

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 17, 2024 ~ *Fifth Sunday of Lent*



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24

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Holy Rosary Parish

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Parish Office Hours

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Holy Rosary School

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Parish Office Hours

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

Sacred Heart Parish

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

Parish Office Hours

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

Father Patrick

We will begin allowing for the reception of Holy Communion in both kinds, in Christ's Body and His Blood, starting on the feast of Holy Thursday during Holy Week, March 28th. As it states in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, "the sign of communion is more complete when given under both kinds, since in that form the sign of the Eucharistic meal appears more clearly." With this being said, as it is explained more clearly throughout the rest of this article, all are encouraged to receive the Eucharist, if in the state of grace, either in the Body and or the Blood. It is not an expectation that you receive in both. There will be an offering of both if desired. We continue to encourage a great sense of reverence around the reception of Christ in both Kinds and pray we may be able to encounter Him more fully through this great gift of the Eucharist.

The Church has always taught that each species contains both the Body and Blood of Christ. This dogma was reaffirmed at the Council of Trent:

"Because Christ our Redeemer said that it was truly his body that he was offering under the species of bread, it has always been the conviction of the Church of God, and this holy Council now declares again, that by the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood. This change the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called transubstantiation." (*Denzinger-Schönmetzner, 1642*)

The document "Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds in the Dioceses of the United States of America" states:

"It should never be construed, therefore, that Communion under the form of bread alone or Communion under the form of wine alone is somehow an incomplete act or that Christ is not fully present to the communicant. The Church's unchanging teaching from the time of the Fathers through the ages—notably in the ecumenical councils of Lateran IV, Constance, Florence, Trent, and Vatican II—has witnessed to a constant unity of faith in the presence of Christ in both elements.

Even in the earliest days of the Church's life, when Communion under both species was the norm, there were always instances when the Eucharist was received under only the form of bread or wine. . . . Thus, the Church has always taught the doctrine of concomitance, by which we know that under each species alone, the whole Christ is sacramentally present and we receive all the fruit of Eucharistic grace." (15)

There have been times throughout history where the distribution of Communion has been limited to one form for reasons of practicality or to combat heresy. In the early Church, for example, where the Eucharist was received generally under both kinds on Sundays, Communion under the form of bread alone allowed for daily reception where Mass was not possible. Likewise, beginning in the late 1200s, distribution of Communion under one form only was required in order to combat the heretical teaching of some that reception under both kinds was necessary in order to receive the whole Christ.

By the time of Vatican II, the Council saw no reason not to begin restoring the reception of Communion under both kinds. This was done in stages. In 1970 the Holy See approved for the United States the bishops' *Appendix to the General Instruction for the Dioceses of the United States*, which gave permission for Communion under both kinds at weekday Masses (AGI 242:19).

The Holy See extended this permission in 1984 to Sunday Masses in the U.S., when it approved the bishops' directory, *This Holy and Living Sacrifice: Directory for the Celebration and Reception of Communion under Both Kinds*. The directory stated that, in addition to weekday Masses, "Communion under both kinds is also permitted at parish and community Masses celebrated on Sundays and holy days of obligation in the dioceses of the United States" (HLS 21).

The only exceptions are in those cases where the size or circumstance of the congregation would not permit reverent reception of the precious blood or when the congregation is so diverse that the priest cannot tell if its members have been sufficiently instructed about receiving Communion under both kinds. "Communion under both kinds is to be desired in all celebrations of the Mass, though this is not possible in all cases" (HLS 19).

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, March 18, 2024

12:15 pm	NO Mass	HR
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Tuesday, March 19, 2024

5:15 pm	NO Mass	HR
6:00 pm	NO Mass	GS

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

8:30 am	+ Hank Deml by the Family	HR
8:30 am	+ Elaine Dowden by KC & Nancy Corley	SH

Thursday, March 21, 2024

8:30 am	+ Rita Netzer by Pat & Sharon Scott	HR
10:15 am	+ Lee Jensen by the Medford KCs	NHM

Friday, March 22, 2024

8:30 am	+ Regina & Louis Czerniak by the Family	OLPH
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Saturday, March 23, 2024

4:00 pm	+ Marjean Bootzin by Carol & Leon Kress	SH
5:00 pm	+ Gail Gruneberg by the Family	HR
6:30 pm	For all the families of our 4-parish communities	GS

Sunday, March 24, 2024

7:15 am	+ Chris Mantor by Gail Damm	SH
8:00 am	+ Phyllis & John Fuchs by the Family	OLPH
8:45 am	+ Earl Emmerich (birthday) by Joanne	HR
9:30 am	+ Sharon & Bob Shook (birthday remembrances) by Eileen & Rodger Ulrich	GS
10:30 am	+ Matt Timmers by Diana	HR

HR Holy Rosary • **GS** Good Shepherd • **OLPH** Our Lady of Perpetual Help
SH Sacred Heart • **NHM** Nursing Home Medford • **NHR** Nursing Home Rib Lake

Holy Rosary Parish

Sunday, March 17, 2024

11:45 am OCIA Class
NO Adoration, Confession or Night Prayer

Monday, March 18, 2024

NO 12:15 pm Mass

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

NO 5:15 pm Mass, Adoration, Confession, Night Prayer
 6:30 pm Walking with Mom's Meeting

Wednesday, March 20, 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 21, 2024

9:30 am Grief Support Group
 10:15 am Nursing Home Mass
 4:00 pm Silent Adoration until 7:00 pm in the Fireplace Lounge
 5:30 pm Finance Council Meeting
 6:30 pm Pivotal Players in the Commons area
 7:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting

Friday, March 22, 2024

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

Saturday, March 23, 2024

3:45 pm Confessions until 4:45 pm

Sunday, March 24, 2024

11:45 am OCIA Class
 1:00 pm Confessions **at Sacred Heart** until 3:00 pm
 5:00 pm Youth Group Bowling at Sport's Page until 7:00 pm
 6:00 pm Adoration and Confessions until 6:45 pm
 6:45 pm Night Prayer and Benediction

Holy Rosary Finances

March 5-11, 2024

Adult Envelopes..... \$5,521.00
 Loose..... \$611.28
 Tuition - School..... \$1,028.99
 Other..... \$972.66
 Total..... \$8,133.83

December 1-31, 2023

Checking Balance... \$573,524.16
 Income \$242,411.13
 Expense \$174,971.30
 Ending Balance..... \$640,963.99

Maintenance Fund

March 11, 2024

New Cash Contributed \$65.00

Catholic Service Appeal

Total assessment \$105,635.00
 CSA paid to date..... \$48,779.90
 Subtotal..... \$56,855.10
 Pledges due..... \$3,395.00
 Balance due \$53,460.10

Total \$52,174.90 — 126 Families

Continue the Mission Capital Campaign Update

Goal Reached
 130% / 97% / 81%

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

Tiered Goal:
 \$1.5M / \$2M / \$2.4M

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 18, 2024

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

Wednesday, March 20, 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 22, 2024

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

Saturday, March 23, 2024

8:30 am Pre-Marriage Day Retreat until 5:30 pm
 3:45 pm Confessions until 4:45 pm

Sunday, March 24, 2024

1:00 pm Confessions **at Sacred Heart** until 3:00 pm

* On Wednesday, March 27, there will NOT be Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Finances

March 11, 2024

Adult Envelopes.....\$475.00
 Loose.....\$138.00
 Votives.....\$5.50
 World Concern.....\$193.00
 Total.....\$811.50

Catholic Services Appeal

Total assessment..... \$9,089.00
 CSA Paid to date \$5,611.04
 Subtotal \$3,477.96
 Pledges due \$385.00
 Balance due..... \$3,092.96
Total \$5,996.04 — 27 Families

December 1-31, 2023

Checking Balance \$6,962.17
 Income \$8,493.65
 Expense \$11,722.93
 Ending Balance..... \$3,732.89



Phase 1 / Phase 2

\$100,000 / \$125,000

Goal Reached 130% / 104%

Campaign Update

Pledges to date: \$129,834.00
 Households Pledging to date: 61
 Parishioner Participation: 76%

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

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

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

3:00 pm Adoration until 6:00 pm (**NO** Confession or Mass)

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

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

Friday, March 22, 2024

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

Saturday, March 23, 2024

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

Sunday, March 24, 2024

10:30 am Palm Sunday Brunch & Raffle
1:00 pm Confessions at Sacred Heart until 3:00 pm

Good Shepherd Finances

March 3, 2024

Adult \$3,058.00
Loose \$320.00
Collections + WDP \$1,254.13
Blacktop/Maint/Energy ... \$205.00
Total \$4,837.13

Congratulations & Best Wishes

Congratulations to
Jason and Becky Schilling
who were married this
weekend. May God shower
you with His blessings!

Please Include in Prayer... Dennis Johnson, age 84 of Medford, formerly of Rib Lake. Also pray for the family, including parishioners Marian, wife, and son Daniel (Christina). Memorial Mass for Dennis is at our parish Sat., March 23, 11:30am, with visitation starting 8:30am. • Danny Van Hecker, age 67, of Green Bay. Also pray for the family, including parishioners and brother Gaylon (Gloria) and sister Yvonne (Gary) Budimlija of Holy Rosary. Both Dennis & Dan died March 9. May they rest in peace.

Chrism Mass — Note that there will be no Confession or Mass this Tuesday, March 19, due to the Chrism Mass at Noon at the Cathedral.

Practices for Easter Triduum Liturgies

Those involved in the Triduum liturgies, please attend the practices, scheduled as follows: Practice for Holy Thursday and Good Friday: 6:30pm on Monday, March 25; practice for Easter Vigil: Tuesday, March 26, 6:30pm.

Palm Sunday Brunch & Raffle - March 24

Free-will offering brunch next Sunday, serving pancakes, egg bakes & much more, from 10:30am until gone, along with a basket raffle. Proceeds go toward the bathroom project. Balance to raise is \$7,000. We have to match up to \$3,000!

Hearing Aide Batteries to Give Away

Size 13 batteries for the aides that fit in the ear (the older creamy-colored ones that do not come with a tube). Please call the office if you could use these.

Blessing of Food Baskets for Easter

Plan to bring food items in a basket for your Easter meal. Blessing at our parish will be Saturday, March 30, 11:30am.

Ecumenical Community Choir

Concert will be at Good Shepherd on Sunday, April 7, 3pm. A social will follow in the parish hall. Come and enjoy!

Sacred Heart Parish

Friday, March 15 to Sunday, March 17 — CCW Craft-n-Crop Event

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 — Adoration 6:00 am to 4:00 pm

Wednesday, March 20, 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 22, 2024

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

Saturday, March 23, 2024 — Confessions 2:45 pm to 3:45 pm

Sunday, March 24, 2024 — Confessions 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Sacred Heart Finances

March 3, 2024

Adult Envelopes \$1,200.00
Loose \$502.00
Maintenance \$269.00
Candles \$26.50
Easter \$40.00
Good Friday \$10.00
Rice Bowl \$10.00
World Concern \$10.00

Black / Indian Mission \$65.00
Scrip \$500.00
Total \$2,632.50

Catholic Services Appeal

Total assessment \$17,052.00
CSA Paid to date \$14,055.00
Subtotal \$2,997.00
Pledges due \$865.00
Balance due \$2,132.00
Total \$14,920.00

Care Packages - Sign ups due this Weekend!

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.

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 beginning at 5:30pm, followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm. On Friday 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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Sunday 3/24, 1-3pm

Next Sunday afternoon includes a unique opportunity at Sacred Heart. Confessions will be offered from 1-3pm, with five priests available to offer the sacrament. Bring your family and friends to continue your Easter preparations!

CCW Meeting & Father Julian Presentation

Tuesday, April 2nd from 6:00pm to 7:30pm — Save the Date!! Sacred Heart's Council of Catholic Women will have their next meeting on Tuesday, April 2. The meeting will be followed at 7:30pm by Father Julian sharing stories from his mission trip to Africa earlier this year; light refreshments will be served.

Rest In Peace

Our sympathy to the family & friends of

Ardath A. Dums
Donald J. Hessefort
Paul E. Niznik Jr.
may they rest in peace

Lent.

a season of spiritual preparation

4-Parish Lent Confession Schedule

Saturday, March 16	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



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 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.

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Daily Bible Readings for the Week of March 17

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
Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/ Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/ Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday:	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

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 Center, Medford, Abiding Care Pregnancy Resource Center, Medford and Walking with Moms. Thank you for your participation.

~ Deanna Hartman, Char Roberts, Mary Werner - Service Commission and Emily Niggemann - Walking with Moms

Religious Education “News You Need to Know”

Confirmation Retreat — This Saturday and Sunday, March 16th & 17th we will be hosting the Confirmation Retreat here at Holy Rosary. The Confirmation Retreat is for students from all 4 parishes. The Spiritus team is onsite to run the retreat. 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.

Next week is Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, and the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ into Jerusalem, days before he was crucified. Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful will often receive palm branches which they use to participate in the reenactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect. Palm branches are widely recognized symbol of peace and victory, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday. After Palm Sunday we enter Holy Week. Please make plans to attend as many of the Holy Week services as possible. Look in the next bulletin for scheduled Holy Week services.

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 families 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 parish. Any donations are appreciated.

40 Can for 40 Days — The Knights of Columbus 40 Cans for 40 days will continue until Easter Sunday. Food items can be dropped off in the parish office or in the boxes located by the gym (church) doors. Envelopes with money/checks should be labeled with “40 Cans for 40 Days” and placed in the collection baskets at Mass. 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



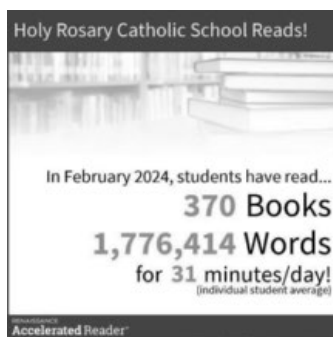
SPIRITUS missionaries are young adults who give nine months of service to ignite the faith of our Catholic youth. They are here this weekend to share how they are inspiring the youth of our parish and parishes throughout mostly Wisconsin but also in other states. After their brief witness, they will invite parishioners to partner with their missionary efforts through prayer and financial support. We hope you will join in this vital mission of the Church.

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

Spring Vocabulary Bowl — The students in grades 4-6 are competing to increase their vocabulary on [Vocabulary.com](https://www.vocabulary.com). All 24 students are working together as one group because we are a small school. They are competing online to learn and ‘master’ words. On February 16, Holy Rosary students earned 1st place for Middle Schools and 3rd place overall (which includes High Schools) in the state! We are so proud of our students!



Celebrating ‘Read Across America Week’
with some fun dress-up days.

LOOKING AHEAD... Spring Program News! Thursday, May 2nd

Preschool program at 1:00pm and Grades K-6 at 5:30pm.
Both programs are in the school gym.

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**

Holy Rosary Parish is looking to have someone make 2" wooden crosses to put on the main entryway light fixtures in the church. If you are interested in this project please call Gordy Bach at 715-748-5982 for more design details.



Mass — Did you Know?

Why do we cover the statues and crucifix during Lent?

In the *Roman Missal* we find the instruction, "In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from [the fifth] Sunday [of Lent] may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil."

But why go through such lengths to cover up images that are designed to raise our hearts and minds toward heaven? First of all, we use veils to alert us of the special time that we are in. When we walk into church and notice everything is covered, we immediately know that something is different. These last two weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum and these veils are a forceful reminder to get ready. Secondly, the veils focus our attention on the words being said at Mass. When we listen to the Passion narrative, our senses are allowed to focus on the striking words from the Gospel and truly enter into the scene. Third, the Church uses veils to produce a heightened sense of anticipation for Easter Sunday. This is further actualized when you attend daily Mass and see the veils each day. You don't want them to be there because they are hiding some very beautiful images.

Grief Support Group Gatherings

March 21st at 9:30am

Holy Rosary Parish Fireplace Lounge

Hosted by Mary Anderson

Grief Support Specialist, Certified
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Contact the parish office to register
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If you have a prayer you would like passed on, please contact Jane Schiszik at 715-748-5240.

One Day Koinonia Retreat

March 23 at St. Anthony of Padua, Park Falls

A one-day Koinonia Retreat will be held at St. Anthony of Padua in Park Falls on Saturday, March 23, 2024, beginning at 9:00am. Koinonia is a Greek word St. Paul used to designate "community". A Koinonia Retreat is an opportunity for individuals to encounter Jesus Christ through an experience of Christian Community, fellowship, and sharing. For more information and application, please contact Bluette Puchner at 612-865-4720 or Missy Wiener at 715-274-3911. Applications will be available in the parish office. If you have always wanted to attend a Koinonia Retreat but were unable to make a full weekend commitment, this rare opportunity is for you. Don't hesitate, complete an application today.

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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