

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

August 3, 2025 ~ Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’ Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.” - Lk 12:20-21

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4-Parish Office

Phone: 715-748-3336 ext. 1
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Holy Rosary Parish

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Holy Rosary School

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Good Shepherd Parish

Phone: 715-427-5259
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Website: www.goodshepherdriblake.org

Parish Office Hours

Tuesday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Wednesday 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Onsite Phone: 715-748-6644

Sacred Heart Parish

Onsite Phone: 715-678-2395

Father Julian

Happy Sunday!

On August 15, the Church will be celebrating once again the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. This is a holy day of obligation in the Church and is an important Marian feast day for each one of us. We will also be hosting a trip to the Shrine of Our Lady of Champion on a coach bus for this special day to celebrate this feast day. The trip is free of charge, so please sign up by calling the parish office if you would like to attend!

In the Catholic Church, we have four Dogmas for Mary. She is the Mother of God, she was immaculately conceived, She was perpetually a virgin, and she was assumed into heaven. This means that Mary, at the end of her life, was lifted up to heaven to dwell with God forever as the Queen of Heaven. Pope Pius the XII declared this dogma. Mary's assumption is a share in the victory of Christ's resurrection. It is fitting that Mary assumed into heaven because she was the perfect one who followed Christ to His final days in total fidelity throughout His life. Because Mary was perfect in what she did in God's mission through Jesus Christ, she is now seated in heaven as the perfect Mother of God.

Why Mary? She seems to be everywhere in Catholic culture! Sometimes people will say that Mary seems more like a distracting character than someone we should actually consider as helpful in the Christian life. After all, isn't prayer meant to be directed to God not towards another character in the bible? Mary is also a virgin forever and never had relations with a man, even after she bore Jesus into the world. If God the Father is truly Jesus' true Father, and Mary His true Mother, she could not have born Jesus from relations with any other man, even Joseph her earthly husband. Mary was destined for one mission: to bring Jesus into the world and to do so perfectly. She achieved this through God's grace, gave birth to Jesus, and never broke this eternal covenant of virginity with God.

The Church teaches that Mary is the Queen in Christ's kingdom. Why a queen? In ancient times, the King's mother actually reigned as queen among the Israelites, not the king's wife. King Solomon kneeling before Bathsheba is one Old Testament example of Israel's connectedness to this Queenship. Because the Church truly has its roots in the Kingdom of Israel established in David's line, Mary continued Israel's Queenship as queen of heaven, just as Christ continued Israel's kingship as king of heaven.

Mary is not worshiped among Catholics! All prayer is directed to God through Mary's intercession. Our prayer to her honors the fifth commandment: "honor your Father *and* your Mother." Jesus entrusted her to us when He spoke to St. John while hanging upon the cross "then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother."" (John 19:27) When we involve the saints and Mary as His Mother, who was deeply loved by Christ, our prayer becomes more meaningful. Praying with Mary to God allows us to incorporate God's family who were made to help us worship Him perfectly.

May God bless you this week through Our Lady's Intercession

In Christ,
Fr. Julian Druffner

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 2, 2025

9:00 am	+ Bob Gebert by Marcella Judnic	HR
4:00 pm	+ Agnes Robida by Mary Lavin	SH
5:00 pm	+ Fran Schimon (anniversary of death) by Mary Hessefort	HR
6:30 pm	+ Gayle Long Murphy by Dave & Chris Wille	GS

Sunday, August 3, 2025

7:15 am	For all the families of our 4-Parish Community	SH
8:00 am	+ Roman Brandner	OLPH
8:45 am	+ Rom Moscoso by Michele Armbrust	HR
9:30 am	+ Toni Bube Handel by Thersea Bube Family	GS
10:30 am	+ Agnes Pernsteiner by the Family	HR

Monday, August 4, 2025

12:15 pm	+ Clarence & Clara Cypher	HR
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Tuesday, August 5, 2025

5:15 pm	Living and Deceased Members of the Holy Rosary Council of Catholic Women	HR
6:00 pm	+ Peter Matyka by Allen & Melissa Thums	GS

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

8:30 am	+ Jeanette Gehrig by Ben & Jean Egle	HR
8:30 am	+ Cecilia Sromek by Deb Fierke	SH

Thursday, August 7, 2025

8:30 am	+ Allen Lang by Bob Gebert	HR
10:15 am	Seth Mayer by Family	NHM

Friday, August 8, 2025

8:30 am	+ John & Phyllis Fuchs by Dennis & Debbie Zondlo	OLPH
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Saturday, August 9, 2025

4:00 pm	+ Florina Jochimsen by Karen Sulko	SH
5:00 pm	+ Mal-Hui Fischer by Bryan & Ann Krause	HR
6:30 pm	+ Betsy Koch by Bernie & Mary Wahl	GS

Sunday, August 10, 2025

7:15 am	Justin Horacek by Dave & Tammy Kohler	SH
8:00 am	Living and Deceased Members of the OLPH Ladies Sodality	OLPH
8:45 am	+ Patricia Brehm by Larry & Liz Emmerich	HR
9:30 am	For all the families of our 4-Parish Community	GS
10:30 am	+ Julee Klemm	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



Baptism Preparation Class

Tuesday, August 26th

7:15pm in the Holy Rosary
Fireplace Lounge

Call the Parish Office at 715-748-3336 to sign-up.

End of Life Resources

You can find End of Life resources on our website hrmedford.org. Go to the Home tab and then click on "End of Life Resources".

Holy Rosary Parish

Monday, August 4, 2025

4:45 pm 4-Parish Social Justice Committee Meeting - Soc. Hall

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

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

6:30 pm 4-Parish Evangelization Team Mtg.—Fireplace Lounge

Thursday, August 7, 2025

4:00 pm Silent Adoration until 7:00 pm

5:00 pm 4-Parish Picnic & Pool Party in the Park until 8:00 pm

Saturday, August 9, 2025

10:00 am **No** Handmaids of the Lord

3:45 pm Confession until 4:45 pm

Sunday, August 10, 2025

Family Donut Sunday after both Masses

Holy Rosary Finances

July 22-28, 2025

Adult Envelopes \$6,622.00
Loose \$887.00
Aftercare \$690.04
Extreme Faith Camp \$350.00
School Tuition \$425.00
Shares from Other
Churches \$8,815.86
Totus Tuus \$625.00
Church Memorials \$1,070.00
School Memorials \$1,000.08
Other \$1,776.25
Total \$22,261.23

Maintenance Fund

July 28, 2025

New Cash Contrib. \$432.00

June 1-30, 2025

Checking Balance... \$757,955.04
Income \$111,699.62
Expense \$159,326.99
Ending Balance \$710,327.67

Catholic Service Appeal

Total assessment \$90,783.56
CSA paid to date \$60,870.16
Subtotal \$29,913.40
Pledges due \$855.00
Balance due \$29,058.40

Total \$61,725.16 — 131 Families

Holy Rosary Capital Campaign Update

Pledges to date: \$2,301,063

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

Part-Time Aide Position at Holy Rosary School

Holy Rosary School is looking for a part-time aide to help with recess duties, working with children and aftercare. This position is when school is in session and the hours are 2:00 - 5:30pm. You would need to be willing to go outside when the weather permits and help care for the children in the aftercare program. Please reach out to Mrs. Easterly if you are interested at teasterly@hrmedford.org or 715-748-3336 x222.

How to Schedule a Parish Activity

If you have an activity that is happening within the parish building, contact the parish office at 715-748-3336 so we can put it on our calendar. If you are using space in the building for a non-parish event we ask for a free will donation. A contract will also need to be signed prior to the event.

Baptisms

July 26, 2025

Thiago Caleb Cabrera Avila

Son of Rito Emanuel Cabrera
Castillo and Maria Jose Avila
Solares

Sponsors: Oscar Perez &
Claudia Cabrera

Rest In Peace

Our sympathy to the
family & friends of

Marjorie "Jorie" Nelson

may she rest in peace

Wedding Banns

Emmet Grunwald
and Paige Brandner II

Congratulations

to these couples recently married at
Holy Rosary & Sacred Heart Parishes

Patrick & Sandra Bradley
Colten & Mali Quante

Donations

A donation was given to
Holy Rosary Parish & School by
Family and Friends in memory of

Fr. Dennis Meulemans

Holy Rosary Pastoral Council Members Needed

Any interested adult member of Holy Rosary Parish who may have the desire to serve on the Pastoral Council, we are looking for you to join us. If elected it is a 4-year term. Currently we have 6 scheduled meetings per year held on the odd months. If interested or you have any questions regarding what we do as a Pastoral Council, please contact Father Patrick or any current Pastoral Council member. Members are listed in the monthly Church Calendar or on the parish website.

If you would like to be a candidate or if you have someone that you would like to recommend for this position call the office at 715-748-3336. Thank you for your prayerful consideration!



Blessed Bloom Bar

Make & Take a Flower Bouquet

\$10, \$15 & \$20 Bouquet Size Options



Thursday, August 14

Holy Rosary School Commons — come anytime
from 5:00 to 7:00pm (or until flowers run out)

Light refreshments & snacks provided by the HRCCW

Sunday, September 14

Holy Rosary School Commons — come anytime
from 8:00am to Noon (or until flowers run out)

Family Donut Sunday in the Social Hall

*All funds will go to support the Holy Rosary Environment
Committee's decorating needs of Holy Rosary Church.*

If anyone would like to donate flowers for these
events, please call or text Kathy at 715-560-1777.

Religious Education “News You Need to Know”

Tyler Kircher has a new opportunity.

This past Wednesday, Tyler had his last event with our youth group. They went to Noah’s Ark for a day in the sun and water. Over his years at Holy Rosary and more recently with all four parishes, Tyler has worked to bring the youth together. He did so with fun activities and helped the students grow in their faith. We wish Tyler the very best in his new role with the Diocese of Superior. Tyler will be the new Associate Director of Youth Discipleship, replacing Jen Metzger, who is moving away with her family.

4-Parish Picnic & Pool Party

This Thursday, August 7th we will be holding our 3rd all-parish picnic and pool party. **See the bulletin insert for more details.** The picnic will begin at 5:00pm in the pavilion by the pool. The parish has reserved the pool from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. There will be free food, brats, hot dogs, watermelon, chips, and ice cream. We will have soda, water, and beer available. All the food and drinks are **FREE!** **Attend the picnic and enter to win 2 FREE tickets to the Green Bay Packers vs. the NY Jets on Saturday, Aug. 9th at 7:00pm at Lambeau Field!** **The drawing will be held on Thursday at the Picnic.** **Thank you to Jeff and Kathy Hemer for donating the tickets.** We are inviting parish members from all four of the parishes to attend. The event is intended to be a fun, relaxing evening for our parish members. We will have games to play, a DJ, and free swimming. See you at the park on Thursday, August 7th, and join us in the Medford City Park.

The Picnic is intended to continue to bring our four parishes together. Come visit with old friends and maybe make some new ones.

Golf Outing

The 4-Parish Golf Outing is accepting team and individual registrations now. The first 20 teams to register will be entered in the outing. Do not delay and risk being left out. This golf outing raises funds to send our students to summer camps, conferences, etc. This is the first fundraiser for 2026 Religious Education events.

- We need about seven more teams to fill up our tournaments.
- We have some great prizes again this year. Brewers tickets, golf for a Foursome with cart at Wild Ridge Golf in Eau Claire, UW Badger hockey tickets, Disney on Ice tickets in Green Bay. For more information or to sign up a team, contact Michelle or Mike at the parish office 715-748-3336.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the Religious Education program, please contact me via e-mail at mbub@hrmedford.org or call me at 715-748-3336 ext. 248.

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

Christ in the Center
By Russell Thums

Grade 5

Christ is in the center in many ways.
These are the ways Christ is in the center.

We love Christ more than anything. We could love doing work by making it more fun. We could help each other by helping them do work. We could love our teachers by doing our work on time. We could love going to Mass by listening to the priest. We could respect going on field trips by listening to the rules. We could love the Holy Eucharist by researching it. We could respect the school by coming on time. We could love our classes by doing them more. We could pray by going to adoration. We could use our recess by being nice to each other. Most of all we love our motto.

Christ is in the center in many ways.

Religious Education Registration for students going into Grade 1 and NEW families registering for classes. If you’re a parent of a public school student entering into Grade 1 or if you are new member of our parish community, we need your help to get your child enrolled in 2025-26 Religious Education classes. If you would like forms sent to you or for questions, call us at 715-748-3336 x247. Forms are also available online at www.hrmedford.org under the Religious Education tab.

Mark your
CALENDARS!

10.4.25 & 10.5.25

Holy Rosary
Fall Festival

TOO GOOD TO JUST BE ONE DAY

More details to come. STAY TUNED!

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Daily Bible Readings for the Week of August 3

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Attention Small Group and Prayer Group Leaders

Are you currently leading a small group or a prayer group within our 4-Parish Community? If so, can you please email the parish at parishoffice@hrmedford.org or call 715-748-3336 ext.1 and let us know? Please respond by August 8. Thank you!

Coordinator of Religious Education / Youth Ministry Position at Holy Rosary Parish

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish in Medford is currently seeking a candidate to fill a full-time Coordinator of Religious Education and Youth Ministry position. Holy Rosary Parish is clustered with three other parishes. Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Whittlesey, Sacred Heart in Stetsonville and Good Shepherd in Rib Lake. The parishes have about 190 families and over 350 Religious Education students.

This position is responsible for developing and leading faith formation programs from youth to adult; organizing and leading the parish youth group; providing Sacramental preparation for Religious Education students and organizing youth group trips, mission experiences and assisting in parish events. This position is directly responsible for the Confirmation preparation of our High School students. The position does require some weekend activities.

We prefer this individual have a Bachelor's degree in a faith-based field of study and must have an active/healthy faith life. The candidate must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with a positive attitude and willingness to help our parish grow. The candidate will be required to pass a background check and abide by the policies of the Diocese of Superior.

Resumes can be sent to Holy Rosary Parish, Attn: Richard Spanbauer, PO Box 503, Medford, WI 54451. For more information on how to apply please contact Richard Spanbauer at rspanbauer@hrmedford.org or 715-748-3336 ext. 254.

Alzheimer & Dementia Support Group Friday, August 8th

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

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Monday, August 4, 2025

7:00 pm Prayer Hour

Friday, August 8, 2025

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

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Finances

July 28, 2025

Adult Envelopes..... \$1,060.00
Loose..... \$114.00
Votives \$5.00
Ascension \$5.00
Fall Festival Raffle \$330.00
Total..... \$1,514.00

June 1-30, 2025

Checking Balance..... \$2,873.60
Income..... \$47,414.99
Expense..... \$43,886.42
Ending Balance..... \$6,402.17

Catholic Services Appeal

Total assessment \$9,417.72
CSA paid to date..... \$9,417.72
Subtotal \$0.00
Pledges due \$0.00
Balance due..... \$0.00

Total \$5,260.91

26 Families

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Campaign Update

Pledges to date: \$132,850.00

Goal: \$125,000

Households Pledging to date: 62

Percent Achieved: 105%

Parishioner Participation: 78%

OLPH Fall Festival Raffle Tickets

OLPH Fall Festival raffle tickets are available for purchase at the Holy Rosary parish office. \$4.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. Top prize is \$500.00!!

OLPH's Fall Festival - Whittlesey Lion's Park Saturday, September 6, 2025 Activities start at 3:00pm

We are collecting Basket Raffle items August 1st through September 1st. Please place any donations on the marked tables in the side hall of the church after Sunday Masses or contact Sarah Werner (715-218-3742) or Wendy Sackmann (715-965-0028) to make other arrangements for drop offs. You may place monetary donations in the weekly collection basket marked "Fall Festival Basket Raffles".

A volunteer sign-up sheet will be available after all Sunday Masses starting August 3rd. Please consider helping out. We need lots of help to make this event a success. Thank you.
~ OLPH Fall Festival Committee

Sanctuary Light at Our Lady of Perpetual Help

OLPH offers the opportunity to light the sanctuary candle for an intention. The cost is \$5.00 per week. Stop in the parish office or drop an envelope with your intention into the collection. Please also add your name and phone number in case we need to contact you.

Good Shepherd Parish

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

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

Thursday, August 7, 2025

4:30 pm Finance Council Meeting

Saturday, August 9, 2025

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

Good Shepherd Finances

July 20, 2025

Adult\$3,570.00
Loose.....\$356.00
Candles\$23.00
Energy & Bldg. Fund.....\$30.00
Kitchen.....\$20.00
Food Pantry.....\$100.00
Liturgy Fund\$100.00

Texas Fund.....\$1,246.00
Total.....\$5,445.00

Catholic Services Appeal

Total assessment.....\$27,186.80
CSA Paid to date\$29,565.00
Subtotal.....(\$2,378.20)
Pledges due.....\$80.00
Balance due(\$2,458.20)
\$29,645.00 - 82 Families

Thank you

Thank you to Ron & Mary Kauer and the Andy Dums Family for their Donations in Memory of Father Dennis.

Fall Festival — Please plan for our Fall Festival that will be held on Sunday, August 24th. We are in need of Large Raffle items and Basket Raffle items. We will be having our Dinner, Tractor Show, Games and more. Please sign up on the sheets in the back of Church or call the office if you can help.

Ice Age Days Parade — Please let the office know if you and several individuals would be willing to put together a float for the Ice Age Days Parade on August 10th. It would be wonderful to have our Parish represented.

Food Pantry — Food Pantry Needs for Aug. 20th, are small bottles of ketchup, spaghetti sauce, various dry pasta, rice, dry beans (pinto, navy, or great northern), cereal boxes, crackers (saltine or oyster). Please have them to the parish hall by August 17th. Thank you for your generosity to our neighbors in need.

Meetings

Buildings & Grounds Meeting Aug. 3rd at 10:45am
Finance Meeting Aug. 7th at 4:30pm
Parish Council Meeting Aug. 14th at 5:15pm

Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – August 14 at 6:30pm at Good Shepherd

Keep in Prayer — Glenn Mathias, Rosie Petty, Elaine Malitz, Lorraine Jagielo, Dale Euclide, June Wilcox, Ray Schlosser, William Miller, Deanne Fechhelm, Sharon Gall, Paul Jelich), Fr. Oen, Ken Matyka, Shaun Bube, Mike Thums, Lisa Peche, Jerry Gilge, Red Thums, Bonnie Fuchs, Carol, Dan & Doug Pozanc, Barb Williams, Jerald Koch, Tom Grupstra, Baby Armand, Lisa Dahl, Mary Warner Plamann, Dave & Laura Kalmon, Dennis Niggemann, George Gunderson, Gib Juedes, Julie Gehrig, Ryan & Audrey Metz Family, Wally Emmerich, Sue Thums, James Van de Castele, Donna (Mann) Lind, Dan Sackmann, Carol Long, Betty Brandner, Duane Draeger, Nicole Richardson, Steve Spurgeon, Richard Weinzatl, Randy Dums, Judi Hebda, Grace Brehm, Bonnie Dohn, Teri Zimmerman, Shirley Thums, Karen Dums, Lewis Deegan, all nursing home residents

Sacred Heart Parish

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

6:00 am Adoration until 4:00 pm

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

9:00 am Confessions until 9:30 am

Thursday, August 7, 2025

5:00 pm 4-Parish Picnic & Pool Party until 8:00 pm

Saturday, August 9, 2025

2:45 pm Confessions until 3:45 pm

Sacred Heart Finances

July 20, 2025

Adult Envelopes\$545.00
Loose.....\$593.00
Maintenance\$25.00
Texas Flood Relief.....\$1,463.00
Candles\$6.00
Total\$2,632.00

Catholic Services Appeal

Total assessment\$17,941.91
CSA Paid to date.....\$11,879.00
Subtotal\$6,062.91
Pledges due\$375.00
Balance due.....\$5,687.91

This is Family Weekend: August 2-3

Join us downstairs for refreshments and fellowship after both Masses this weekend.

Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – August 15 at 8:30am at Sacred Heart

Marriage Blessings!

Congratulations to Colton Quante and Mali Kestler who were recently married at Sacred Heart. May God bless their life together with ever growing love, happiness and holiness.

Farewell to Tyler Kircher & Family!

Tyler, Youth Minister for our 4-Parish Community for the past 5 years, and resident of Sacred Heart's rectory for the past 3 years, announced last winter he would be leaving the area this summer. That time has come. Please pray for Tyler, his wife Clare, and their new baby Sebastian, as they begin their next adventures in Christ! Thank you to Father Mike who has volunteered for additional law mowing duties the remainder of this summer, and to other volunteers who take on additional roles until future tenants are identified.

Upcoming Summer Events

Reminder of several upcoming summer events benefitting our entire 4-Parish Community. See details elsewhere in this or past bulletins, or contact the consolidated parish office at Holy Rosary to receive full information and to register. Volunteers and/or donations are being accepted for events.

Thursday, August 7: Picnic & Pool Party, Medford City Park

Friday, August 15: Bus trip to Our Lady of Champion Shrine

Saturday, August 16: Golf Outing, Tee Hi Golf Course

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 hour each week by calling Dcn. Pat Gierl 715-218-6756.

Volunteers Needed to Help with 4-Parish Directory

The four parishes of Good Shepherd, Holy Rosary, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and Sacred Heart will be doing a parish directory this coming October. Families who are interested in having their picture taken for free in the directory will need to make an appointment. How to make your appointment will be shared with everyone in the near future. However; we first need a volunteer from each parish to schedule those appointments on a computer-based program.

So, if you are interested in volunteering to do this, please call the parish office at 715-748-3336. We will have our first organizational meeting in August. We will start taking picture appointments shortly after the organizational meeting.



Feast of the Assumption at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion

August 15

Celebrate the Feast of the Assumption at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion on August 15. A coach bus will be leaving Holy Rosary at 7:15am for this event at no cost. Space is still available, please contact the parish office to sign up!

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Mass — Did You Know?

What is different about a Catholic Priest's funeral mass?

I wanted firstly to thank all who attended Fr. Dennis' funeral on July 21st at Holy Rosary Church. This funeral service was unique partly because it was for a priest and meaningful because it was for a priest who served our communities especially Holy Rosary and Good Shepherd for many years.

Due to the fact that a Catholic Priest served the Church throughout their lives the celebration of their death and prayers for their soul reflect this great gift that they gave all of us. Firstly, the body is displayed with the vestments of the priest who dedicated their lives primarily in celebrating the Mass. The body is also displayed with a "full-couch" casket or a casket that you can view the whole body as a reflection of the dignity and importance of the priest's role in our lives and the church's.

When the body is placed in the church for the funeral the book of the Gospel was placed on their casket as a sign of their ministry of proclaiming the Gospel. The body is also placed with the head facing the altar as a sign of their commitment to the altar and their ministry to the Mass. Finally, at the end of the Mass, as the body is placed in the hearse, the priests and congregation gather to sing the Salve Regina. This is the proper hymn that all priests pray throughout the year at the end of night prayer. Night Prayer is one of the 5 prayers of the Liturgy of the Hours that the priest promised the Bishop he would pray the rest of his life. Night Prayer has a focus on our death and our need for God's grace in the moment. We pray to Mary one more time for this priest in his death.

Every priest in the Diocese of Superior has a file containing their funeral plans. This file is updated regularly so that this important moment in the priest's life is cared for and is clearly carried out.

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