

## 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 18, 2024 ~ *First Sunday of Lent*



## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

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### Holy Rosary Parish

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### Parish Office Hours

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

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Phone: 715-748-3336 ext. 2

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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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## Father Julian

As part of our daily commitments for the season Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday, this weekend is a good opportunity to continue your intentions for the season. How is the Lord calling you to draw closer to Him this Lenten season through works of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving? How am I called to turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel? Perhaps we already have our concrete spiritual and charitable goals for Lent set in place. However, I think it is always good to review why we do what we do during this time of year.

Why fast? Christian fasting is not a self-imposed penitential punishment. We are not simply “doing a tough thing for Jesus.” Although we are called to offer up our difficulties to Christ when things are not going our way, fasting puts us in check and helps us to become free of the attachments of this life. As humans, we are very needy, and we depend on many things for our happiness and livelihood (food, entertainment, media). But, we can depend so much on these things that we actually become bound by them. Fasting is a spiritual discipline that gives us the chance to break free of these attachments and seek to depend more perfectly on God who is our true source of life. By giving up these things, we are working on self-detachment and making space in our lives for God.

Why pray? Fasting is always meant to lead us into prayer and acts of mercy. Prayer is food for the soul, connecting us to the God who loves us and wants us to grow as human beings. Prayer is our communication with Him. Without prayer, we become both mute and deaf in our relationship with God. We stop speaking to Him and we stop hearing Him altogether. God is always communicating Himself to us in our everyday lives, but if we do not give Him the time of day, we lose track of Him as our true source of life.

Why give alms? In the early days of the Church, many Christian communities would fast from food so that they could give their meals to those in need. Almsgiving was always connected to fasting. This way, we are not simply focusing on ourselves and our own conversion, but we are committed to the well-being of others as brothers and sisters in Christ. Charity is central to our lives as Christians. Lent is not just about acknowledging our sinfulness, but about receiving God’s mercy. As a way to express that mercy, we show mercy to those most in need.

In each of these practices, I hope that these practices are not simply viewed as obligations, but rather opportunities for growth that guide us along our journey of faith. May God bless you this weekend, and I pray that this season of Lent is both fruitful and restorative for each one of you.

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### World Day of Prayer – Friday March 1, 6:00pm

Holy Rosary and Sacred Heart parishes will be joining other Medford-area Christian congregations in this annual, worldwide ecumenical gathering. 2024’s event is hosted by the United Church of Christ, 510 E. Broadway Ave., on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm with refreshments to follow. All are invited to gather for prayer and contemplation under a program prepared by representatives of Palestine based on the theme, “I beg you... bear with one another in Love.” All men, women and children are invited.

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, February 17, 2024

4:00 pm	+ Elaine Dowden by Mary Lavin	SH
5:00 pm	+ Marge Viergutz by Pete & Donna Nowak	HR
6:30 pm	+ Charles Matyka by Dave & Chris Wille	GS

### Sunday, February 18, 2024

7:15 am	For all the families of our 4-parish communities	SH
8:00 am	+ Dennis Makovsky by Nick & Jani Tallemont	OLPH
8:45 am	+ Jerry Brandner by his children and grandchildren	HR
9:30 am	+ Joe Bonde (birthday) by Eugene & Joan Fons	GS
10:30 am	+ Linda O’Brien by Pat Mertens	HR

### Monday, February 19, 2024

12:15 pm	+ Les Buehler by George & Beth Lukewich	HR
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### Tuesday, February 20, 2024

5:15 pm	+ Ken Holmes by Dick & Kathy Czerniak	HR
6:00 pm	Jon & Teresa Rezutek Family	GS

### Wednesday, February 21, 2024

8:30 am	+ Jason Zirngibl by Kathy	HR
8:30 am	+ Elaine Dowden by Al & Peggy Hrabý	SH

### Thursday, February 22, 2024

8:30 am	+ Agnes Pernsteiner by Larry & Liz Emmerich	HR
10:00 am	+ Bud Brandner by Shirley Thums	NHR

### Friday, February 23, 2024

8:30 am	+ Shirley Lukewich by the OLPH Choir	OLPH
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### Saturday, February 24, 2024

4:00 pm	Class of 71 by Kathy Trimner	SH
5:00 pm	+ Jim Hessefort (anniversary of death) by Mary	HR
6:30 pm	+ Eleanor Carroll by Cheryl & Danny Graumann	GS

### Sunday, February 25, 2024

7:15 am	+ Jack & Monette Hayden by Kathy Trimner	SH
8:00 am	+ Valasta & Stanley Resudek by their children and grandchildren	OLPH
8:45 am	+ Lawrence Pernsteiner (birthday) by the Family	HR
9:30 am	For all the families of our 4-parish communities	GS
10:30 am	+ Archie McDonnell 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

**This Week the Sanctuary Light is lit with the following intention:**

Safety & well being for Major Kyle Krug and all military personnel

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There will be a Special Collection for the Black and Indian Missions on February 17-18, 2024

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## 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.

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## Holy Rosary Parish

### Sunday, February 18, 2024

2:00 pm Youth Group Meeting  
3:00 pm Youth Group until 5:00 pm  
6:00 pm Adoration and Confessions until 6:45 pm  
6:45 pm Night Prayer and Benediction

### Tuesday, February 20, 2024

10:30 am Book Study on the Eucharist in the Fireplace Lounge  
6:00 pm Adoration and Confessions until 7:45 pm  
7:45 pm Night Prayer and Benediction

### Wednesday, February 21, 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 22, 2024

4:00 pm Silent Adoration until 7:00 pm in the Fireplace Lounge  
6:30 pm Human Trafficking Presentation in the Gym

### Saturday, February 24, 2024

3:45 pm Confessions until 4:45 pm

### Sunday, February 25, 2024

11:45 am OCIA Class  
3:00 pm Youth Group until 5:00 pm  
6:00 pm Adoration and Confessions until 6:45 pm  
6:45 pm Night Prayer and Benediction

### Holy Rosary Finances

#### February 6-12, 2024

Adult Envelopes ..... \$5,418.00  
Loose ..... \$426.60  
Aftercare ..... \$438.40  
Tuition - School ..... \$399.00  
Other ..... \$248.36  
Total ..... \$6,930.36

#### November 1-30, 2023

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

### Maintenance Fund

#### February 12, 2024

New Cash Contributed ..... \$95.00

#### Catholic Service Appeal

Total assessment..... \$105,635.00  
CSA paid to date ..... \$46,229.90  
Subtotal..... \$59,405.10  
Pledges due..... \$3,845.00  
Balance due ..... \$55,560.10

*Total pledged \$50,074.90*

*124 Families*



### Capital Campaign Update

Pledges to date: \$1,951,802.00  
Households Pledging to date: 356  
Parishioner Participation: 89%

#### Tiered Goal:

\$1.5M / \$2M / \$2.4M

#### Goal Reached

130% / 97% / 81%

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

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## Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

### Monday, February 19, 2024

7:00 pm Prayer Hour  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

### Wednesday, February 21, 2024

6:00 pm Grades K-5 RE Classes  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
7:15 pm Grades 6-11 RE Classes

### Friday, February 23, 2024

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

### Sunday, February 25, 2024

9:00 am Eucharistic Day

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Finances

#### February 12, 2024

Adult Envelopes ..... \$1,005.00  
Loose ..... \$326.00  
Religious Education ..... \$50.00  
Sweetheart Breakfast ..... \$680.00  
Total ..... \$2,061.00

#### 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 ..... \$5,556.04  
Subtotal ..... \$3,532.96  
Pledges due ..... \$440.00  
Balance due ..... \$3,092.96

*Total \$5,996.04 — 27 Families*



### Campaign Update

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

#### 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.

### Eucharistic Day at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

- 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.

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Kneelers

Our Lady of Perpetual Help has replaced the kneelers in the confessional and in front of the vigil candles. If you're interested in the ones we replaced, call Ron at 715-785-7879. Delivery is possible.

## Good Shepherd Parish

### Tuesday, February 20, 2024

3:00 pm Adoration until 6:00 pm  
5:00 pm Confessions until 5:45 pm  
6:30 pm Relic Committee Meeting

### Wednesday, February 21, 2024

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

### Thursday, February 22, 2024

6:00 pm Finance Council Meeting in Parish Hall  
7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting in Parish Hall

### Friday, February 23, 2024

6:00 pm Adoration  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, February 24, 2024

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

### Good Shepherd Finances

#### February 4, 2024

Adult ..... \$3,201.00  
Loose ..... \$379.23  
Energy/B&M/Blacktop... \$210.00  
Candles ..... \$32.00  
Bathroom Remodel..... \$300.00  
Collections ..... \$290.00  
Funeral Food ..... \$387.43  
Total ..... \$4,799.66

### Silent Retreat

The rectory will be used for the next week or two for a **SILENT RETREAT** for Sisters Miriam and Bernadette of the Missionaries of the Word. We do ask that you please avoid ringing the door bell at the office and honor their silent time while they are here.

### Lenten Offerings at Good Shepherd

Adoration: Tuesdays, 3-6pm and Fridays, 6-7pm

Stations of the Cross: Fridays, 7pm (sign up in lobby to lead)

Videos and Faith Sharing:

\* **Tuesday, February 27, 6:30pm** "How to Become a Person of Love"

\* **Tuesday, March 12, 6:30pm** "7 Ways to Be Spiritually Great"

Confessions: Tuesdays, 5-5:45pm; Saturdays, 5:45-6:15pm and Friday, March 15, 6-7pm. Check the bulletin for other opportunities for Reconciliation in our community.

### Bathroom Remodel Update

A very special thank you to Jeff Ziembo who has donated his time to do plumbing work for our bathroom remodel. We thank him also for advertising on our parish bulletins! Our thanks to Tom Gojmerac, Jim Acker and Bill Niggemann who devoted many hours of work on this project too! The women's bathroom remodel begins Monday, March 4.

### Bathroom Remodel Donations - Thank You

Andy & Karen Dums — *in memory of Pat (Mrs. Ferdinand)*

Thums, Joe Berger and Mary Shwabe

Ginger Henrickson (Christmas)

Tom & Linda Thielke

Ron & Marge Tauber

Resudek Family — *in memory of Vlasta & Stanley Resudek, Mary & John Resudek and Dora & James Vlach*

Dennis & Debbie Zondlo—*in memory of John Zondlo*

## Sacred Heart Parish

### Tuesday, February 20, 2024

6:00 am Adoration until 4:00 pm

### Wednesday, February 21, 2024

7:45 am Confessions until 8:15 am  
9:00 am Stations of the Cross  
3:15 pm Grades 1-4 RE Classes  
6:30 pm Grades 5-10 RE Classes

### Friday, February 23, 2024

5:30 pm Adoration  
6:30 pm Stations of the Cross  
7:00 pm Food, Faith & Friends

### Saturday, February 24, 2024

2:45 pm Confessions until 3:45 pm

### Sacred Heart Finances

#### February 4, 2024

Adult Envelopes ..... \$860.00  
Loose ..... \$320.00  
Maintenance ..... \$230.00  
Candles ..... \$30.00  
First Offering ..... \$4.00  
Catholic Herald ..... \$180.00  
Ash Wednesday ..... \$20.00  
Black/Indian Missions..... \$10.00  
Catholic Schools Week ... \$30.00

Donation ..... \$50.00  
Scrip ..... \$825.00  
Total ..... \$2,559.00

### Catholic Services Appeal

Total assessment ..... \$17,052.00  
CSA Paid to date..... \$14,620.00  
Subtotal ..... \$2,432.00  
Pledges due ..... \$1,710.00  
Balance due..... \$722.00  
*Total \$14,620.00 — 41 Families*

### Lenten Eucharistic Adoration / Stations of the Cross / Food, Faith & Friends —

In this season of Lent, we are called to turn our hearts and minds to God through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

On each Wednesday during Lent, Stations of the Cross will be offered at 9:00am following the 8:30am Mass. **During Lent the Sacrament of Reconciliation will move earlier on Wednesdays 7:45am to 8:15am.**

On each Friday, Deacon Pat will offer Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 5:30pm, followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm. Further, on three Fridays — 2/23, 3/8 and 3/22 — Stations will be followed at 7:00pm by a light meal and Deacon Pat leading a casual discussion that will start with study of the gospel reading, then branch into other topics per the questions and interests of participants.

### Care Packages - Sign up by March 17

Sacred Heart's Council of Catholic Women are again sending care packages to military personnel, college students, etc. If you know of someone who would benefit from snacks, faith resources, and similar items delivered in April, add their name and address to the signup sheet in the foyer by March 17<sup>th</sup>. Questions can be directed to Linda Dassow, 715-678-2141 or [ldassow@hotmail.com](mailto:ldassow@hotmail.com).

**Craft 'n Crop, March 15-17** — Save the date for the Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women's annual Craft 'n Crop event. Further details to come for this social, creative and energizing weekend that is open to the public. Activities begin Friday night March 15 and continue through the weekend.

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## 4-Parish Lent Confession Schedule

Sunday, February 18	6:00 – 6:45 pm HR
Tuesday, February 20	5:00 – 5:45 pm GS 6:00 – 7:45 pm HR
Wednesday, February 21	7:45 – 8:15 am SH
Friday, February 23	9:00 – 10:00 am OLPH
Saturday, February 24	2:45 - 3:45 pm SH 3:45 – 4:45 pm HR 5:45 - 6:15 pm GS
Sunday, February 25	6:00 – 6:45 pm HR
Tuesday, February 27	5:00 – 5:45 pm GS 6:00 – 7:45 pm HR
Wednesday, February 28	7:45 – 8:15 am SH
Friday, March 1	9:00 – 10:00 am OLPH
Saturday, March 2	8:00 – 8:45 am HR 2:45 - 3:45 pm SH 3:45 – 4:45 pm HR 5:45 - 6:15 pm GS
Sunday, March 3	6:00 – 6:45 pm HR
Tuesday, March 5	5:00 – 5:45 pm GS
Wednesday, March 6	7:45 – 8:15 am SH
Friday, March 8	9:00 – 10:00 am OLPH
Saturday, March 9	2:45 - 3:45 pm SH 3:45 – 4:45 pm HR 5:45 - 6:15 pm GS
Sunday, March 10	1:00 – 3:00 pm SH 6:00 – 6:45 pm HR
Tuesday, March 12	5:00 – 5:45 pm GS 6:00 – 7:45 pm HR
Wednesday, March 13	7:45 – 8:15 am SH
Friday, March 15	9:00 – 10:00 am OLPH
Saturday, March 16	2:45 - 3:45 pm SH 3:45 – 4:45 pm HR 5:45 - 6:15 pm GS
Wednesday, March 20	7:45 – 8:15 am SH
Friday, March 22	9:00 – 10:00 am OLPH
Saturday, March 23	2:45 - 3:45 pm SH 3:45 – 4:45 pm HR 5:45 - 6:15 pm GS
Sunday, March 24	6:00 – 6:45 pm HR
Tuesday, March 26	5:00 – 5:45 pm GS 6:00 – 7:45 pm HR
Wednesday, March 27	7:45 – 8:15 am SH

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## Daily Bible Readings for the Week of February 18

Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/ Mk 1:12-15
Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

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### Donations

A donation was given to Holy Rosary School  
by Family and Friends in memory of

**Gail Gruneberg**

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### KC News - Fish Fry

The Medford Knight of Columbus Council #1744 will be holding their second Lenten Fish Fry's on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please join us for baked or fried fish and shrimp with french fries, potato salad, and much more for only \$15 adults and \$5 for kids ages 5-11, under 5 are Free. Carry-outs are also available for \$15.00 per meal.

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### Deadline Extended to Submit

#### 2024 Pax Christi Nominations

**The deadline for submitting Pax Christi Nominations has been extended to March 1<sup>st</sup>, 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](http://sdccw-wisconsin.weebly.com). For information/questions contact SDCCW Pax Christi Co-Chairs Jane Schiszik [janeschis@hotmail.com](mailto:janeschis@hotmail.com) or 715-748-5240 and/or Rosalie Bryan [rosalie4519thrp@aol.com](mailto:rosalie4519thrp@aol.com) or 281-923-6124.

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### 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](mailto:werner@tds.net). Applications are available from the SDCCW website at [sdccw-wisconsin.weebly.com](http://sdccw-wisconsin.weebly.com). The committee will notify the winners by phone or email. Applications will be accepted postmarked no later than Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.

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## Religious Education

### "News You Need to Know"

**Elements of the Mass Session #2 will be on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.** The first session was well received. Everyone in attendance wanted to continue the sessions.

**Note the date is Wednesday not Thursday.** Elements of the Catholic Mass is designed to help the faithful better appreciate the beauty of the Mass. You did not have to attend the first set of videos to join us for the next set of videos. Each short video is an independent lesson. Please join us as we continue to explore and learn more about the Catholic Mass.

**40 Cans for 40 Day** — During Lent we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving", which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God". The Knights of Columbus are collecting food items and cash donations during Lent to help people in need in the Medford Area. Food items can be dropped off in the parish office or in the boxes located by the gym doors. Cash donations can be placed in an envelope with "40 Cans for 40 Days" written on the outside and dropped in the collection baskets. Cash donation can also be dropped off or mailed to the parish office.

**Steubenville Conference and Extreme Faith Camp** — Registration for Steubenville and Extreme Faith are now open!

- Extreme Faith Camp is open to students in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade. High school students can attend as "Pray team members". Extreme Faith Camp will be held June 23<sup>rd</sup> to June 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Steubenville will be held in Rochester, MN the weekend of July 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. This year's conference theme is **"Illuminate"**. *The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.* — John 1:5

**Calling on Parents and Grandparents** — Do you want to help your children or grandkids grow in the Faith? 77% of youth today leave the church by the time they reach the age of 22. Building a strong relationship with Jesus is critical for teenagers to understand the importance of the faith. By supporting them to go to either Extreme Faith Camp or Steubenville will help for them to understand how Jesus is an important part of their lives going forward.

Talk to and encourage them to attend one of these events this summer. Students go to sports, camps, band camps, etc. to improve their skills. How about spending a weekend at a Steubenville Conference or a week at Extreme Faith Camp exploring and growing your faith?

Tyler will be working to coordinate getting students from all 4 parishes to attend Extreme Faith Camp and Steubenville. Last year Extreme Faith Camp filled up very quickly. Contact Tyler for more information about either Steubenville or Extreme Faith Camp. You can reach Tyler in the religious education office at 715-748-3336 ext. 256.

If you have any questions or comments 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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## 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

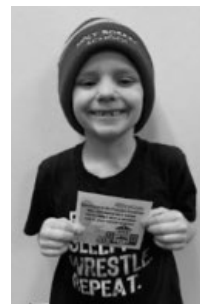


Students in grades 2-6 travelled to Tomahawk last week to attend Mass with the Bishop for Catholic Schools Week.



Here are more of our **amazing** kitchen volunteers: Mary Z., Mike, Barry, Jane, Kim, and Mary W. We truly appreciate all they do for our lunch program!

Thanks to an anonymous donor, one student's family who attended our pancake breakfast, won a \$500 voucher to be applied to their tuition next year. Congratulations!



Catholic School's Week  
Crazy Hair Day!

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





## Stations of the Cross

Good Shepherd

Fridays at 7:00pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Mondays & Wednesdays at 7:00pm

Sacred Heart

Wednesday at 9:00am

Fridays at 6:30pm

## Everyday Stewardship Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

### The Unlikely Suspects

Have you ever taken a nature walk? Have you leisurely strolled through a forest or field, with no real destination in mind and your only objective being receptivity to and observation of all God's creation?

Sometimes, Scripture readings can feel like a nature walk. All of salvation history plays out against the backdrop of the natural world, with all elements of God's creation — plants and animals and the dust of the earth itself — turning in a supporting performance. How about Jesus in the hot and dusty desert, tempted, living "among the wild beasts?" Noah departed from his ark with the animals he rescued, observing God's sign in the very clouds of the sky. Even God Himself, offering us salvation from original sin through the waters of baptism.

How often do we remember that God speaks to us through all of His creation, even in the unlikely suspects?

Let's go back to the nature walk. It sounds like a lovely way to pass an afternoon, amongst wildflowers and butterflies, but don't forget the beating hot sun, mosquitos, and threat of rain on the horizon. Remember, we're not in heaven yet. Here on earth, God may be present in His creation, but that doesn't mean it's always easy to endure.

Lent is, essentially, a time to listen for the voice of God in places we may not expect: the mild irritations you experience when you're craving the chocolate you gave up, or the dull pangs of hunger during the Ash Wednesday fast. It's a golden opportunity to see the divine hand in all of creation, even those unlikely suspects. ~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## The Five Precepts of the Catholic Church

- Attend Mass on Sundays and days of obligation.
- Confess your sins at least once a year.
- Receive the Eucharist at least once a year.
- Observe days of fasting and abstinence.
- Provide for the needs of the Church.

## Mass — Did you Know?

### Why do we not have a closing hymn during Lent?

In the GIRM (General Instruction of the Roman Missal) paragraph 90 it states, "To the Concluding Rites belong the following: brief announcements, should they be necessary; the Priest's Greeting and Blessing, which on certain days and occasions is expanded and expressed by the Prayer over the People or another more solemn formula; the Dismissal of the people by the Deacon or the Priest, so that each may go back to doing good works, praising and blessing God; the kissing of the altar by the Priest and the Deacon, followed by a profound bow to the altar by the Priest, the Deacon, and the other ministers." There is no reference to a closing hymn. In the USCCB (United States Council of Catholic Bishops) document on music in the liturgy *Sing To the Lord* paragraph 199 "although it is not necessary to sing a recessional hymn, when it is a custom, all may join in a hymn or song after the dismissal. When a closing song is used, the procession of ministers should be arranged in such a way that it finishes during the final stanza. At times, e.g., if there has been a song after Communion, it may be appropriate to choose an option other than congregational song for the recessional. Other options include a choral or instrumental piece or, particularly during Lent, silence."

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