

The Catholic Communities of

Holy Rosary, Medford, Good Shepherd, Rib Lake,
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Whittlesey
and Sacred Heart, Stetsonville

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

March 3, 2024 ~ *Third Sunday of Lent*



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

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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

Phone: 715-748-3336 ext. 2

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Office Phone: 715-748-3336 ext. 1
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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

Deacon Patrick Gierl

Do we really need to confess our sins to a priest?
Great question!

YES! There is power in the sacrament of Penance! "The glory of God is man fully alive." No greater words have ever been spoken by St. Irenaeus, a second century Greek bishop and recent doctor of the church. FULLY ALIVE in God is, by its very nature, participating in ALL that He has given to us for our good and His glory.

The false idea that we are able to go directly to God to have our sins forgiven without the completion of private confession has been a misleading position for many years, but turning to Sacred Scripture and the Bride of Christ (the Church) who is governed by the Holy Spirit, we see that God's intention was, is and always will be one of FULL COMMUNION!

This profound GIFT of being "fully alive" in God (full communion) presents itself over and over again and is present in the Sacrament of Penance as much as in any other dimension of the church. We all know that God is God and we are not! When God speaks...IT IS...and so when He speaks, He binds Himself to whatever He says.

When Jesus instituted the sacraments (fully disclosed in sacred scripture) God **binds Himself to** these efficacious signs of grace. By binding Himself to the Sacraments, He is telling us in no uncertain terms that this is His will for us and it is of eternal importance. In instituting the sacraments, God binds Himself to these sacred mysteries for our good, so that we may be FULLY ALIVE in His Glory. God is pure love and as the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches starting at paragraph 293, "The world was made for the glory of God! God created all things not to increase His glory but to show it forth and to communicate it. For God has no other reason for creating than His love for us and the goodness He wants to give us!"

In John's gospel chapter 20:19-23 Jesus institutes the sacrament of Penance with the words, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." And He breathed on them, and said to them, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven, if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." From the moment those words were spoken until today each and every priestly ordination makes present this healing sacrament. Just a few short weeks ago we heard in our Gospel reading the healing of the leprous man and Jesus' command to, "Go show yourself to the priest." It was clear then and it is clear now, go show yourself to the priest. When we put off confessing our sins to a priest, and instead resort to the attitude of going only to God in our thoughts, we are ultimately saying to God, "I know better... You may have instituted the sacraments, but I want to do it my way."

Confession can strike fear and anxiety in even the most devout catholics, and we all know where fear comes from...the evil one. As long as fear rules the hearts and minds of God's people, Satan will continue to hold us captive from being FULLY ALIVE as God's beloved. John 10:10 warns, "The thief comes only to steal, kill and destroy. I have come so that you may have life and have it to the full." Brothers and sisters, I pray that we the faithful will recognize the beautiful gift in this profound sacrament. For more information I invite you to reference the Catechism of the Catholic Church starting at paragraph 1422, to uncover a wealth of information. Also, see the following link for further clarity on the topic.

<https://www.catholic.com/magazine/online-edition/god-chooses-to-use-human-intermediaries>

God Bless your week!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 2, 2024

9:00 am	+ Marguerite Klingbeil by Steve Fischer & Angeline Patton	HR
4:00 pm	+ Elaine Dowden by KC & Nancy Corley	SH
5:00 pm	+ Pat Deml by the Family	HR
6:30 pm	+ Almira Olwell (birthday remembrance) by the Olwell Family	GS

Sunday, March 3, 2024

7:15 am	+ Marie Hayden (10 th anniversary of death) by Kathy Trimner	SH
8:00 am	+ Dan Makovsky by Ron DeBoth	OLPH
8:45 am	For all the families of our 4-parish communities	HR
9:30 am	+ Ed Zondlo by Family & Friends	GS
10:30 am	+ Mike Schmitt by John & Annette Tlusty	HR

Monday, March 4, 2024

12:15 pm	Cheryl Brandner (for health) by the Family	HR
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Tuesday, March 5, 2024

5:15 pm	NO Mass	HR
6:00 pm	+ Dick Gordon (2 nd anniversary of death) by Family	GS

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

8:30 am	NO Mass	HR
8:30 am	+ Marjean Bootzin by Carol & Leon Kress	SH

Thursday, March 7, 2024

8:30 am	Theresa Jennings and Family by Kimberly Williams	HR
10:15 am	+ Matt Jari by the Medford KCs	NHM

Friday, March 8, 2024

8:30 am	+ Mike Hince by the OLPH Choir	OLPH
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Saturday, March 9, 2024

4:00 pm	+ Bill Kress by Larry & Liz Emmerich	SH
5:00 pm	+ Joe & Irene Matyka by the Family	HR
6:30 pm	+ Peter Matyka by Allen & Melissa Thums	GS

Sunday, March 10, 2024

7:15 am	+ Ethan Berry by Becky Brost	SH
8:00 am	For all the families of our 4-parish communities	OLPH
8:45 am	+ Rebecca Grote-Brand by the Family	HR
9:30 am	+ Bud Brandner by Shirley Thums, Dan & Diane Brandner	GS
10:30 am	+ Louis Mortenson (wedding anniversary) by Nora and 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



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

Sunday, March 3, 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

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

4:00 pm HRCCW Meeting
NO 5:15 pm Mass, Adoration, Confession, Night Prayer

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

NO 8:30 am
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, March 7, 2024

10:15 am Nursing Home Mass
4:00 pm Silent Adoration until 7:00 pm in the Fireplace Lounge

Friday, March 8, 2024

12:00 pm Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 9, 2024

9:00 am First Communion 4-Parish Retreat Day until 12:30 pm
3:45 pm Confessions until 4:45 pm

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Family Donut Sunday after both Masses
11:45 am OCIA Class
3:00 pm Youth Group until 5:00 pm

Holy Rosary Finances

February 20-26, 2024

Adult Envelopes \$5,684.00
Loose \$494.47
Other \$240.00
Total \$6,418.47

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 26, 2024

New Cash Contributed.....\$10.00

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 \$50,074.90 — 124 Families

Holy Rosary School Endowment

April 29, 2016

Initial Investment.....\$540,000.00

Since initial investment:

New Contributions.....\$96,373.99
Dividends Paid out to School.....\$43,058.36

January 31, 2024

Current Balance \$908,031.01
Total Return on Investment.....\$314,715.38

*Current Finance Council policy is to focus on growing this fund for future income needs.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Monday, March 4, 2024

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm Prayer Hour

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

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

Friday, March 8, 2024

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

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Finances

February 26, 2024

Adult Envelopes \$830.00
Loose.....\$347.00
Black/Indian Missions..... \$80.00
Votives.....\$2.50
Ash Wednesday.....\$190.00
Reimbursement for
Living Faith Books.....\$27.75
Total\$1,477.25

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



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.

OLPH Long Term Maintenance Fund

October 28, 2020

Initial Investment\$142,315.69
Total Spent on 2023 Project\$125,000.00

January 31, 2024

Current Balance\$35,646.30
Total Return on Investment.....\$18,330.61

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.

There will be a Special Collection for
World Concern next weekend March 9-10, 2024.

Good Shepherd Parish

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

3:00 pm Adoration until 6:00 pm
5:00 pm Confessions until 5:45 pm
6:30 pm Anointing after Mass

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

5:30 pm Grades 1-5 RE Classes
7:00 pm Grades 6-11 RE Classes (Gr. 10 at Historic St. Ann's)

Friday, March 8, 2024

3:00 pm Partners in Prayer
6:00 pm Adoration
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 9, 2024

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

DST: Set your clocks ahead one hour tonight!

Good Shepherd Finances

February 18, 2024

Adult \$1,844.00
Loose..... \$336.36
Energy & Maintenance.... \$80.00
Candles \$55.00
Bathroom Remodel.... \$1,000.00
Collections..... \$598.00
Ash Wednesday \$842.75
Total \$4,756.11

Marriage Banns II

Rebecca Karen Schilling
and Jason Clarence Schilling

Catholic Services Appeal

Total assessment \$26,396.00
CSA Paid to date \$19,015.20
Subtotal \$7,380.80
Pledges due \$2,212.24
Balance due \$5,168.56

Total \$21,227.44 — 84 Families

Partners in Prayer

You are welcome to join in the rosary and silent prayer for those with specific needs this Friday, March 8 at 3:00pm. The prayer vessel remains in the back of church for people to be prayed for during this time.

With Prayers and Deepest Sympathy

Please pray for Toni Handel, age 51 of Medford, who died February 23. Please also remember her family in prayer at this time, including parishioners—mother Theresa Bube and brothers Kurt, Shawn and Jon, as well as other relatives. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

Bathroom Remodel Project

The women's bathroom remodel begins this week. Note that proceeds from our Palm Sunday Brunch on March 24 will help offset the cost of this remodel. Thanks to all our generous contributors! Most recent donations include...

Wayne Tlusty, in memory of his wife, Sue Tlusty

Harry Stroik, in memory of his wife, Rosemary Rindt

Ron & Marge Tauber

Thank Yous

A special "thank you" to the Shepherd Knitters for their beautiful afghan and for everyone's prayers at this time.

~ Bernice Matyka

Thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl! Your care and prayers are deeply appreciated. May God bless you all.

~ Cheryl Eisner

Sacred Heart Parish

Saturday, March 2, 2024 — Family Weekend after 4:00 pm Mass
5:30 pm Movie - Sound of Freedom

Sunday, March 3, 2024 — Family Weekend after 7:15 am Mass

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 — Adoration 6:00 am until 4:00 pm

Wednesday, March 6, 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, March 8, 2024

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

Saturday, March 9, 2024

2:45 pm Confessions until 3:45 pm

Sacred Heart Finances

February 18, 2024

Adult Envelopes \$1,565.00
Loose \$580.00
Maintenance..... \$210.00
Candles..... \$38.00
Catholic Herald..... \$20.00
Ash Wednesday \$424.00

Scrip Profit \$9.50
Total \$2,846.50

Catholic Services Appeal

Total assessment \$17,052.00
CSA Paid to date \$12,910.00
Subtotal \$4,142.00
Pledges due \$1,710.00
Balance due \$2,432.00

Human Trafficking Movie: Sound of Freedom 5:30pm
March 2nd — Stay at Sacred Heart after Family Weekend this Saturday to view the movie Sound of Freedom (rated PG 13).

The movie follows one man's fight into the heart of the trafficking industry to save countless young children.

Lenten Eucharistic Adoration / Stations of the Cross / Food, Faith & Friends — On Wednesdays Stations of the Cross will be at 9:00am following the 8:30am Mass. **During Lent the Sacrament of Reconciliation will move earlier Wednesdays 7:45am-8:15am.** On Fridays there will be Adoration at 5:30pm, followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm. Further, on Friday 3/8 and 3/22 - Stations will be followed at 7:00pm by a light meal and casual discussion that will start with study of the gospel reading, then branch into other topics per the questions and interests of participants.

Craft 'n Crop, March 15-17 — Registration is open for Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women's "Craft n' Crop for A Cause". Come and go Friday night thru Sunday afternoon. For \$50, you get space to do your own crafting project and several meals, all while sharing ideas and conversations with others. Invite your friends and sit together! Classes available for additional fees. Full event and registration details are now available in the entry and on Facebook; pre-registration is required. Direct questions to Kris Brander at 715-254-0624.

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 17th. Direct questions to Linda Dassow, 715-678-2141 or ldassow@hotmail.com.

Holy Rosary Funeral Committee

We are looking for volunteers who would like to help out with Funeral lunches at Holy Rosary. The Committees would like to add to our list of bakers and servers. Bakers are asked to donate cookies, cake or a pan of bars. Servers are asked to help prior to the start of the meal, throughout the meal with beverages and leaving the Social Hall spic-and-span for the next event. If interested call Jane Schiszik 715-748-5240 or Mary Werner 715-748-4709. This is a great opportunity for Confirmation Students to get their service hours.

Lent.
a season of spiritual preparation

4-Parish Lent Confession Schedule

Saturday, March 2	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
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 6:00 – 7:00 pm GS
Saturday, March 23	2:45 - 3:45 pm SH 3:45 – 4:45 pm HR 5:45 - 6:15 pm GS
Sunday, March 24	1:00 – 3:00 pm SH 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

Holy Rosary Continue the Mission Capital Campaign

Pledges to date: \$1,951,802.00

Households Pledging to date: 356 Parishioner Participation: 89%

Daily Bible Readings for the Week of March 3

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11
(Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 *Scrutiny:* Ex 17:3-7/
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or
4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/
Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/
Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 *Scrutiny:* 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or
9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Holy Rosary Council of Catholic Women Baby Shower

The Holy Rosary Council of Catholic Women along with Walking with Moms are sponsoring a parish wide “Baby Shower” during the month of March. We welcome your involvement by donating baby items for our project and all donations are greatly appreciated throughout the month.

You can bring your items at the entrance of the school gym.

Items needed that are specific to Abiding Care:

Size 3T boy clothes, Sizes 4, 5 & 6 diapers (due to allergies, any brand besides Parents Choice), Size 7 diapers (due to allergies, Luvs, Huggies or Pampers), Size 2T-3T & 3T-4T unisex pull-ups, Unscented baby wipes, NEW children's books, Changing table pad (new or used), Laundry soap, Toilet paper, Baby gate (new or used)

Clothing: Newborn clothes, NEW toddler 2T boy underwear

Other (NEW only): Infant bathtub, Bottle brush, Individually wrapped paper towel, Size 5T neutral or boy pull-ups, Potty chair, Personal hygiene items (for women, men and children), Cleaning products, Women's lotion, Bath towels & wash cloths, Laundry baskets, Backless booster seat, Baby & toddler toys, Bath toys

Specific items needed for our gift baskets (NEW only):

Lotions and other baby care items, Pacifiers, Small baby books, Little toys, Burp cloths, Infant girl clothes

If you wish to make a monetary donation, please place it in an envelope labeled “Baby Shower” Attn: Betty Danen – Treasurer. Checks can be made to: HRCCW. The envelopes can be placed in the collection basket at weekend Masses or taken to the Parish Office.

Donations will be given to Aspirus Birthing Ctr. - Medford, Abiding Care Pregnancy Resource Ctr., Medford and Walking with Moms. Thank you for your participation. ~
Deanna Hartman, Char Roberts, Mary Werner - Service Commission and Emily Niggemann - Walking with Moms

Goal Reached 130% / 97% / 81% Tiered Goal \$1.5M / \$2M / \$2.4M

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

Religious Education

"News You Need to Know"

Diaper Drive — The Walking with Moms group is hosting a Diaper Drive during the month of March. Walking with Moms are collecting diapers for Abiding Care Pregnancy Resource Center as well as the Aspirus Birthing Center of Medford. They are asking Religious Education students from all 4 parishes to help with this project by bringing in diapers to donate. Diapers can be placed in the collection sites at each of our parishes.

First Communion Retreat — This coming Saturday, March 9th all students preparing for their First communion in April should plan on attending the First Communion Retreat here at Holy Rosary. The event is for students and their parents **from all four of our parishes**. The retreat will be from **9:00am to 12:30pm**. Note: We have a number of excellent 1st Communion dresses available for you to pick from, free for your taking.

Lent is a good time to go to Confession. Catholics are expected to go to Confession at least once a year. As we prepare for Easter during Lent, now is a good time to take advantage of this sacrament. Some people might ask why go to Confession? **Relinquish Your Guilt** - Living a life full of unforgiven sins separates us from God and can be tiresome. Sin weighs on our hearts, causing us to feel ashamed and guilty. Unfortunately, this guilt and fear of judgment prevent some people from confessing, which only worsens how a person feels over time. Talking to God through a trusted priest allows you to experience emotional, physical and spiritual benefits.

Experience Divine Forgiveness — Confession allows us to confess our sins and experience true forgiveness from our Lord. Fortunately, there is no question whether you are forgiven or not when it comes to a valid confession and to our Lord. If you confess all of your mortal sins and are truly sorry for them, your soul is cleansed when the priest recites the words of absolution. During a confession, Christ is sacramentally present in the confession via the priest's person.

40 Cans for 40 Days — 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 (church) 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 donations can also be dropped off or mailed to the parish office.

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

Thank you, Michael Bub

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.

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



Our 5th and 6th graders presented a check for over \$250.00 to representatives from Stepping Stones. The money was raised from our Fat Tuesday Bake Sale.



The Missionaries of the Word are a religious community of Sisters from the Diocese of Green Bay. They live life united to the Word of God and work to cultivate God's life in souls. Sister Veronica and Sister Bernadette visited Holy Rosary School to spend time

with the students and to share with them the love of God and to pray together. The students were full of smiles, joy and many questions. We had a blessed day together.



Holy Rosary Catholic School offers the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP). This income based PK4-6 program provides parents the choice to send their

children to a private or chartered school tuition free through graduation. The application period for the 2024-2025 school year is February 1 to April 18, 2024. Please contact the school office with any questions.



Save the Date!! Our annual Celebration for Education Banquet is coming up on Friday, April 19, 2024. Please consider attending this wonderful event that helps support our school. Tickets are on sale now in the parish office and after all weekend Masses

Blessings, Mrs. Easterly

**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 at 6:30pm
Wednesdays at 7:00pm

Sacred Heart
Wednesdays at 9:00am
Fridays at 6:30pm

Central Deanery Spring Board and Open Meeting

All ladies in the parishes in our Four Parish Community are invited to the South Central Deanery Spring Board & Open Meeting, in Park Falls, March 16th, at the Padua Center, 276 S. 5th Ave. Hospitality is at 8:30am with the meeting starting at 9:00am. A Spirituality Service will be held and an afternoon speaker. Council of Catholic Women's Parish Presidents – come prepared to give a brief presentation of the happenings in your parish. Please bring an item for the Silent Auction. Any questions, contact Jane Schiszik, 715-748-5240.



Mass — Did you Know?

Why do the prayers, Mass parts, and eucharistic prayers change?

You might have noticed that during Lent we have changed the penitential rite to a simpler form and we have been using different eucharistic prayers. The Mass was written with options. These options are provided for the particular needs of the community in relationship to the particular spiritual need of the liturgical season. The church does recognize "The liturgy of the Eucharist unfolds according to a fundamental structure which has been preserved throughout the centuries down to our own day" (CCC1346) With this in mind the church also recognizes, "the pastoral effectiveness of a celebration will be greatly increased if the texts of the readings, the prayers, and the liturgical chants correspond as aptly as possible to the needs, the preparation, and the culture of the participants. This will be achieved by appropriate use of the many possibilities of choice. Hence, in arranging the celebration of Mass, the Priest should be attentive rather to the common spiritual good of the People of God than to his own inclinations. He should also remember that choices of this kind are to be made in harmony with those who exercise some part in the celebration, including the faithful, as regards the parts that more directly pertain to them." (GIRM 352)

Diocese of Superior Invitation to the Mass of Chrism

As Diocesan Bishop, I cordially invite you to join me and the entire presbyterate in the blessing of the Oil of Catechumens, in the blessing of the Oil of the Sick, and in the consecration of Chrism at the celebration of the Mass of Chrism on **Tuesday, the 19th day of March 2024 at 12:00 noon**, at Cathedral of Christ the King, Superior, Wisconsin. ~ *Most Reverend James P. Powers, Bishop of Superior*

If you're interested in going to the Chrism Mass Luncheon call the Parish Office at 748-3336 x247 **no later than 12:00pm, Monday, March 4th** so that reservations can be made and tickets can be ordered. Tickets for the luncheon will not be available at the door.

NOTE: We are looking for a representative from each parish to pick up the holy oils. If you are attending the Chrism Mass and would like to pick up the oils please call your parish office by March 8th.



Holy Rosary Easter Flowers

The Environment Committee would like to offer parishioners a chance to purchase flowers in memory or honor of a loved one. Checks should be made out to Holy Rosary, write "Easter Flowers" in the "memo" section. Include a slip of paper with the name of the person you would like to remember/honor. Please note that all flowers must remain in the church as part of our decorations.

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