

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 24, 2024 ~ *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

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Holy Rosary Parish

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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

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Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Office Phone: 715-748-3336 ext. 1
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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 Patrick

As we come together to begin a deeper reflection on the paschal mystery, the passion or suffering of Christ, His death, and His resurrection, we take a moment to pause to celebrate the great gift of the Triduum.

The Easter Triduum begins with the Vigil of Holy Thursday. It marks the end of the forty days of Lent and the beginning of the three-day celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ - Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday. The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council reminded us of the extraordinary significance of the Triduum: "Christ redeemed us all and gave perfect glory to God principally through his paschal mystery: dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life. Therefore, the Easter Triduum of the passion and resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire liturgical year." (*General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, # 18)

These last forty days were a time of preparation for these great three days, which is what Triduum means. These three days lead us to an empty tomb and an Octave, eight days, of celebrating the Resurrection. They also introduce an entire liturgical season, the Easter Season, which lasts for fifty days until Pentecost.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church instructs us: "Beginning with the Easter Triduum as its source of light, the new age of the Resurrection fills the whole liturgical year with its brilliance. Gradually, on either side of this source, the year is transfigured by the liturgy. It really is a "year of the Lord's favor." The economy of salvation is at work within the framework of time, but since its fulfillment in the Passover of Jesus and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the culmination of history is anticipated "as a foretaste," and the kingdom of God enters into our time.

"Therefore, Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the "Feast of feasts," the "Solemnity of solemnities," just as the Eucharist is the "Sacrament of sacraments" (*the Great Sacrament*). St. Athanasius calls Easter "the Great Sunday" and the Eastern Churches call Holy Week "the Great Week." The mystery of the Resurrection, in which Christ crushed death, permeates with its powerful energy our old time, until all is subjected to him." (*CCC #1168, 1169*)

We should let the Lord love us during Holy Week. The palm we held on Palm Sunday should be a symbol of our praise, reverence, and love for the humble Master who has saved and set us free. The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening is an opportunity to taste the surprising grace of the Eucharist and surrender to the consolation of the foot washing. Listening to the Passion and venerating the cross on Good Friday gives us the opportunity to embrace the cross in our own lives, no matter what form it may take. Know that the mystery of suffering in our lives is the sacred ladder by which we will ascend to the beauty of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Holy Saturday is a sacred time of rest and silence, as the Lord sleeps in the tomb and all of creation awaits a salvation it does not yet understand. A beautiful ancient text from the early Church pictures Jesus roaming the abode of the dead on this day, unchaining Adam and Eve and all of the other souls who had been waiting for redemption since the foundation of the world. Ask the Lord to set you free from the fear, sin, and self-seeking that keeps you bound.

Gathering around the Easter fire at the Vigil, we call to mind how we began the Lenten journey marked with the ashes of sin, failure, and defeat, but now you have become filled with fire — the mighty force of the risen Christ and the courageous strength of the Holy Spirit. As we proclaim the resurrection of Christ as the beautiful truth and transformative meaning of human history, know that the Lord walks with you, loves you, and is leading you to the fullness of joy and peace.

I invite all to enter deeper into the amazing gift of Christ who asks us to come to know, love, and follow Him. Let us make this Triduum a time to allow this to happen. There will be Triduum services held and both Holy Rosary in Medford and Good Shepherd in Rib Lake. Please note that with the continued construction, we will not be able to have Mass this Holy Week in the Church. All Triduum services and Easter Mass will be held in the school gymnasium. Blessings to you all in this most holy time.

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, March 25, 2024

12:15 pm	+ Jack & Marge Dallas by Ben & Jean Egle	HR
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Tuesday, March 26, 2024

5:15 pm	+ Mary & John Resudek by their children and grandchildren	HR
6:00 pm	+ Karen Olson by Mary Lou, Dan & Tony Czerniak	GS

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

8:30 am	+ Archie McDonnell by the Family	HR
8:30 am	+ Jeanne Allar by Alan & Peggy Hrabý	SH

Thursday, March 28, 2024 — Holy Thursday

7:00 pm	+ Louise Riegert by Kathy and Family	HR
7:00 pm	+ Charles Matyka by Gerald & Joan Matyka	GS

Friday, March 29, 2024 — Good Friday

1:00 pm	Good Friday Service	GS
3:00 pm	Good Friday Service	HR

Saturday, March 30, 2024 — Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil

8:15 pm	For all the families of our 4-parish communities	HR
8:15 pm	+ Peter Matyka by Allen & Melissa Thums	GS

Sunday, March 31, 2024 — Easter Sunday

8:00 am	+ Ardath Dums by Trent & Ann Harris	OLPH
8:30 am	+ Florette Kohn by Jaymi & David Kohn	HR
9:30 am	+ Ervin R. Ulrich, Sr. by Mom, Dad & Family	GS
10:30 am	+ Ivan & Marjean Bootzin by Becky Tylka and Mike Leary	SH

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 24, 2024

- 11:45 am OCIA Class
- 1:00 pm Confessions at **Sacred Heart** until 3:00 pm
- 6:00 pm Adoration and Confessions until 6:45 pm
- 6:45 pm Night Prayer and Benediction

Tuesday, March 26, 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, March 27, 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 28, 2024

- NO School - Teacher Inservice
- 7:00 pm Holy Thursday Mass
- 8:00 pm Veneration of the Eucharist in the Social Hall

Friday, March 29, 2024

- NO School / Parish & School Offices Closed
- 3:00 pm Good Friday Service

Saturday, March 30, 2024

- 11:00 am OCIA Candidates Practice
- 8:15 pm Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, March 31, 2024

- 8:30 am Easter Sunday Mass

Holy Rosary Finances

March 12-18, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$13,317.00
Loose	\$1,025.18
Aftercare	\$2,993.57
Tuition - School	\$5,800.00
Celebration for Ed.....	\$7,950.00
OLPH/GS Mar. shares.	\$5,623.55
GS February Payroll ...	\$1,949.00
Grants—School.....	\$2,000.00
Other.....	\$2,055.00
Total	\$42,713.30

January 1-31, 2024

Checking Balance...	\$640,963.99
Income	\$193,496.49
Expense	\$175,982.32
Ending Balance	\$658,478.16

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

Maintenance Fund

March 18, 2024

New Cash Contributed.....\$60.00

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

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

Sunday, March 24, 2024

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

Monday, March 25, 2024

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

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

- NO** RE classes for Gr. 1-10
- 6:00 pm Seder Meal for RE grades 11
- NO** Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 29, 2024

- 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 31, 2024

- 8:00 am Easter Sunday Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Finances

March 18, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$910.00
Loose.....	\$219.01
Votives.....	\$8.00
Easter.....	\$25.00
Total	\$1,162.01

January 1-31, 2024

Checking Balance	\$3,732.89
Income	\$6,550.07
Expense	\$9,426.41
Ending Balance	\$856.55

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



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.

abiding *Care* Prayer Requests

Please pray for the construction project that starts this month in the back of the building. Pray for the safety of those working and that we can continue to serve our clients well during this time.

Please pray that God will send us the staff we need to function well and care for our clients.

Please pray for an abortion determined woman who is not responding to any further outreach. Pray for the seeds that have been planted and for God to send others across her path to speak life!

Good Shepherd Parish

Sunday, March 24, 2024

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

Monday, March 25, 2024

6:30 pm Practice for Holy Thursday & Good Friday

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

3:00 pm Adoration until 6:00 pm
5:00 pm Confessions until 5:45 pm
6:30 pm Practice for Easter Vigil

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

5:50 pm Seder Meal for Gr. 11 at OLPH (NO other RE Classes)

Thursday, March 28, 2024

7:00 pm Holy Thursday Mass
8:00 pm Adoration at Altar of Repose until Midnight

Friday, March 29, 2024

12:30 pm Stations followed by Good Friday Service

Saturday, March 30, 2024

11:30 am Blessing of Easter dinner baskets
8:15 pm Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, March 31, 2024

9:30 am Easter Sunday Mass

Good Shepherd Finances	Candles.....\$29.00
March 11, 2024	Total\$5,665.52
Adult & Youth	\$3,705.00
Loose.....	\$347.52
World Concerns	\$441.00
Energy.....	\$323.00
Charity.....	\$400.00
Bathroom Remodel.....	\$420.00
Catholic Services Appeal	
Total assessment	\$26,396.00
CSA Paid to date.....	\$19,644.64
Subtotal	\$6,751.36
Pledges due	\$1,837.80
Balance due.....	\$4,913.56

Palm Sunday Brunch & Raffle - March 24

Free will offering brunch this Sunday, serving pancakes, egg bakes and 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!

Blessing of Food Baskets for Easter

Plan to bring food items in a basket for your Easter meal. Father will bless them on Saturday, March 30, 11:30am.

Ecumenical Community Choir — The Community Choir's spring concert will be on Sunday, April 7, 3pm at Good Shepherd. A social will follow in the parish hall. Come & enjoy!

Entering Holy Week

Please note the following for this week:

- * Practice for Holy Thursday & Good Friday will be Monday, March 25, 6:30pm.
- * Practice for the Easter Vigil will be Tuesday, March 26, following the 6:00pm Mass (about 6:30pm).
- * Consider spending time in Adoration and prayer Tuesday from 3-6pm. Reconciliation will be Tuesday from 5-5:45pm.
- * There are NO Religious Ed classes for grades 1-10 this week. Grade 11 will have class at OLPH Wednesday at 5:50pm.
- * Incense will be used Holy Thursday and at the Easter Vigil.

Sacred Heart Parish

Sunday, March 24, 2024

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

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

6:00 am Adoration until 4:00 pm

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

7:45 am Confessions until 8:15 am
9:00 am Stations of the Cross
NO RE Classes

Thursday, March 28, 2024

Holy Thursday - see 4-Parish Community Schedule

Friday, March 29, 2024

8:00 pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Saturday, March 30, 2024

Holy Saturday - see 4-Parish Community Schedule
NO Confessions

Sunday, March 31, 2024

10:30 am Easter Sunday Mass

Sacred Heart Finances	Scrip	\$740.00	
	Total	\$2,913.25	
March 11, 2024			
Adult Envelopes.....	\$880.00	Catholic Services Appeal	
Loose.....	\$530.25	Total assessment	\$17,052.00
Maintenance.....	\$164.00	CSA Paid to date.....	\$14,055.00
Candles.....	\$16.00	Subtotal	\$2,997.00
World Concern.....	\$508.00	Pledges due	\$865.00
Rice Bowl	\$30.00	Balance due.....	\$2,132.00
Easter.....	\$25.00		
Good Friday.....	\$20.00		
		<i>Total</i>	<i>\$14,920.00</i>

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

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

Holy Week & Easter Mass Schedules

Our great celebrations of this coming week include several changes in Mass times. Sacred Heart will host a candlelight Tenebrae Service on Good Friday (3/29) at 8:00pm, and Easter Sunday Mass (3/31) at 10:30am. See the full 4-Parish Community schedule for all opportunities.

Father Julian Mission Trip Presentation

Tuesday, April 2nd from 6:00pm to 7:30pm — All are invited to Sacred Heart on Tuesday, April 2nd at 7:30pm as Father Julian shares stories and pictures from his mission trip to Africa earlier this year. Light refreshments will be served.

Council of Catholic Women Meeting

Tuesday, April 2nd at 6:00pm — The CCW will hold its regular meeting at 6:00pm, prior to Father Julian's presentation. All are welcome to help plan activities that continue to develop our parish, community, and personal faith!

Food Pantry: March donations for the Food Pantry included 70 lbs. of food and miscellaneous items, plus \$40.00 cash and a \$50 gift card. Thanks for your support of this important cause.

Lent.

a season of spiritual preparation

4-Parish Lent Confession Schedule

Saturday, March 23	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 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

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.

Daily Bible Readings for the Week of March 24

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
Monday:	Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday:	Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday:	Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 & 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday:	<i>Chrim Mass:</i> Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 & 27 Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 <i>Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:</i> Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday:	Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday:	<i>Easter Vigil:</i> Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7
Next Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7



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.



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.

Religious Education “News You Need to Know”

Confirmation Retreat — Thank you to everyone who helped with the Confirmation Retreat. This past weekend we had over 40 students attending the Confirmation Retreat here at Holy Rosary. The retreat would not have been a success without the volunteers to help set-up, cook the meals and provide onsite support over the two days. Thank you to the Spiritus team for once again helping our students to continue their faith journey and Confirmation preparation.

Let's Go Bowling — After numerous attempts to schedule a winter tubing event for the Youth Group, unfortunately, due to the lack of snow we weren't able to go. We have now scheduled a bowling event! Reminder to students in all 4 of parishes the bowling event is this Sunday, March 24th at the Sports Page in Medford. The event starts at 5:00pm. For \$10 you get your bowling shoes, two games of bowling, pizza and soda.

Holy Week is here! This week we celebrate the Easter Triduum — beginning on the evening of Holy Thursday.

Holy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper, when Jesus consecrated bread and wine. The washing of the feet takes place during the Mass of the Lord's Supper in the evening.

Good Friday is one of the darkest days of the year for Catholics. It covers Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion. His death and burial are also memorialized. Good Friday is a day of fasting within the Church. Traditionally, there is no Mass and no celebration of the Eucharist on Good Friday. Communion comes from hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday. Church bells are silent. Altars are left bare. The solemn, muted atmosphere is preserved until the Easter Vigil.

Holy Saturday remembers the day which Jesus spent in the grave. The Easter Vigil takes place at the end of the day at 8:15pm. The vigil begins at sunset on Holy Saturday outside the church, where an Easter fire is kindled and the Paschal candle is blessed and then lit. After the conclusion of the Liturgy of the Word, the water of the baptismal font is solemnly blessed and any catechumens and candidates enter into full communion are initiated into the church.

OCIA — This year we have seven adults that have been meeting each Sunday since early January. Some have never been Baptized others are completing their Sacraments. Please pray for these seven as they prepare to fully join the Catholic Faith at the Easter Vigil Mass.

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

Thank you, Michael Bub



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.

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



The Kindergarten class got two special 'goat' visitors last week. Thank you to Peter's mom and dad for sharing them with the class.



The students in 4K and 3rd grade were lucky to have Patrick, from PK Poultry Co., bring in and talk about some of his animals. They included a duck, a chicken, and even a turkey!

The children in grades 5 and 6 attended the Chrism Mass in Superior last week. It is always a wonderful gift for our children to travel north for this beautiful Mass. For many this is a once in a lifetime experience and we are grateful to be invited. We celebrated with children from some of the other schools in our diocese. It was a memorable day. I hope your journey through the rest of Lent is reflective and fulfilling.

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**

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

Mass — Did you Know?

Why do we use incense at Mass?

The smoke symbolizes the prayers of the faithful drifting up to heaven: the Psalmist prays, "Let my prayer come like incense before you; the lifting up of my hands, like the evening sacrifice" (Psalm 141). Incense also creates the ambiance of heaven: The Book of Revelation describes the heavenly worship as follows: "Another angel came in holding a censer of gold. He took his place at the altar of incense and was given large amounts of incense to deposit on the altar of gold in front of the throne, together with the prayers of all God's holy ones. From the angel's hand, the smoke of the incense went up before God, and with it the prayers of God's people."

In the General Instruction of the Roman Missal incense may be used during the entrance procession; at the beginning of Mass, to incense the altar; at the procession and proclamation of the Gospel; at the offertory, to incense the offerings, altar, priest and people; and at the elevation of the Sacred Host and chalice of Precious Blood after the consecration. The priest may also incense the Crucifix and the Paschal Candle. During funeral Masses, the priest at the final commendation may incense the coffin, both as a sign of honor to the body of the deceased which became the temple of the Holy Spirit at Baptism and as a sign of the faithful's prayers for the deceased rising to God.

The usage of incense adds a sense of solemnity and mystery to the Mass. The visual imagery of the smoke and the smell remind us of the transcendence of the Mass which links heaven with earth, and allow us to enter into the presence of God.



Thursday, March 28 — Holy Thursday

7:00 pm Holy Thursday Mass at Holy Rosary
 8:00 pm Veneration of the Eucharist until Midnight
 7:00 pm Holy Thursday Mass at Good Shepherd
 Adoration at Altar of Repose until Midnight

Friday, March 29 — Good Friday

12:30 pm Stations of the Cross followed by Good Friday Service at Good Shepherd
 3:00 pm Good Friday Service at Holy Rosary
 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 8:00 pm Tenebrae Service at Sacred Heart

Saturday, March 30 — Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil

8:15 pm Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass at Holy Rosary
 8:15 pm Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass at Good Shepherd

Sunday, March 31 — Easter Sunday

8:00 am Easter Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 8:30 am Easter Sunday Mass at Holy Rosary
 9:30 am Easter Sunday Mass at Good Shepherd
 10:30 am Easter Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart

Special Collections — The Rice Bowl Collection will be on March 28th and the Holy Land Collection will be on March 29th.



Good Friday Tenebrae Service March 29th 8:00pm at Sacred Heart Parish

Deepen your Holy Week worship with this powerful evening candlelight service. As several Gospel readings are heard, and the candles gradually extinguished, the sanctuary sinks further into darkness and we ponder the depth of Christ's suffering, sacrifice and death.

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