

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 28, 2024 ~ *Fifth Sunday of Easter*



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.” - Jn 15:1-2

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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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Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

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Good Shepherd Parish

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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
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Parish Office Hours

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

Deacon Patrick Gierl

I'm sure most of you, at some point or another, have experienced pruning a shrub or tree because it was unsightly or flat out dead. This is usually the last ditch effort to bring it back to life. Many times, after pruning around my property, I've wondered if I've done more damage than good. I look upon the work I did and think, "Oh my gosh, maybe I should have left well enough alone." But in due time, you see the beauty, coming through and new growth producing a whole new plant. The stark reality of cutting something away in hopes of giving new life is exactly what our Gospel from the 15th chapter of John is all about this week.

"EVERY branch of mine that bears no fruit, I will take away." These are startling words coming directly from Jesus. Certainly, I have areas in my life that bear little to no fruit, but these areas are comfortable for me or give me some sort of fleeting pleasure, and I prefer to hang onto them. Our Gospel is clear that all areas in one's life should work toward greater good and the greatest good is abiding in the vine which is the source of all life. Jesus does not mix words; We are to produce fruit and it is done in the company of the vine and vinedresser, for apart from them, we can do nothing.

On the Christian walk, the adage "to name it, claim it, and tame it" comes to mind. "So, what does this have to do with pruning, and what is the name we give to such an arduous process? CONVERSION!

Christ invites all to this conversion, without which one cannot enter the kingdom, but shows us in word and deed his father's boundless mercy for them and the vast "joy in heaven over one sinner who repents". All pruning begins with a good hard look at the whole of one's life. We name the areas that cause us to fall, die, or become cut off from the Source of Life. This process can be done in one or more of the following activities. Prayer for sure; fasting, works of mercy, examination of conscience, spiritual direction, acceptance of suffering and many others as outlined in the Catechism of the Catholic Church para. 1435. Once we name these problem areas, we "claim it" by taking it to the "THRONE OF MERCY" (confession). We claim the stuff that makes us spiritually ugly (or dead) and leave it at the foot of the cross. Now we begin to tame these areas with what St. John proclaims in our second reading today, "The way we know that He remains in us is from SPIRIT and TRUTH. The truth of the matter is, nobody wants to look at the ugliness, but like a good arborist, who studies the tree or shrub to find the areas in need of pruning, so too does one look deep within to see where and how such death and decay are causing us to be cut off from the source of life. The fact of the matter is...the human heart can pretend and be preoccupied for a time, with the things that fill our senses with this or that, but sooner or later, the gripping reality comes back to the fact that our hearts are restless until they rest in HIM. Brothers and sisters, my prayer for all of us as we journey through the reality of this Easter season is one of patient endurance. The arduous pruning process helps us to identify the areas in our lives that need to be cut out, allowing us to focus on those special gifts that set us apart and make us unique in the eyes of our Creator. WHAT IS YOUR GIFT? WHERE DO YOU BEAR FRUIT? SEEK TO BEGIN THERE AND ABIDE IN HIM.

God Bless You

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, April 29, 2024

12:15 pm For joy in my life HR

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

5:15 pm + Robert Spanbauer Sr. by Rick & Laurie Spanbauer HR
6:00 pm + Phyllis Dolezalek (birthday) by Mary K. Gago and Family GS

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

8:30 am + Al Clark by Don Paustenbach HR
8:30 am + Judy Paul by Norbert & Joanne Goessl SH

Thursday, May 2, 2024

8:30 am + Ray & Marguerite Klingbeil by Mike & Kim Poncek HR
10:15 am + Don Hessefort by the Medford KC's NHM

Friday, May 3, 2024

8:30 am + Ardath Dums by Jeanene Kelly OLPH

Saturday, May 4, 2024

9:00 am + Rita Netzer by Pat & Sharon Scott HR
4:00 pm + Harris Families by Kathy Trimner SH
5:00 pm + Corliss Jensen by Shirley Werner HR
6:30 pm + Charles Matyka by Andy & Karen Dums GS

Sunday, May 5, 2024

7:15 am For all the fallen away Catholics, return to church and God SH
8:00 am For all the families of our 4-parish communities OLPH
8:45 am + Michael Kiselicka by Rick & Laurie Spanbauer HR
9:30 am + John & Phyllis Fuchs by Dennis & Debbie Zondlo GS
10:30 am + Sophie Potaczek (birthday) by the Luke & Jane Brunner 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

St. Andrew Dinner – May 22nd St. Joseph's Rice Lake

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.

Holy Rosary Parish

Sunday, April 28, 2024

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

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

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

Thursday, May 2, 2024

10:15 am Nursing Home Mass
1:00 pm Holy Rosary School PreK Spring Program in the Gym
4:00 pm Silent Adoration until 7:00 pm in the Church
5:30 pm Holy Rosary School K-6th Spring Program in the Gym

Saturday, May 4, 2024

8:00 am Confessions until 8:45 am
9:00 am First Saturday Mass
3:45 pm Confessions until 4:45 pm

Sunday, May 5, 2024

3:00 pm Youth Group until 5:00 pm

Holy Rosary Finances

April 16-22, 2024

Adult Envelopes \$7,582.00
Loose \$418.00
School Support \$8,325.72
Aftercare 1,045.98
Extreme Faith Camp/
Steubenville Conf. \$3,000.00
Tuition - School \$2,313.88
Celebration for Ed. \$3,915.00
Grants - School \$1,200.00
Other \$1,777.78
Total \$29,578.36

February 1-29, 2024

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

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

Maintenance Fund

April 22, 2024

New Cash Contributed..... \$33.00



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 Old Church Pews

If you are interested in an old church pew(s) from the church please call the parish office at 715-748-3336. Free-will donation.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Sunday, April 28, 2024

8:00 am First Communion Mass

Monday, April 29, 2024

7:00 pm Prayer Hour

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

6:00 pm May Crowning / Living Rosary followed by a Potluck

Friday, May 3, 2024

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

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 22, 2024

Adult Envelopes \$498.00
Loose \$146.00
Easter \$5.00
Catholic Herald \$20.00
Votives \$20.00
Total \$689.00

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



Phase 1 / Phase 2

\$100,000 / \$125,000

Goal Reached 130% / 104%

Campaign Update

Pledges to date: \$130,010.00
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 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.

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

Good Shepherd Parish

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

3:00 pm Adoration until 6:00 pm
5:00 pm Confessions until 5:45 pm

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

10:30 am Decorator's meeting in the hall
6:00 pm Potluck & May Crowning at OLPH

Friday, May 3, 2024

3:00 pm Partners in Prayer

Saturday, May 4, 2024

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

Good Shepherd Finances

April 14, 2024

Adult \$2,174.00
Loose \$412.00
Liturgical Fund \$1,300.00
Energy \$347.00
Rice Bowl \$34.65
Total \$4,267.65

Marriage Banns I

Rafael Anton Rezutek
Angel Rose Krueger
May 18, 2024

Pastoral Council Elections — May 4-5

Running for Pastoral Council are the following parishioners: Tiffany Hanke, Steve Long, Bob Olwell, Sr., Erin Probst, Isaac Thums, Jackie Thums and Matt Winnie. A picture and brief write-up of each candidate is inserted in the Good Shepherd bulletins this weekend and on our parish website under the Bulletins tab. Adult parishioners, please prayerfully discern which 3 to vote for next weekend at Good Shepherd.

First Holy Communion - April 27th

Congratulations to Colin Matyka, Peter Winnie and Collyn Zondlo on their first Holy Communion. May every Holy Communion be as special as your first one!

Essay Winner

Congratulations to Emma Winnie, 2024 first place winner for Grade 12 in this year's Diocesan pro-life essay contest!

With Prayers and Sympathy

Please keep in prayer, Dan Knorn, age 76, who died recently in Colorado. Dan grew up in the Rib Lake area. He is brother to Joe (Jamie) Knorn.

We also pray for Dorothy Wilke, age 93 of Campbellsport, WI, who died April 12. She is sister to Bernice Matyka. May Dan and Dorothy rest in peace.

Thank You

Thank you to all the people that sent me birthday cards, get well wishes and prayers for good health. I had a wonderful birthday and right now I am doing well. – Barb Matyka

T-Shirts for Jessica — The link to order t-shirts for parishioner Jessica Will was emailed to parents/catechists. Jessica is our Grade 4 catechist and teacher at Prentice. She is in Milwaukee hospital with APL leukemia. Deadline to order shirts: April 29! Link to site: <https://prenticehsbekind24.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

Sacred Heart Parish

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

6:00 am Adoration until 4:00 pm

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

9:00 am Confessions until 9:30 am

Saturday, May 4, 2024

2:45 pm Confessions until 3:45 pm
Family Weekend after 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Family Weekend after 7:15 am Mass

Sacred Heart Finances

April 14, 2024

Adult Envelopes \$1,435.00
Loose \$671.00
Maintenance \$170.00
Candles \$13.00
Easter \$70.00
Rice Bowl \$20.00
Good Friday \$20.00
Scrip \$1,070.00
Total \$3,469.00

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

Wedding Banns

Kade Denzine and Jacylyn Gajewski I

Family Weekend May 4 & 5 — Join us downstairs for refreshments and fellowship after both Masses next weekend.

Food Pantry Donations

April donations to the Food Pantry included a \$100 gift card, \$60 cash, 59 pounds of food and miscellaneous items. Thank you for your support of this important cause.

Audio System Installed

Our new audio system has been installed! Please be patient as we finalize the settings and operational details.

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.

Parish History Book — Various pictures, articles and historic items related to Sacred Heart have been assembled into a binder and placed in the church entry below the audio resources. Take a look! Thanks to Mary Lavin for initiating this project. Please reach out to her if you have items to add to the collection, or would volunteer to make improvements to the presentation. Her contact information is 715-748-5256 or marylavin@tds.net.

Alzheimer & Dementia Support Group

On **Friday, May 10th** the Alzheimer & Dementia Support Group will hold a meeting from 6:00 to 8:00pm at the Senior Dining Center at the Medford Fairgrounds. Call Ron Blackburn for more information at 715-748-2944.

The Five Precepts of the Catholic Church

- Attend Mass on Sundays and days of obligation.
- Confess your sins at least once a year.
- Receive the Eucharist at least once a year.
- Observe days of fasting and abstinence.
- Provide for the needs of the Church.



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.

Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Branching Out Isn't Always What It's Cracked Up to Be

"That's a really beautiful tree branch. Man, would you look at the bark on that thing? The others are real duds, but that low-hanging branch has really got it all together."

I've never heard anyone say this. Maybe I just need to hang out with more arborists, but I can't recall ever hearing someone admire the particular beauty of a single branch. When someone comments on a tree, it's usually the whole tree — perhaps a visual element of it, like the color of the leaves or its height. But people don't usually zero in on one branch.

Maybe that's because usually, if one branch is looking a little weak, chances are every other branch is, too.

The Bible tells us that when we bear fruit as good everyday stewards, it is for the Father's glory. We are the branch on His magnificent tree. What we have is from Him, and what we do likewise points back to Him. We also tend to reflect how well the other branches around us are incorporating the nutrients coming their way. That's all fine and good in theory. In practice, it can be an arduous exercise in humility.

When I do something virtuous or charitable or kind, there is a part of me that wants to stand out for it. I think that's true for all of us. We've given of ourselves in some way or overcome some human temptation to accomplish a little bit of good in this world, and even though we know God sees us, we'd really love for everyone else to see it, too.

It's a struggle, for sure. But we need to remember that our fruit belongs to the whole tree.

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Daily Bible Readings for the Week of April 28

- Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/
1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
- Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
- Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)
1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17



National Day of Prayer

The theme for the 2015 National Day of Prayer is "Lord, Hear Our Cry" (cf. 1 Kgs 8:28, "Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day").

The religious basis of our form of government is: freedom of religion. Indeed, religious freedom is under attack in our country. Nonetheless, it is our duty and responsibility to pray for our country and its leaders. The first Thursday of May has been designated the National Day of Prayer. How are we, who call ourselves Roman Catholic, to pray for a country that practices policies that may go against what the church professes? It is a difficult decision sometimes.

The Scripture verse chosen for this National Day of Prayer may help us in these difficult times. Look at the last few words of the citation: "...your servant is praying in your presence this day." In these last few words, we see very clearly that our prayer is prayed in God's presence. Since we live in the United States, it means that God is already present here and now in the US. All we need to do is accept that presence and put it, God's teaching, into action. For God does not work without our actively doing the work that God leads us to do.

Let us pray...

God of Abraham, Isaac, Moses, we cry out to you for wisdom and compassion. You led the early Jews out of slavery, to freedom. You led the disciples of Jesus after the crucifixion to courageously preach the Gospel. Today, we seek your wisdom to preach the good news in our country. Grant wisdom and faith to our elected leaders, the people we choose to lead our country, to make choices that are based upon your teaching. Where laws are made that go against your will, give us courage to change policy, not based upon our comfort, but upon principles taught in Scripture. We ask all this in the name of Jesus, our brother and Christ, who lives and reign with you, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Religious Education “News You Need to Know”

Hamburger and Brat Sale — Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with our Hamburger & Brat Sale this past weekend. THANK YOU to everyone who stopped by and purchased a hamburger or brat. Your support will help to send our students in all 4 parishes to Extreme Faith Camp and the Steubenville Conference this summer.

First Communion — After 8 months of preparation and after receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation the students at Holy Rosary, Good Shepherd and Our Lady of Perpetual will be receiving the Body of Jesus Christ for the first time. Congratulations to the students and their parents. Today is a very special day for these students and families. Thank you to everyone who helped make today special. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for having the Honor Guard at each Mass. Thank you to Fr. Patrick McConnell and Fr. Julian Druffner for helping to prepare the students for this special day. Thank you to our teachers who worked with the students for the past eight months. Amy Gilles - Holy Rosary RE, Amber Konop - Holy Rosary School, Bonnie Schmidtfranz - Good Shepherd RE and Linda Gollhardt - Our Lady of Perpetual Help RE.

Religious Education Ending for the Year — As we come to the end of April the Religious Education Programs in our parishes are coming to an end for the current school year.

Wednesday Religious Education Programs had their last class either this week or last week depending on the parish they attend. Thank you to the parents for dropping off and picking up your students each week. Your support of the Religious Education Programs is critical to the faith development of the students.

While our weekly classes are ending. There are lots of activities being planned for the summer. We have Extreme Faith Camp, Steubenville Conference and Totus Tutus. Tyler and Mike are working on some fun activities. We may have a trip to a water park, an all parish pool party in the park and more events.

The most important activity of the summer is very simple. Come to MASS! Continuing to grow in your faith takes effort. Parents and students please make the effort to attend Mass during the summer.

Sunday Preschool at the 8:45am Mass at Holy Rosary had their last class this past weekend. Thank you to all the parents that brought their children to Mass. We had a very good turnout for the weekly classes.

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! 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 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



Donuts with Grownups was a wonderful opportunity for parents and grandparents to spend a little extra time with their special kiddos Monday morning. Thank you to the Parent Pack for organizing this event.

**A HUGE THANK YOU
TO OUR AMAZING
KITCHEN STAFF FOR
MAKING ALL THOSE
YUMMY DONUT HOLES!**



During the month of March, each



classroom participated in our ‘Blast into Reading’ contest. Each classroom needed to read 36 hours and if they all reached that goal, Mrs. Easterly would kiss a pig. All classes achieved that goal with the Kinderstars reading the most with 160 hours and 30 minutes! Mrs. Easterly had to KISS A PIG!! Congratulations readers!

Thank you to Erin from Triple E’s Sunset Acres for sharing her baby pig with us! .



There are only two weeks left of Student Credit Union. Thank you to Taylor Credit Union for working with us each year to give our 6th graders some hands on experience and life long skills!

Mrs. Thiede from AbbyBank came in to read to the kindergarten class. She talked with them about the importance of saving money but that sharing is important, too.

Blessings, Mrs. Easterly

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



Mother's Day Rose Sale

Roses will be for sale for \$2.00 per rose after the Masses on May 11th & 12th at Holy Rosary and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parishes. All proceeds will go to Taylor County Right to Life.

SDCCW Retreat — May 11th Sowing the Seeds of Faith

All women of the Superior Diocese are cordially invited to a half-day retreat entitled "Sowing the Seeds of Faith" on May 11th from 10:00am - 2:45pm at Our Lady of the Lakes in Balsam Lake, WI.

We will spend the day reflecting on the word of God - digging into the seeds of our faith, where and when they were planted in us as children of God, how have those seeds been nurtured and grown in us, and what and how is God asking of us as His disciples to live out our faith and spread the seeds of faith. We will partake in a salad luncheon provided by the SWDCCW Board, and then be led in a take home planting activity (all materials provided) prior to attending Mass to close out our day. There will also be Reconciliation available prior to Mass.

We hope you are able to join us for this beautiful day as we dive deep into our seeds of faith. The cost is \$10. Reach out to Katie Waldal - 715-781-5399 or by email at scottkatiwaldal@gmail.com; skwaldal@hotmail.com with any questions. To register use the following link tinyurl.com/CCWDeanery or email Bridgette Adler at bridgetteadler@gmail.com. Register by Wednesday, May 8th

Mass — Did you Know?

What's the purpose of the baptism font in church?

The Catechism states, "visible churches are not simply gathering places but signify and make visible the Church living in this place, the dwelling of God with men reconciled and united in Christ." For this reason, a church is a "sacramental building," [1] one which makes present the otherwise invisible realities of the Catholic faith and leads the viewer to their hidden spiritual meaning. The *Book of Blessings* in the prayers for blessing a new baptism font says the baptistery is rightly considered one of the "most important parts of a church" because baptism is the "first sacrament of the New Law" in which people receive the "Spirit of adoption" and become "in name and in fact" God's adopted children. The baptism font stands as witness to our relationship with Christ especially in the Mass. The *Book of Blessings* rightly recommends that in setting up the church, "everything must be arranged to bring out the connection of baptism with the word of God and with the Eucharist, the high point of Christian initiation" (BB, 1083).



BOWLING SHIFTS AT 1PM AND 3PM

1 HOUR OF BOWLING
UP TO 6 BOWLERS PER LANE
PIZZA & SODA SERVED BETWEEN SHIFTS

Come celebrate with us as we kick off Teacher Appreciation Week!



Sign Your Holy Rosary School
Family or Group Up For
FREE BOWLING

UP TO 6 BOWLERS PER LANE
SPACE IS LIMITED

SIGN UP IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE
\$5 LANE RESERVATION



Please call or stop
in the school office
to sign your family
or team up.
715-748-3336 x221.

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be a great time!

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