

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

April 21, 2024 ~ *Fourth Sunday of Easter*



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.” - Jn 10:14-15

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Holy Rosary Parish

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Parish Office Hours

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

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: sacredheartchurchstetsonville@gmail.com

Parish Office Hours

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



World Day of Prayer for Vocations

In our politically charged society, I imagine many have heard the quote, "It takes a village..." Whether or not one likes the politics of the author of that quote, in the words are truth. It takes many people to create and sustain a community.

For those of us who are Catholic, we believe in the power of vocations to help spread the Gospel message. And vocations are an important part of the community. The vocations to priesthood, or the diaconate, or religious life are at the center of our efforts to spread the good news. However, we need to also speak about the vocation of married life as service to the church; and furthermore, the vocation of single life. It is at our baptism that we are given the mandate to spread the Gospel through our vocation in the church.

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, then I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me" (Rv 3:20).

We hear in Scripture that Jesus stands at the door of our heart and knocks. He only invites and never demands or breaks into our lives without our acceptance. He knocks, we open the door, and the invitation and welcome are complete.

Let us pray...

God of the invitation, you knock upon the door of everyone's heart. We seek the courage to open that door, for we know the responsibility of saying yes. We humbly ask you for your wisdom to serve your church with compassion and acceptance. We believe that when we say yes, you will provide the grace for the work ahead. Give grace to those men and women who have dedicated their lives to constant service to your church. Also give grace to those couples and single men and women who work for the church in their secular lives. We ask all this through Christ our Lord and brother, who live and reign with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

"How long has Jesus been knocking at the door of your heart, waiting to enter?" ~ *St. John Baptist de la Salle*

Abiding Care Prayer Requests

Please pray for the variety of presentations our Healthy U, our sexual integrity program for the schools, including some new opportunities that we praise God for. Pray that those we present to will receive the message well and be challenged to make healthier choices for their lives.

Please pray for our annual banquet coming this month. In addition to that, please continue to pray for our clients - especially the abortion-minded ones that have been in, as well as our staffing needs.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 20, 2024

- 4:00 pm † Marv Riemer by Pauline Riemer SH
- 5:00 pm † Don Hessefort by Tim & Jill Koenig HR
- 6:30 pm For all the families of our 4-parish communities GS

Sunday, April 21, 2024

- 7:15 am † Judy Paul by Gail Damm SH
- 8:00 am † Deceased members of the OLPH Ladies Sodality OLPH
- 8:45 am Sabina Strama (birthday blessings) by her Family HR
- 9:30 am † Edwin Thums (24th anniversary of death) by Greg & Sue Thums GS
- 10:30 am † Bruce Clarkson by Chuck & Susie Zenner HR

Monday, April 22, 2024

- 12:15 pm Dick & Shirley Werner (wedding anniversary) by Barry & Jane Werner HR

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

- 5:15 pm † Dora & James Vlach by their children and Grandchildren HR
- 6:00 pm † Dorothy Olson (birthday) by Ted & Cheryl Eisner GS

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

- 8:30 am † Norb Kaja by the Family HR
- 8:30 am † Doris Klieforth by Larry & Deb Fierke SH

Thursday, April 25, 2024

- 8:30 am † Alyse Lamberson (anniversary of death) by Diane and Family HR
- 10:00 am † Fr. Otto Bucher by Glenn & Mary Harder NHR

Friday, April 26, 2024

- 8:30 am † Andrew & Agnes Herman by the Kaja and Regitshnig Family OLPH

Saturday, April 27, 2024

- 4:00 pm † Judy Paul by Larry & Deb Fierke SH
- 5:00 pm For all the families of our 4-parish communities HR
- 6:30 pm † Claude Fallos (birthday) by Family GS

Sunday, April 28, 2024

- 7:15 am † Marv Riemer by Pauline Riemer SH
- 8:00 am † Mary Ann Dassow by Pauline's Bowling Team OLPH
- 8:45 am † Hank Deml by the Family HR
- 9:30 am † Peter Matyka (birthday) by Allen & Melissa Thums GS
- 10:30 am † Jane Heier by Don Paustenbach HR

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

This Week the Sanctuary Light at Our Lady of Perpetual Help is lit with the following intentions:

- † Catherine Dassow by the OLPH Choir
- † Mary Ann Dassow by the OLPH Choir
- † Mike Hince by the OLPH Choir
- † Shirley Lukewich by the OLPH Choir
- † Sheldon Mayer by the OLPH Choir

Holy Rosary Parish

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Youth Brat & Burger Fundraiser after both Masses
 12:30 pm 4-Parish Community Afternoon Reflection at OLPH
 3:00 pm Youth Group until 5:00 pm

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

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

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

4:00 pm Grades 1-4 RE Classes
 5:30 pm First Communion Practice
 6:00 pm Grades 5-8 RE Classes
 7:15 pm Grades 9-11 RE Class

Thursday, April 25, 2024

4:00 pm Silent Adoration until 7:00 pm in the Fireplace Lounge
 4:00 pm Dine at Culver's and support Holy Rosary School Student Council until 8:00 pm

Saturday, April 27, 2024

3:45 pm Confessions until 4:45 pm

Sunday, April 28, 2024

10:30 am First Communion Mass
 3:00 pm Youth Group until 5:00 pm

Holy Rosary Finances

April 9-15, 2024

Adult Envelopes \$7,557.00
 Loose \$696.00
 School Support \$442.00
 Celebration for Ed.... \$11,369.00
 Other \$519.31
 Total \$20,583.31

February 1-29, 2024

Checking Balance... \$658,478.16
 Income \$220,398.24
 Expense \$180,839.24
 Ending Balance \$698,037.16

Maintenance Fund

April 15, 2024

New Cash Contributed....\$345.00

Catholic Service Appeal

Total assessment\$105,635.00
 CSA paid to date\$51,659.90
 Subtotal\$53,975.10
 Pledges due\$1,780.00
 Balance due.....\$52,195.10

*Total \$53,439.90
 127 Families*



Capital Campaign Update

Pledges to date: \$1,998,994.00
 Households Pledging to date: 356
 Parishioner Participation: 89%

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

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



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.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Sunday, April 21, 2024

12:30 pm 4-Parish Community Afternoon Reflection

Monday, April 22, 2024

7:00 pm Prayer Hour

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

6:00 pm Grades K-5 RE Classes
 6:30 pm First Communion Practice
 7:15 pm Grades 6-11 RE Classes

Friday, April 26, 2024

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

Sunday, April 28, 2024

8:00 am First Communion Mass

May Crowning and Living Rosary at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

On **Wednesday, May 1st at 6:00pm** the OLPH Religious Education program will be having May Crowning and Living Rosary with a potluck to follow. All 4 parishes are invited.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Finances

April 15, 2024

Adult Envelopes \$767.00
 Loose \$128.00
 Divine Mercy Lunch \$52.00
 Rice Bowl \$106.71
 Total \$1,053.71

February 1-29, 2024

Checking Balance \$856.55
 Income \$6,512.19
 Expense \$3,926.95
 Ending Balance \$3,441.79

Catholic Services Appeal

Total assessment \$9,089.00
 CSA Paid to date..... \$5,691.04
 Subtotal \$3,397.96
 Pledges due \$330.00
 Balance due..... \$3,067.96
Total \$6,021.04 — 28 Families



Campaign Update

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

Phase 1 / Phase 2

\$100,000 / \$125,000

Goal Reached 130% / 104%

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

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Mission Statement

We, the people of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Whittlesey, believe we are a faith-filled family oriented community. We value each member of our community and strive to meet their needs through our various programs. Our vision for tomorrow is a parish with total involvement of its members from birth to death.

Good Shepherd Parish

Sunday, April 21, 2024

10:30 am Good Shepherd Prayer Svc. & Donut Social
12:30 pm 4-Parish Community Afternoon Reflection at OLPH

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

3:00 pm Adoration until 6:00 pm
5:00 pm Confessions until 5:45 pm
6:45 pm Buildings & Grounds Meeting

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

5:30 pm RE for Grades 1-5 Final Fun Night
7:00 pm RE for Grades 6-11 Final Fun Night

Saturday, April 27, 2024

5:45 pm Confessions until 6:15 pm
6:00 pm Rosary
6:30 pm Mass with First Communion & May Crowning

Good Shepherd Finances Catholic Services Appeal

April 7, 2024	Total assessment
Adult	\$2,631.00
Loose	\$379.45
Energy/Bldg. Main.....	\$180.00
Diocesan Collections	\$218.11
Bathroom Remodel.....	\$40.00
Candles/Blacktop	\$55.00
Total	\$3,503.56
CSA Paid to date	\$20,189.08
Subtotal	\$6,206.92
Pledges due	\$1,593.36
Balance due	\$4,613.56

Your May giving packets include a CSA envelope, to help us pay this balance off!

Good Shepherd Sunday - April 21

To have the Good Shepherd as our parish patron is such a blessing. Following Mass this Sunday, will be Day 9 of our Novena and other prayers to our Good Shepherd, followed by a donut social in the parish hall. Plan to come!

Religious Education Fun Night - April 24

Grade 11 students will be hosting our final fun night for students this Wednesday. Pizza and other goodies served!

First Holy Communion and May Crowning

Next Saturday, April 27 our second graders will be making their first Holy Communion at the 6:30pm Mass. The front pews will be reserved for them and their families. May crowning will also take place. A light social will be held that evening.

Parish Council Elections

Election for three Parish Council members will be held the weekend of May 4-5. Watch the bulletin insert next weekend to see and read about those running for this position.

Ladies Jacket Left at Church

A taupe winter jacket with hood was left in the parish hall either at a recent funeral or our Palm Sunday brunch. Call or stop by the office if this is yours!

Good Shepherd Mission Statement

The mission of Good Shepherd Catholic Parish is to welcome all to spiritual growth through prayer, worship and ongoing formation. Together, formed in the image of Christ, the Good Shepherd, we will tend to the needs of the entire community.

Sacred Heart Parish

Sunday, April 21, 2024

12:30 pm 4-Parish Community Afternoon Reflection at OLPH

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

6:00 am Adoration until 4:00 pm

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

NO Religious Education Classes — done for the year
FYI – this is 1 week earlier than our original schedule

Thursday, April 25, 2024

6:00 pm Finance & Pastoral Council Meeting

Saturday, April 27, 2024

2:45 pm Confessions until 3:45 pm

Sacred Heart Finances Catholic Services Appeal

April 7, 2024	Total assessment
Adult Envelopes.....	\$1,175.00
Loose	\$572.00
Maintenance	\$600.00
Candles	\$71.75
Easter	\$170.00
Rice Bowl.....	\$260.00
Good Friday	\$32.00
Mission.....	\$20.00
Scrip.....	\$900.00
Total.....	\$3,800.75
CSA Paid to date	\$14,055.00
Subtotal.....	\$2,997.00
Pledges due.....	\$865.00
Balance due	\$2,132.00

Total \$14,920.00

Eucharist Minister Training Sunday 4/21

Now that we are again offering the Precious Blood as part of our Eucharist celebration, Deacon Pat will be offering a brief training for Eucharistic Ministers assisting here at Sacred Heart. All those who are active in this ministry, or interested in this ministry, are asked to participate in a training Sunday April 21st after the 7:15am Mass.

Leadership Councils Meet Monday 4/22

Sacred Heart's Finance and Pastoral Councils will meet on Monday, April 22nd in the church basement in joint session at 6:00pm. As always, all are welcome to attend these quarterly meetings or discuss topics directly with council members.

Adoration each Tuesday from 6:00am - 4:00pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available to you ten hours each Tuesday in Sacred Heart's lower chapel. Spend time with the Lord as your schedule permits, or commit to a specific hour each week by calling Deacon Pat 715-218-6756.

Job Opening at Sacred Heart Parish — Part-time bookkeeper at Sacred Heart Parish needed. Job description includes paying and recording income and expenses in Quickbooks, ordering supplies, scheduling and miscellaneous jobs. If interested or want more information, contact Peggy 715-678-2395 (Tuesday or Friday mornings) or 715-748-6443.

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.



Creator God, we thank you for all of creation. We ask your forgiveness where we have failed to be just stewards. And we now ask for your guidance in restoring the face of the earth. May we learn to live in harmony, safety and just sharing of resources among all so that we achieve the kingdom of God.

KC Benefits Presentation Monday, April 22nd at 6:00pm in the Holy Rosary Social Hall

This informational meeting is open to members and non-members, no purchase necessary. This is a no risk opportunity to learn a little Knights of Columbus history and see if KC insurance and financial products may benefit you.

Knights of Columbus Raffle Drawing will be held April 28th at the State Convention. If you haven't purchased your tickets, ask a knight or stop by the Holy Rosary office for your chance to win a new Ford Ranger, Harley Davidson or cash.

ALL KC MEMBERS: If you have outstanding raffle tickets, bring them to the April meeting, get them to Jim Sova or leave them at the Holy Rosary office prior to April 27th.

Everyday Stewardship Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Confidence in Princes — Have you ever confided your problems to a friend, only to get the answer, "have you prayed about it as much as you've talked about it?"

Like all good advice, it can really irritate the recipient at first. Here I am, vulnerable and wounded, unloading my problems, and this joker tries to load them right back up and ship them off to someone with a higher pay grade.

But again, like all good and irritating advice, it rings true if you sit and think about it.

Sure, venting is helpful. We all need that friend or family member who can listen to our problems. But if we ever start to think that person can solve them, it's a good sign that we're losing perspective.

Are you looking to the world for an answer? Are you looking in the mirror, expecting to find a solution to your problems? Are you expecting happiness, peace, contentment or justice to come from any place other than God?

"It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes," the Psalms tell us. Well, I've never put much confidence in princes. But when it comes to problems, I often find myself telling God to take a step back — "I've got this."

It's tough to pray about any problem as much as you talk about it. We want so badly to tackle the issue ourselves. But I'll let you in on a secret: it doesn't matter what the question is, we don't have the answer. Take it to the One who does.

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Daily Bible Readings for the Week of April 21

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/ Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/ 1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Taylor County Supportive Housing Brat Fry & Basket Raffle

Friday, April 26th – Serving 11:00am to 2:30pm
at United Church of Christ, Medford

All proceeds to benefit Taylor County Supportive Housing



N.E.W. Koinonia Retreat May 3rd - 5th Our Lady of Sorrows, Ladysmith, WI

A N.E.W. Koinonia retreat will be held at Our Lady of Sorrows parish in Ladysmith on May 3-5, 2024. A

Koinonia Retreat is based on the Pascal Mystery and is an opportunity for individuals to encounter Jesus Christ through an experience of Christian Community, fellowship and sharing. For more information and applications, contact Ann Dassow at 715-741-2714 (dassowag@hotmail.com) or Bluetta Puchner at 612-865-4720.

Would You Like the Blessed Mother to Visit Your Home?

The Pilgrim Image or Shrine from the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary is now available to come visit our homes.

What do families experience when the Pilgrim Mother visits them? The presence of the Virgin Mary of God! And what she inspires. Rich or poor, wise or not, open to receive Her. The image brings graces. 1. Feeling at Home 2. Inner Transformation 3. Apostolic Zeal.

She wants your home to be a Shrine. Take this pilgrim image of Mary Mother of God and give her a special place of Honor in your Home. In this way your home will become a little shrine in which the Pilgrim Mother mediates grace, creates a Holy Family Land and forms holy family members.

"This Apostolate has to be a worldwide explosion of Faith, Hope & Charity. Mary has to reach all corners of the earth."

Would you like to help the Blessed Mother of God to have holy families for a holy world? Interested? Call Paul Mathias at 715-560-1580 or Jackie Mathias at 715-965-9196 or Brad Balek at 715-560-0166 for more information.

Religious Education

“News You Need to Know”

Hamburger and Brat Sale — Saturday, April 20th and Sunday, April 21st, is our annual Religious Education Hamburger and Brat Sale. Please join us for a delicious hamburger, cheeseburger or brat. We have items to go and a lunch plate in the social hall which includes chips and a beverage. All proceeds go to help students from all of our parishes to attend Extreme Faith Camp or the Steubenville Conference this coming summer.

First Communion Reminders:

Practice for students receiving their First Communion at Holy Rosary will be this coming **Wednesday, April 24th at 5:30pm.** We need all the students and parents receiving their First Communion to attend the practice.

First Communion Masses will be celebrated at Good Shepherd on Saturday, April 27th at 6:30pm, Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Sunday, April 28th at 8:00am and Holy Rosary on Sunday, April 28th at 10:30am.

Our First Communion Mass at Holy Rosary will be held in the newly remodeled church. I would encourage people that do not have a family member or person you are close to receiving their First Communion to please attend an alternate Mass on Sunday the 28th. With no pews and only about 300 chairs in the church, space might be limited. Check the bulletin for other Masses here at Holy Rosary or at one of the other churches in our 4-parish community. Please continue to pray for all the students at all four of our parishes as they prepare to receive the Eucharist for the very first time.

We Need More Servers at Mass — We need more servers at all four of our parishes. Both boys and girls are able to become servers. If you are interested in being a Mass server please contact Mike, Tyler or Amy at the parish office. Being a server is great to become involved in the Mass

Forty Cans for Forty Days — Here are the totals for food and money donated during Lent. 223 pounds of food were collected and delivered to the Food Panty here in Medford. \$1,190 dollars was donated. The funds collected were used to purchase \$1,200 worth of scrip cards from Holy Rosary. The scrip cards will be delivered to the food panty to purchase items otherwise not available at the food pantry. Thank you to everyone who donated to 40 Cans for 40 Days.

Baccalaureate Masses will be held at Holy Rosary for Medford High School and at Good Shepherd for Rib Lake High School. The Holy Rosary Mass will be at 10:30am and the Rib Lake Mass will be at 9:30am. Please mark your calendars and save the date.

Golf Outing Date — Mark your calendars Now! The Annual Holy Rosary Golf Outing will be held on Sunday, August 18th at Tee Hi Golf Course. Watch the bulletin for more information.

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

Thank you, Michael Bub

Holy Rosary School News

Living out the Mission

The mission statement from WRISA helps us to know we are doing what we need to do. ***The Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation annually accredits schools that meet rigorous standards of excellence of excellence and demonstrate continuous school improvement.***

WRISA is a member of the National Federation of Nonpublic School State Accrediting Associations (NFNSSAA). If you remember, we go through the accreditation process on an annual basis. WRISA accredits 281 non-public schools serving more than 64,000 students throughout the great state of Wisconsin in Elementary through High School. WRISA has been accrediting religious and independent schools since 1992 and Holy Rosary has been accredited ever since then. We pride ourselves in providing an excellent education to our children with Christ in the Center of it all.

Thanks for always supporting our amazing Catholic School.



Mrs. Alsteens had the students participate in the 5th annual Christ is Alive Essay Contest where they were to describe a moment in the last year when the student felt close to God. Two students had their essays sent to the Communication Center in Indiana and two students

were chosen as Holy Rosary School winners. Congratulations Haddie, Carson, Russell, and Willow!

Students in PK4 & 3rd grade had a great day to walk to the MASH barn for a visit.



Volleyball for grades 3-6 is off to a fantastic start!



Blessings, Mrs. Easterly

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

Come Support Holy Rosary School

Thursday, April 25th

Come Dine in or Carry-Out from
4:00 - 8:00pm at the Medford Culver's

Holy Rosary Student Council students will be serving & delivering meals to customers

10% of the profits will be donated to Holy Rosary School



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

St. Andrew Dinner – May 22

The Diocese of Superior Office of Vocations will be hosting a St. Andrew Dinner on May 22 at St. Joseph in Rice Lake from 5:30pm - 8:30pm. We invite any young men in middle school, high school, and college who are open to learning more about what the Lord may be calling them to; alongside their parents. St. Andrew Dinners provide an evening for young men to discern God's call on their lives; and for their parents, an evening of learning how to support their sons on their journey of discernment. For more information, contact your pastor, and to register, email Shannon Wahl at office@stjosephricelake.org.

Mass — Did you Know?

Why does the priest kiss the altar?

"The altar on which the Sacrifice of the Cross is made present under sacramental signs is also the table of the Lord to which the People of God is called together to participate in the Mass, as well as the center of the thanksgiving that is accomplished throughout the Eucharist" (GIRM no. 296). Kissing is an ancient act of devotion that is practiced in the Mass today with kissing the book of the Gospels and reverencing the cross on Good Friday as well as the kissing of the altar at the beginning and the end of Mass. "These gestures, which could pass unobserved, are highly significant, because they express from the very beginning that the Mass is an encounter of love with Christ, who, by offering his Body on the Cross, became 'the Priest, the Altar and the Lamb.' The altar, in fact, as a symbol of Christ, is 'the center of the thanksgiving that is accomplished through the Eucharist'; and the whole community [gathers] around the altar, which is Christ, not to look at each other, but to look at Christ, because Christ is at the center of the community." (Pope Francis General Audience December 20, 2017)

At Mass, our encounter is not only with Christ, but also with the Communion of Saints. During the early centuries of the Church, the altar was often a stone placed over the tomb of a martyr. In John's Revelation, he saw an altar in heaven and underneath it the souls of all the martyrs (Rev 6:9). When the altar is consecrated, relics of the saints are placed in it, and when the priest kisses the altar, he is also kissing these relics and invoking the prayers of the saints whose relics are within the altar.

And so, this encounter of love with Christ, the altar, and with His entire Church, begins and ends loving and reverently with a kiss.

There will be a Special Collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal on April 27th & 28th.

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Collection. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at usccb.org/committees/catholic-home-missions.

This past year, thanks to our generous collection response, the United States Bishops' Committee on the Home Missions awarded the Diocese of Superior \$90,000 for Lay Formation and Leadership Development, Seminary Education support, Priestly Education, and Diaconate Formation. With your support, the CHM Appeal can continue to provide essential pastoral outreach here in our Diocesan parishes.

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