

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 10, 2024 ~ *Fourth Sunday of Lent*



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. - Jn 3:20-21

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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

Happy Sunday! I hope that this season has been treating you all well throughout this strange winter. We have been having a busy past few weeks, but the Lord is clearly at work in our parish community and we give thanks to God for all the blessings he has bestowed upon us during this season of renewal and repentance. It is also exciting to see the many new changes that have taken place during our construction project here at Holy Rosary. It is amazing to see the many hands that have contributed to this important work and to watch it slowly come together. The Church flooring, entrance, lighting, and sanctuary space are slowly coming back to life, and we give thanks to God for all who have contributed so much to this beautiful renovation.

Throughout the Church's history, Church architecture has created an enormous impact on us as the body of Christ; and that is exactly what the Church space represents. It is not just a space that we use for Mass and prayer. It is a physical sign of the beauty of the Church and the dwelling place of God Himself! Yes, the space is used for practical purposes like seating for the congregation, and it should be practical and useable. However, this should not overshadow the symbolic expression that this space ought to reveal the glory of Christ. As much as we occupy this space for our liturgies and use it for our celebrations, the beauty of the Church is also meant to proclaim God's glory.

Our Pope emeritus once said: "When faith, celebrated in a particular way in the liturgy, encounters art, a profound synchrony is created, because both can and want to praise God, making the Invisible visible." The Church building is a space set aside for proclaiming God's dwelling place. The art and architecture proclaim and give praise to God's glory present on earth among us. Recall that Jesus is Emmanuel, which means "God with us." His presence among us in our Church space is worth our praise!

The Church tells us that "church buildings and the religious artworks that beautify them are forms of worship in themselves that both inspire and reflect the prayer of the community as well as the inner life of grace. Conversely, church buildings and religious artifacts that are trivial, contrived, or lack beauty can detract from the community's liturgy." (*Built of Living Stones*, 18) Having a beautiful church space is not simply about creating a nice place for us to pray. It is a form of worshipping God through the hand of the artist and the beauty of the liturgy. They are in themselves a form of worship. In the same way, art that lacks beauty detracts from this goal. Each part of our church space in its own way gives glory to God by the expression of the craftsman and the artist. The flooring, ceiling, windows, pews, sanctuary, tabernacle, altar, ambo, and lighting are all parts that contribute to our duty to "worship God in the splendor of His Holiness." (1 Chronicles 16:29)

As we continue our journey awaiting the completion of our renovation project, may we always recognize and identify the great importance that art and architecture play in our Catholic tradition. Let us pray that these spaces not only contribute to our future celebrations but also give glory to God.

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, March 11, 2024

12:15 pm	Bob Tlusty by Tom Leischer	HR
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Tuesday, March 12, 2024

5:15 pm	+ Donald & Jane Roth by Sally & Ron Petrowski	HR
6:00 pm	+ Jim Yanko by Ron & Mary Kauer	GS

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

8:30 am	+ Jane Leischer by Tom Leischer	HR
8:30 am	Pat (Hayden) Kent (70 th birthday) by Kathy Trimner	SH

Thursday, March 14, 2024

7:00 am	Kelli Ray	HR
10:00 am	+ Eric Garret by Carolyn Garret	NHR

Friday, March 15, 2024

8:30 am	Robert Tlusty by John & Annette Tlusty	OLPH
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Saturday, March 16, 2024

4:00 pm	+ Marjean Bootzin by Gail Damm	SH
5:00 pm	+ Mal-Hui Fischer by the Steve Fischer Family	HR
6:30 pm	+ Patty Ann Ulczycki Kauger by Leroy & Marge Draeger	GS

Sunday, March 17, 2024

7:15 am	For all the families of our 4-parish communities	SH
8:00 am	Mary Niggemann (birthday blessings) by George	OLPH
8:45 am	+ Corliss Jensen by Shirley Werner	HR
9:30 am	+ Ben Yanko by Joe & Luanne Yanko	GS
10:30 am	+ Linda O'Brien by Pearl Hale 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

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



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 10, 2024

Family Donut Sunday after both Masses

11:45 am OCIA Class

3:00 pm Youth Group until 5:00 pm

NO Adoration, Confession or Night Prayer

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

10:30 am Book Study on the Eucharist in the Fireplace Lounge

6:00 pm Adoration and Confessions until 7:45 pm

6:30 pm HR Parent Pak in the Kindergarten Rm.

7:00 pm KC Meeting

7:45 pm Night Prayer and Benediction

Wednesday, March 13, 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, March 14, 2024

7:00 am Mass Before School (NO 8:30 am Mass)

4:00 pm Executive Board Mtg. in the Science Rm.

4:00 pm Silent Adoration until 7:00 pm in the Fireplace Lounge

Friday, March 15, 2024

12:00 pm Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 16, 2024

Confirmation Retreat

3:45 pm Confessions until 4:45 pm

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Confirmation Retreat

11:45 am OCIA Class

NO Adoration, Confession or Night Prayer

Holy Rosary Finances

February 27 - March 4, 2024

Adult Envelopes \$12,988.00

Tuition - School \$5,700.00

Celebration for Ed. \$4,641.00

GS & OLPH Shares & Payroll

thru Feb. 2024 \$19,523.39

Anonymous donation \$1,200.00

Other \$1,517.82

Total \$45,570.21

Maintenance Fund

March 4, 2024

New Cash Contributed... \$396.00

November 1-30, 2023

Checking Balance ...\$618,979.23

Income\$116,965.32

Expense\$162,420.39

Ending Balance.....\$573,524.16

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

Continue the Mission 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%

Please utilize the Campaign envelopes in the foyer or in your adult envelope packets and note "Capital Campaign" in the memo of the check.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Monday, March 11, 2024

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm Prayer Hour

Wednesday, March 13, 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 15, 2024

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

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Finances

March 4, 2024

Adult Envelopes \$1,550.00

Loose..... \$264.00

Black & Indian Mission ... \$10.00

World Concern..... \$10.00

Reimbursement for

Living Faith Books..... \$27.50

Total \$1,861.50

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 Parish has carpet available.

The size of the carpet is 17' 6" x 12' 5". It was used in the cry room. If interested, call Ron 715-785-7879.

Cleaner Needed at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish is looking for a person or persons to clean at the church. It is an hourly paid position averaging 3-4 hours per week for 1 person. Please call Amy at the parish office if interested 715-748-3336.

Good Shepherd Parish

Monday, March 11, 2024

1:00 pm Shepherd Knitters

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

3:00 pm Adoration until 6:00 pm

5:00 pm Confessions until 5:45 pm

6:30 pm Lenten Video, "7 Ways to be Spiritually Great"

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

5:30 pm Grades 1-5 RE Classes

7:00 pm Grades 6-11 RE Classes

Thursday, March 14, 2024

11:00 am Meeting of Decorating Committee in hall

Friday, March 15, 2024

6:00 pm Adoration followed by Stations at 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 16, 2024

5:45 pm Confessions until 6:15 pm

6:00 pm Rosary

Good Shepherd Finances Catholic Services Appeal

February 25, 2024

Adult	\$1,978.00	Total assessment	\$26,396.00
Loose	\$256.00	CSA Paid to date	\$19,015.20
Candles	\$47.00	Subtotal	\$7,380.80
Black & Indian Mission ...	\$25.00	Pledges due	\$2,212.24
Total	\$2,306.00	Balance due	\$5,168.56
		Total \$21,227.44 — 84 Families	

Marriage Banns III

Rebecca Karen Schilling
and Jason Clarence Schilling

Thank You

Praised be Jesus Christ! Thank you for the generous hospitality welcoming us to your parish for our silent retreat. It was a grace filled gift with our Lord. Know of our prayers for you! In Jesus, Sisters Bernadette & Veronica, MW.

With Our Prayers and Sympathy

Keep in prayer Joseph Schwabe, age 87 of Stratford, father to Lori (Jeff) Dums who died March 3. May he rest in peace. +

Confirmation Retreat — March 16-17

Retreat begins March 16, 1pm at Holy Rosary. Please arrive *at least* 10 minutes early. Enter through the glass school doors. Retreat fee is \$35, with checks payable to Holy Rosary.

Palm Sunday Brunch & Raffle — March 24

Serving 10:30am until gone. Egg bakes, Caramel French Toast Bake, plain and blueberry pancakes, coffee cakes, fruit and beverages. Free will offering. A basket raffle will take place during the brunch. Proceeds go to the bathroom remodel. A balance of about \$7,000 remains. A parishioner will match up to \$3,000 of money raised at the Brunch.

Blessing of Food Baskets for Easter

Plan your Easter food basket for Father to bless on Saturday, March 30, 11:30am at our parish. Add foods you will use at your Easter dinner. You can read about this tradition under "Bulletins" on our website and on our parish bulletin board.

Sacred Heart Parish

Sunday, March 10th Confessions rescheduled to March 24th

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

6:00 am Adoration until 4:00 pm

Wednesday, March 13, 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 15, 2024

Craft 'n Crop Event Friday evening March 15 through Sunday afternoon March 17

5:30 pm Adoration followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm

Saturday, March 16, 2024

2:45 pm Confessions until 3:45 pm

Sacred Heart Finances

February 25, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$775.00
Loose	\$603.00
Maintenance	\$280.00
Candles	\$39.00
Ash Wednesday	\$10.00
Catholic Herald	\$20.00
Black / Indian Mission ...	\$127.00

Scrip	\$1,040.00
Total	\$2,894.00

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
Total \$14,620.00 — 41 Families	

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 of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 5:30pm, followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm. Further, on one remaining Friday 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.

Craft 'n Crop, March 15-17

Final Call for Registrations & Food Donations Requested.

Sacred Heart's Council of Catholic Women's annual "Craft-n-Crop for A Cause" is next weekend. Full details are available in the entry and on the parish Facebook page. Pre-registration needs to be submitted ASAP. Direct questions to Kris Brandner at 715-254-0624. Also needed are food donations. If you can help, sign up in the foyer or contact Kris Brandner.

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, please add their name and address to the signup sheet in the foyer by Sunday, March 17th. Questions can be directed to Linda Dassow, at 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 9	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

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 March 10

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 <i>Scrutiny:</i> 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
Monday:	Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday:	Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 <i>Scrutiny:</i> Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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

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

Religious Education

"News You Need to Know"

First Communion Retreat — Thank you, to everyone who helped with the First Communion Retreat. The event was for our First Communion students and their parents from all four parishes. Please pray for these students as they are in the final 2 months of their preparation to receive Jesus for the first time. In the coming weeks you may see a candle or candles lit on a table near the altar. Each candle lit represents that a First Communion student is in attendance at the Mass. Please pray for them.

Confirmation Retreat — On Saturday and Sunday, March 16th and 17th we will be hosting the Confirmation Retreat here at Holy Rosary. The Spiritus team will once again be onsite to run the retreat. The Confirmation Retreat is for students from all 4 parishes. The Spiritus team will be speaking at our Masses during the retreat weekend to introduce themselves and talk about their mission. Please pray for all the students attending the retreat. The Confirmation Retreat while a requirement to be Confirmed is an important step for the students. The retreat gives them a chance to reflect on how they are doing in their faith journey and their relationship with Jesus.

Fourth Week of Lent — Only 20 days from this Sunday until Easter! As we have past the midpoint of Lent, now might be good time to stop and do a Lenten checkup. We sometimes have good intentions for our goals for Lent. We might try and improve our behavior towards others, maybe you gave something up for Lent or maybe you intended to pray more. Whatever your Lenten goal was now would be the perfect time to review. How are you doing? Are you still trying to reach your Lenten goal? Did you forgot about your goal or did you give up? If you gave up or you got too busy, now would be the time to restart your Lenten goal. Lent is a time for us to prepare our mind and soul for the sacrifice Jesus will be making for us on Good Friday. If you are on track for your Lenten goal Congratulations. If not, it's not too late to try again.

40 Can 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 will receive 26 issues per year. The suggested cost for the subscription 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

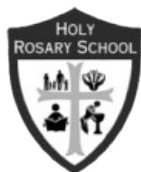
Looking Ahead — Volleyball for grades 3-6 will be starting sometime in March. More information to come soon.



Our basketball season has ended. Thank you to Coach Platt for volunteering his time.



Did you know Holy Rosary has a student led book club this year? We started last fall with our first group of students. We currently have two groups and will expand to more this spring. Students are paired with interests and reading grade levels. Students choose the book, they read on their own time, and after 3-4 weeks, we meet during recess time with themed treats to celebrate and discuss the book. Mrs. Alsteens has had a lot of fun reading new books and getting to know our students. Celebrating reading is a huge part of our great school.



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. For questions contact Anne Butkus at 715-493-6970.

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?

Kyrie, eleison, meaning Lord have Mercy, is actually in Greek and finds its origins in some of the earliest Masses of the church even before it was celebrated in Latin.

"The word mercy in English is the translation of the Greek word eleos. This word has the same ultimate root as the old Greek word for oil, or more precisely, olive oil; a substance which was used extensively as a soothing agent for bruises and minor wounds. The oil was poured onto the wound and gently massaged in, thus soothing, comforting and making whole the injured part. The Hebrew word which is also translated as eleos and mercy is hesed, and means steadfast love. The Greek words for 'Lord, have mercy,' are 'Kyrie, eleison' that is to say, 'Lord, soothe me, comfort me, take away my pain, show me your steadfast love.' Thus, mercy does not refer so much to justice or acquittal a very Western interpretation but to the infinite loving-kindness of God, and his compassion for his suffering children! It is in this sense that we pray 'Lord, have mercy,' with great frequency throughout the Divine Liturgy."

In light of this explanation the phrase comes alive and highlights the beauty and depth of God's mercy. It shows a loving God who wants to bind our wounds like the Divine Physician he is. Instead of standing in front of a tribunal at the beginning of Mass asking for mercy from a powerful judge, we are face-to-face with a compassionate God, who is ready to pick us up when we fall down.

So, while it may seem strange to speak Greek words at Mass, the Church chose those words centuries ago specifically for their deep and powerful meaning.

Safe Haven Sunday: Thank You!

Our Safe Haven Sunday was a big success! Our 4-Parish Catholic Community extends a tremendous "Thank You!" to all who made Safe Haven Sunday possible and to all parishioners for their support of the education and awareness on the issues of pornography at our Sunday celebration. Again, thanks to our parish community for your openness to the topics of internet safety and the dignity of the human person in light of the pornographic culture. Just because Safe Haven Sunday is over for this year, it doesn't mean our efforts to make our homes safe havens is over. Stay informed www.covenanteyes.com and learn more about how to protect and guide your family and friends.



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