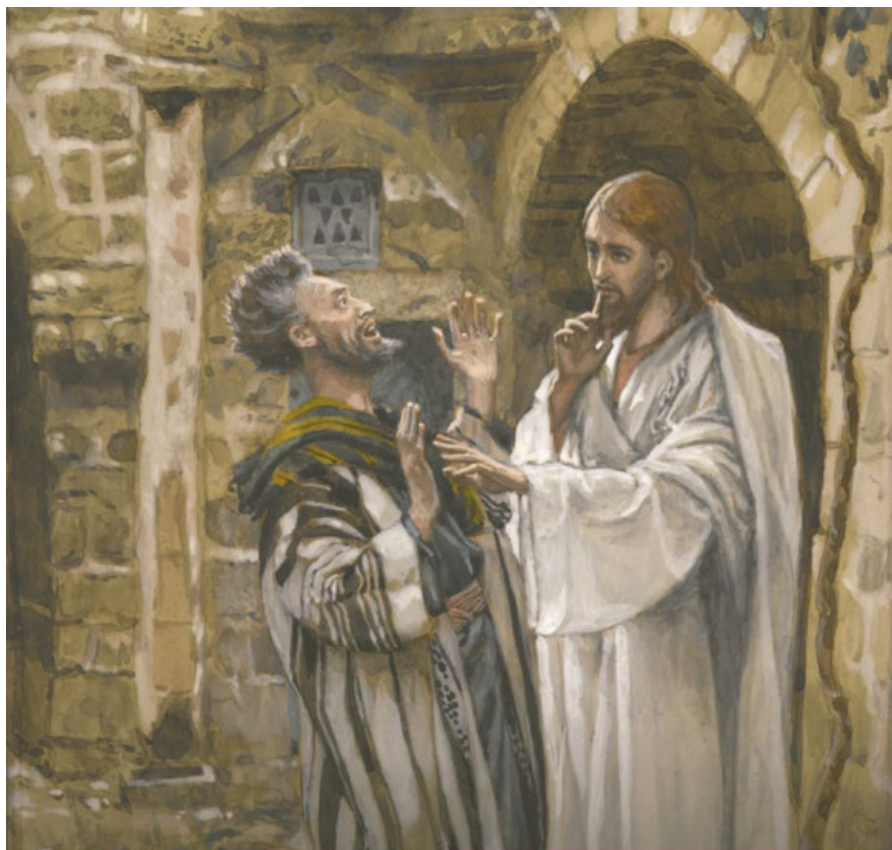
Tuesday from 6:00 am - 4:00 pm

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

February 4, 2024 ~ *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:32-34

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Holy Rosary Parish

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

Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Holy Rosary School

Phone: 715-748-3336 ext. 2

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Office Phone: 715-748-3336 ext. 1
Onsite Phone: 715-748-6644
Website: www.hrmedford.org

Good Shepherd Parish

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

Parish Office Hours

Monday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Wednesday 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Sacred Heart Parish

Phone: 715-678-2395
Email: sacredheartchurchstetsonville@gmail.com

Parish Office Hours

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

Father Julian

This weekend, we will have our yearly blessing of throats after all Masses. This great saint of Sebastea, an early 4th century bishop and martyr, established for us this unique tradition of blessings that has become a staple for us as a Church. St. Blaise was known for his great holiness among the people of Armenia. He often gathered crowds of people to heal them through the power of Christ. His virtue was known to many and his prayers often healed not only people but animals as well. I stumbled upon the great story that lies behind the tradition of blessing with candles that comes from the life of St. Blaise. Now many of you probably know the story of how he removed the fishbone from the boy's throat as the origin of the blessing, but there is another story attached with the tradition of using two candles for the blessing.

A poor old widow in Sebastea who possessed only a small pig, was discovered by a ravenous wolf, and one day the wolf came by and snatched away her pig. The woman implored St. Blaise to get her pig back out of fear of starvation. The saint smiled at her and said: "Good woman, don't be sad, your pig will be returned to you." Within minutes, in her amazement, the wolf came back and dropped the pig at her feet and trotted off into the woods. Later, when St. Blaise was returning to Sebastea, by the prefect's order, he was arrested for his faith and locked in prison. The poor widow who heard what had happened to St. Blaise delivered to him a plate of pork, a loaf of bread, and two small candles to give him warmth and light in prison. This small gift of two candles is the origin of our tradition of blessing with two candles.

For St. Blaise, these gifts must have given him hope and strength in that dark place, a reminder that Christ, the light of the world, shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it. Soon thereafter, St. Blaise would be beaten, scraped by combs, and beheaded as a martyr. I'd like to think that it was these two candles that reminded to St. Blaise in his final perseverance to remain faithful to the light of the world and to embrace a sacrificial death. Can you imagine the darkness that must have surrounded him in prison, the possible feelings of abandonment, and thoughts of death? But then think of the great joy that he must have felt upon receiving those gifts from the widow! The light that he received from the two candles that pierced the darkness of his cell, the comfort he must have felt in knowing that he was both loved by the people that he served and by His Lord who is the light of His life. This gift that once gave light to a saint is now a sacramental to be used for spiritual and physical healing. Christ is our true light and we ask for His special grace this day as he offers us this great blessing.

With Christ as our light, nothing can defeat us. No amount of darkness, or sin, pain, or poor health, illness, anxiety, nor poor night of sleep can defeat us when we have Christ's light to guide us. And if ever we begin to lose hope, we can always look to the sanctuary wherein we will find the light of the world symbolized by a candle, perpetually lit near the tabernacle. Even if we say with the Psalmist: let the darkness hide me and the light around me be night, we will know that even darkness is not dark for the Lord and the night is as clear as the day.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 3, 2024

9:00 am	+ Clarence Judnic by the Family	HR
4:00 pm	Special Intention by the Bednarek Family	SH
5:00 pm	+ Marjean Bootzin by Bonnie Fuchs	HR
6:30 pm	+ Karen Olson by Mike & Peggy Czerniak	GS

Sunday, February 4, 2024

7:15 am	+ Gene Gebert by Becky Brost	SH
8:00 am	+ Phyllis Fuchs by the Family	OLPH
8:45 am	+ Jay Ruesch by Liz & Larry Emmerich	HR
9:30 am	+ Ed Zondlo by Family & Friends	GS
10:30 am	For all the families of our 4-parish communities	HR

Monday, February 5, 2024

12:15 pm	+ Jim "Slim" Scott by John & Annette Tlusty	HR
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Tuesday, February 6, 2024

5:15 pm	+ Jeff Armbrust by the Family	HR
6:00 pm	+ Fr. Jack Regh (anniversary of death) by Julie Lake & Tracy Shook Families	GS

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

8:30 am	+ Bernard Nowacki by George & Mary Niggemann	HR
8:30 am	+ Jack & Monette Hayden by Kathy Trimner	SH

Thursday, February 8, 2024

7:00 am	+ Leroy Jensen by Jane & Mike Sarych	HR
10:00 am	+ John Hebda by Carole Ford	NHR

Friday, February 9, 2024

8:30 am	+ Debbie Cee by the OLPH Choir	OLPH
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Saturday, February 10, 2024

4:00 pm	+ Elaine Dowden by Richard & Kay Halopka	SH
5:00 pm	+ LaNae Werner by Kathleen Gaab	HR
6:30 pm	+ Arlene Fallos (1 st anniversary of death) by Theresa & Shawn Bube	GS

Sunday, February 11, 2024

7:15 am	+ Helen Marshall by Guy & Penny Olson	SH
8:00 am	For all the families of our 4-parish communities	OLPH
8:45 am	+ Wayne Dahl by Wally Orlikowski	HR
9:30 am	+ Janet Polacek by Mike & Bev Patrick	GS
10:30 am	+ Dan Makovsky by David & Lorraine Baratka	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



Celebration for Education

April 19, 2024 at the Simek Center

Doors open at 5:00pm ♦ Seating at 6:00pm

Tickets are \$50 per person.

They can be purchased in the parish office or after weekend Masses in the commons area.

Holy Rosary Parish

Blessing of Throats after both Masses February 3-4 (St. Blaise)

Sunday, February 4, 2024

11:45 am OCIA Class
3:00 pm Youth Group until 5:00 pm

Monday, February 5, 2024

Early Release School Day

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

4:00 pm HRCCW Meeting
6:00 pm Confessions and Adoration until 7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

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, February 8, 2024

7:00 am Mass Before School (NO 8:30 am Mass)
4:00 pm Silent Adoration until 7:00 pm in the Fireplace Lounge

Friday, February 9, 2024

HR School Movie Night and Boxcar Competition

Saturday, February 10, 2024

3:45 pm Confessions until 4:45 pm
Blessings of the sick and healthcare workers after Mass

Sunday, February 11, 2024

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Blessings of the sick and healthcare workers after Mass
11:45 am OCIA Class
3:00 pm Youth Group until 5:00 pm

Holy Rosary Finances

January 23-29, 2024

Adult Envelopes \$4,721.00
Loose \$511.09
Fuel Collection \$610.00
Catholic Schools
Week Collection \$1,695.06
Other \$280.60
Total \$7,817.75

November 1-30, 2023

Checking Balance... \$618,979.23
Income \$116,965.32
Expense \$162,420.39
Ending Balance \$573,524.16

Maintenance Fund

January 29, 2024

New Cash Contributed ... \$125.00

Catholic Service Appeal

Total assessment..... \$105,635.00
CSA paid to date \$42,657.90
Subtotal..... \$62,977.10
Pledges due..... \$4,545.00
Balance due \$58,432.10

*Total pledged \$47,202.90
122 Families*



Capital Campaign Update

Pledges to date: \$1,932,913.00
Households Pledging to date: 356
Parishioner Participation: 89%

Tiered Goal:
\$1.5M / \$2M / \$2.4M
Goal Reached
129% / 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

Sunday, February 4, 2024 Blessings of Throats after Mass

Monday, February 5, 2024

7:00 pm Prayer Hour

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

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

Friday, February 9, 2024

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

Sunday, February 11, 2024

Blessings of the sick & healthcare workers after Mass
Valentine's Sweetheart Breakfast to follow Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Finances

January 29, 2024

Adult Envelopes \$575.00
Loose \$213.00
Initial Offering \$10.00
Total \$798.00

November 1-30, 2023

Checking Balance \$3,494.26
Income \$9,529.62
Expense \$6,061.71
Ending Balance \$6,962.17

Catholic Services Appeal

Total assessment \$9,089.00
CSA Paid to date \$5,501.04
Subtotal \$3,587.96
Pledges due \$495.00
Balance due \$3,092.96

Total \$5,996.04 — 27 Families



Phase 1 / Phase 2

\$100,000 / \$125,000

Goal Reached 129% / 103%

Campaign Update

Pledges to date: \$129,289.00
Households Pledging to date: 60
Parishioner Participation: 75%

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

With the remodeling we are doing at Our Lady of Perpetual Help we have some items that we would like to give to anybody that could use them.

- used wood doors that are in excellent shape
- two doors that are framed 7'x28"
- two doors that are framed 7'x3' (one with glass window)
- one door is 6'8"x3'
- one solid wood table top --7'x3'6"
- one 110 volt portable heater

If you are interested call Ron at 715-785-7879.

Alzheimer & Dementia Support Group — On Friday, February 9th 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.

Good Shepherd Parish

Blessing of Throats after both Masses February 3-4 (St. Blaise)

Monday, February 5, 2024

8:15 am Healthfirst (WIC) in hall

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

3:00 pm Adoration until 6:00 pm

5:00 pm Confessions until 5:45 pm

6:30 pm Anointing after Mass

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

5:30 pm Grades 1-5 RE Classes

7:00 pm Grades 6-11 RE Classes

Saturday, February 10, 2024

5:45 pm Confessions until 6:15 pm

6:00 pm Rosary

7:30 pm Fat Saturday Potluck

Blessing of all healthcare workers at end of both weekend Masses, and offering of the Anointing of the Sick for serious illnesses

Good Shepherd Finances	
CSA Payment.....	\$240.00
January 21, 2024	Total\$3,064.00
Adult	\$2,133.00
Initial Offering.....	\$25.00
Loose.....	\$485.00
Energy.....	\$75.00
Candles	\$36.00
Bathroom Remodel.....	\$20.00
Hall Usage	\$50.00
Catholic Services Appeal	
Total assessment	\$26,396.00
CSA Paid to date	\$18,530.76
Subtotal	\$7,865.24
Pledges due	\$2,696.68
Balance due.....	\$5,168.56
Total \$21,227.44 — 84 Families	

Bathroom Remodel Project

Our bathroom remodeling will begin Monday, February 5. Proceeds from this year's Palm Sunday Brunch will be used to offset the remaining costs. Thank you to all who already donated, and thank you to the Buildings & Grounds committee members for their diligent work with this project.

Welcome Through Baptism - February 4, 2024

Bryer Chad Olwell, son of Robert, Jr. and Shauna Olwell
Sponsors: Parker Leffel and Allison Olwell.

With Our Sympathy and Prayers

Keep Shirley Kauer in prayer, who was buried from Good Shepherd January 29. Also keep her family in prayer, including parishioner and son, Joe, sister Jackie Mitchell and other nieces, nephews and cousins. May she rest in peace.

World Day of the Sick - February 11

A blessing for all healthcare workers will be offered at the end of Masses February 10-11. The Anointing of the Sick will also be offered after Masses that same weekend. The Anointing is for those with serious health issues and those preparing for major surgeries. Anointing will also be available to nursing home residents in Rib Lake on February 8.

Fat Saturday Potluck/Social

It's the weekend before Lent coming up, and that means it's time for our Fat Saturday potluck social February 10. Bring a dish to pass, come and enjoy! Beverages will be provided.

Sacred Heart Parish

Blessing of Throats after both Masses February 3-4 (St. Blaise)

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

6:00 am Adoration until 4:00 pm

5:30 pm Sacred Heart CCW Meeting

Wednesday, February 7, 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, February 10, 2024

2:45 pm Confessions until 3:45 pm

Blessings of the sick and healthcare workers after Mass

Sunday, February 11, 2024

Blessings of the sick and healthcare workers after Mass

Sacred Heart Finances

January 21, 2024

Adult Envelopes..... \$1,120.00

Loose..... \$319.00

Maintenance

Candles

First Offering.....

Solemnity of Mary

Catholic Herald

Scrip

Total

Catholic Services Appeal

Total assessment \$17,052.00

CSA Paid to date..... \$11,415.00

Subtotal

Pledges due

Balance due.....

Total pledged \$14,370.00

41 Families

Family Weekend - February 3 & 4

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

Council of Catholic Women Meeting – Tuesday, February 6 at 5:30pm

Sacred Heart's Council of Catholic Women will meet this Tuesday, February 6th at 5:30pm. All are welcome to help plan activities that continue to develop our parish, community, and personal faith!

Ash Wednesday Masses - February 14

Lent begins soon on February 14th. Sacred Heart's Ash Wednesday Mass will be February 14th at 8:30am. See the bulletin for all other Ash Wednesday Mass opportunities.

Lenten Eucharistic Adoration and Stations of the Cross

As we enter the season of Lent, we are called to turn our hearts and minds to God through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Plan now for the following additional opportunities.

On each Friday during Lent, February 16 to March 22, Sacred Heart and Deacon Pat will offer Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 5:30pm, concluding with Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm. On each Wednesday during Lent, Stations of the Cross will be offered at 9:00am following the 8:30am Mass. **(The Sacrament of Reconciliation will move earlier to 7:45am.)**

Pre-Registration for Extreme Faith Camp

This week is the last week to get early registration for Extreme Faith Camp in. Pre-registration forms and a down payment of \$100 is due by Friday, February 9th in the Religious Education Office. Extreme Faith Camp runs from June 23rd to 28th and is open to students who are currently in grades 6-12. To get your teen's name on the list please or if you have any questions, contact Tyler at the Religious Education office.

OLPH Valentine's Sweetheart Breakfast

Sunday, February 11th



Please join us for the annual Valentine's Sweetheart Breakfast. Featuring French Toast Bake with all the trimmings. **Sunday, February 11th following the 8:00am Mass at OLPH.** Free Will Offering. Proceeds will be donated equally between Abiding Care Pregnancy Resource Center and refurbishing the statues at OLPH. *Sponsored by the OLPH Religious Education Program*



Announcing a Lifeline of Hope and Healing for Struggling Marriages!

When the old ways aren't working, the Retrouvaille Program helps couples restore their marriages and rebuild loving relationships. This is a 3-phase program that begins with a weekend stay in the Wausau area. A series of "post sessions" provide ongoing healing and support. Presentations are given by couples who share their personal struggles in marriage and the tools they used to rediscover their love. Participants reflect and interact in privacy with their spouse. It is not group therapy. Costs are affordable and no couple is turned away because of limited finances. If you are wondering if this program is right for you or a loved one, find more information/answers to Frequently Asked Questions at **www.HelpOurMarriage.org** or call toll-free: **1-877-922-HOPE (4673)** *All calls are fully confidential.*

SDCCW Mary Jane Morancyk Hennessy Scholarships

The Superior Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will award (4) \$1,000 scholarships to women completing their second year of post high school education or continuing their education for career advancement, or returning to the work field. Applications may be obtained by contacting the SDCCW Scholarship Committee, Mary Werner, W5490 County Rd. O, Medford WI 54451 – Phone 715-748-4709, email werner@tds.net. Applications are available from the SDCCW website at sdccw-wisconsin.weebly.com. The committee will notify the winners by phone or email. Applications will be accepted postmarked no later than Monday, April 15th.

Daily Bible Readings for the Week of February 4

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/
Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/
Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/
Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/
Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/
Mk 1:40-45



The Holy Rosary Council of Catholic Women will resume their monthly meetings on Tuesday, February 6th at 4:00pm in the Fireplace Lounge. There will be short presentation along with a review of the December bake sale. All women of the parish are welcome. For questions regarding the HRCCW contact Ann Dassow (dassowag@hotmail.com) or Eileen Cleaver (eileencleaver74@gmail.com).

WOMEN'S RETREAT — Feb. 10-11 or 17-18

Time: Saturday 8:00am - Sunday 12:00pm

Location: Heartwood Resort, Trego Wisconsin

Bring a friend, your mom, your daughter, or come yourself and join us for the annual Women's Retreat! This year's retreat is titled, "Who Am I?" and will feature former FOCUS Missionary and founder of FIERCE Athlete Angela Schnieders. The weekend will include keynote talks, time for prayer, great food, and fellowship with women who are also on the journey to Christ.

The cost of the retreat is \$75 per person plus lodging. For lodging you must call Heartwood Resort 715-319-3064. To register go to www.regpack.com/reg/templates/build/?g_id=100913404. For questions call 715-234-5044 or email jjohnson@catholicdos.org.

Deadline Extended to Submit 2024 Pax Christi Nominations

The deadline for submitting Pax Christi Nominations has been extended to March 1st, 2024. This award 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 or questions contact SDCCW Pax Christi Co-Chairs Jane Schiszik janeschis@hotmail.com or 715-748-5240 and/or Rosalie Bryan rosalie4519thrp@aol.com or 281-923-6124.

Religious Education

"News You Need to Know"

Missing DVDs — We are missing the DVDs for the program called "Altaration" and some DVD's done by **Fr. Mike Schmitz**. If you borrowed these items from the Holy Rosary office please let us know and return them. We need the DVD's for our High School Religious Education classes. Thank You!

Formed - Catholic Online Resources

Formed information flyers are located in each church near the Formed banners. Please pick up a flyer, log on to Formed and take a look at the resources available. Some of the programming available includes; movies such as Mother Teresa, Padre Pio – Miracle worker, Joan of Arc and the story of St. Don Bosco. There are videos about the Sacraments, kids' videos such as Brother Francis, Catholic Faith through music, and Jesus stories. This is just a very brief sample of the programs available on Formed. We encourage all families to log on and take a look at the great entertainment available.

Ash Wednesday is February 14th. Students in grades 1-4 will go to Mass during their regular class time at 4:00pm. Students in grade 5-11 will attend Mass at 7:00pm. Parents and families are invited to attend Mass with their children. Students may attend Mass at either 4:00pm or 7:00pm if they wish to attend with their family. All students must sign in before Mass in the commons area for attendance tracking. Students attending Mass not at their usual class time need to sign in at the parish office before Mass. Ash Wednesday Mass at **Sacred Heart** will be at 8:30am, **Our Lady of Perpetual Help** at 5:30pm and **Good Shepherd** at 6:30pm.

Fasting and Not Eating Meat on Friday During Lent — Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Snacking between meals is not permitted on days of fasting. While fasting Catholics should not eat meat on Ash Wednesday or Good Friday. Catholics ages 18 to 59 are expected to Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. Which means we are not supposed to eat meat on Friday during Lent. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Catholic Church from age 14 and older.

Elements of the Catholic Mass — The first class of the Elements of the Catholic Mass went extremely well. Save the date for the next session which will be held on **Thursday, February 29th**.

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

The Youth Group Winter Tubing Event at Perkinstown on Saturday, February 3rd has been CANCELLED to due lack of snow.
We will be looking to do another event in March.

Holy Rosary School News

Vision Statement — Holy Rosary Catholic School will be the school of choice for all families of Holy Rosary Parish, as well as, for other families who desire a quality Catholic education that will ensure students begin their life's journey with a strong foundation of faith and knowledge.

Living out the Mission

Thank you for supporting Holy Rosary Catholic School!

Catholic Schools Week is not just a celebration of academic excellence, but a testament to the profound impact our schools have on the lives of our students. Each lesson taught, every act of kindness, and each moment of guidance contribute to the formation of future leaders, faithful individuals, and holy saints.

So many people pulled together to help with our Pancake Breakfast. A special thanks to Catholic Financial Life for matching funds from the breakfast.

We enjoyed basketball games, dance programs, special visits from guardians and community members, bingo with our friends from BRI, Mass with the Bishop and other schools in our area, swimming, spelling contest, and so much more. A special thing we do with our students monthly is class buddies.

Holy Rosary children love to work together with their **class buddies**. The children get together with another class at least once a month to do a special project, read together, play games, pray together, make cards for special occasions and so much more. The opportunity to share time with others that are not in their class is so beneficial. The children are learning how to work and play together while supporting, compromising and building friendships with children of different ages.

Blessings, Mrs. Easterly

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



Holy Rosary Catholic School would like to thank everyone for supporting our Kick Off to Catholic Schools Week Pancake Breakfast.

Overall, we were able to service over 300 guests a wonderful ALL YOU CAN EAT Pancake w/ sausage & ham Breakfast. Thank you so much to our volunteers that helped with preparation, set up, organizing raffles, serving food and cleaning up. It truly takes the generosity of each volunteer's time to make this event such a success.

We had a great turn out from our Holy Rosary School families with 68 attending the event. Special thank you to our students of all grades (K - 6th grade) that were able to help serve patrons and assist in the dining hall.

Thank you again to our donors that allow this event to happen with very little expense to the school. Donors include: Catholic Financial Life, Marathon Cheese, Running Tree Sugarhouse, SugarMoon Hills, SCRIP, County Market, Taylor County Dairy Promotion, and others for donations towards ingredients and supplies.

Mass — Did you Know?

Why do we use a crucifix at church and why do we use the crucifix for procession but not place it in a prominent place in church?"

The cross with the image of Christ crucified is a reminder of Christ's paschal mystery. It draws us into the mystery of suffering and makes tangible our belief that our suffering when united with the passion and death of Christ leads to redemption. There should be a crucifix 'positioned either on the altar or near it, and ... clearly visible to the people gathered there.' Since a crucifix placed on the altar and large enough to be seen by the congregation might well obstruct the view of the action taking place on the altar, other alternatives may be more appropriate. The crucifix may be suspended over the altar or affixed to the sanctuary wall. A processional cross of sufficient size, placed in a stand visible to the people following the entrance procession, is another option. If the processional cross is to be used for this purpose, the size and weight of the cross should not preclude its being carried in procession. If there is already a cross in the sanctuary, the processional cross is placed out of view of the congregation following the procession." (Built of Living Stones 91)

Eucharistic Day at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Whittlesey Sunday, February 25th

- Adoration to follow the 8:00am Mass
- Benediction will be at 3:00pm
- Potluck lunch to follow Benediction

All are invited to take part in the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. If you would like to sign up for a ½ hour contact Mike Roiger at 715-748-4785.

Grief Support Group Gatherings

February 15th at 9:30am — Holy Rosary Parish Fireplace Lounge

Hosted by Mary Anderson

Grief Support Specialist, Certified Spiritual Direction and End of Life Doula

Everyday Stewardship Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

The Audacity of Holiness

Do you know a holy person? I'm not talking about piety — that's important, too, in its own way. But right now, I'm speaking of holiness.

St. Therese of Lisieux called holiness "a disposition of the heart that makes us humble and little in the arms of God, aware of our weakness, and confident — in the most audacious way — in His Fatherly goodness."

The holy person sees a storm on the horizon of life, and rather than give themselves over to fear and despair (natural and understandable reactions), regards the gathering winds as an opportunity to rely more fully on God. The holy person takes a bad situation and sanctifies it with charity and understanding that defies our fallen human nature.

Peter's mother-in-law was still in the throes of a fever when Jesus grasped her hand. It wasn't until she took his hand and allowed him to help her up that "the fever left her and she waited on them." Before the fever could leave her, she had to commit to holiness — to put her trust in him in a most audacious way. She had to find it within herself to lift her weakened hand to grasp his — and as soon as she did, she was rewarded. Her bodily health restored, she gave thanks, and attended to his needs.

God's hand is always outstretched to us. Will we take it, even if the fever of sin and pride and worldly concerns rages in our souls? Will we muster the strength? Will we be audacious enough to have confidence in His Fatherly goodness? ~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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