

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 17, 2025 ~ Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three." - Lk 12:50-52

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4-Parish Office

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Holy Rosary Parish

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Website: www.hrmedford.org

Holy Rosary School

Phone: 715-748-3336 ext. 2

Good Shepherd Parish

Phone: 715-427-5259
Email: goodshepherdcc@outlook.com
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

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

During my baseball career, my best coach often said, "You shouldn't be worried if I yell at you. Be worried if I don't. If I stop pushing you, it means I don't think you have any more potential." He demanded a lot, and I knew it meant he saw that I could be something special on the baseball field.

Jesus says some demanding words to us this week. **"Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth?"** he asks, **"No, tell you, but rather division" (Luke 12:51).** He wants you and me—in fact, all the earth—to participate in the luminous glory of God. That's why he speaks of himself as a divine arsonist. Divine fire is like a good coach: it demands the removal of all that obstructs the achievement of the lofty goal.

How is your life demanding right now? That inconvenient family situation, the unfair boss at work, the kids who reject their parents' wishes, the nagging health issue? Maybe things would be more peaceful devoid of these seemingly arbitrary difficulties. But for us who believe in the one who comes to set the earth of fire, we should be much more worried if he stops demanding so much from us. In fact, let's thank him for it. He sees how glorious we can become.

— Father John Muir

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Grief Support Group Gatherings

Thursday, August 21st at 9:30am

Holy Rosary Parish - Fireplace Lounge

Hosted by Mary Anderson

Grief Support Specialist,

Certified Spiritual Direction and End of Life Doula

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".

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 16, 2025

4:00 pm	+ Katherine Boehlen by SHCCW	SH
5:00 pm	+ Earl Emmerich (Anniversary of Death) by Joanne & Family	HR
6:30 pm	+ Becky Price by Dad	GS

Sunday, August 17, 2025

7:15 am	+ Agnes Robida by Mary Lavin	SH
8:00 am	+ Cooper Resech by Lyn & Wendy Hartl	OLPH
8:45 am	For all the families of our 4-Parish Community	HR
9:30 am	+ Allen Lang by Bernice Matyka	GS
10:30 am	+ Louis Mortenson by Nora	HR

Monday, August 18, 2025

12:15 pm	+ Dolores Sova by Laura Leary	HR
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Tuesday, August 19, 2025

5:15 pm	+ Mary Salzman by Mike & Peggy Czerniak	HR
6:00 pm	+ Bob Melaski by Andy Dums Family	GS

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

8:30 am	+ Shelby Brandner by Children & Grandchildren	HR
8:30 am	+ Bob Gebert by Karen Sulko	SH

Thursday, August 21, 2025

8:30 am	Needs of Abiding Care Clients by Walking With Moms in Need	HR
10:15 am	+ Betty Reichert by Family & Friends	NHM

Friday, August 22, 2025

8:30 am	Jeanette Gehrig by Susan Gregori	OLPH
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Saturday, August 23, 2025

4:00 pm	+ Agnes Robida by the Bednarek Family	SH
5:00 pm	The Williams Family	HR
6:30 pm	+ Bill Bleck (Birthday) by Ken & Mary Thums	GS

Sunday, August 24, 2025

7:15 am	+ Marcella Hrabby by Jerry & Mary Werner	SH
8:00 am	For all the families of our 4-Parish Community	OLPH
8:45 am	+ Kenneth Fechhelm by Mary	HR
9:30 am	+ June Stiel by Carolyn Gare	GS
10:30 am	+ Deceased members of the Potaczek Family By the 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

**This Week the Sanctuary Light at Holy Rosary
is lit with the following intention:**

+ Emily R. Niggemann by Ray and Kathleen Synol



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.

Holy Rosary Parish

Sunday, August 17, 2025

3:00 pm Youth Group

Monday, August 18, 2025

6:30 pm 4-Parish Planning Committee Mtg.

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

6:00 pm Adoration and Confession until 7:30 pm

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

2:00 pm School Open House until 6:00 pm

Thursday, August 21, 2025

9:30 am Grief Support Group in the Fireplace Lounge

2:00 pm Pictorial Directory Mtg. in the Fireplace Lounge

4:00 pm Silent Adoration until 7:00 pm

Saturday, August 23, 2025

3:45 pm Confession until 4:45 pm

Holy Rosary Finances

August 5—August 11, 2025

Adult Envelopes \$6,198.00
Loose \$1,019.16
Diocesan Paper \$66.00
Fuel Collection \$25.00
School Collection \$376.41
Candles/Votive Lights \$144.65
School Tuition \$7,650.00
Religious Education \$55.00
Total \$15,534.22

Maintenance Fund

August 11, 2025

New Cash Contrib. \$503.50

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: \$2,302,063

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

Livestreaming Ministry—Help Needed

Our church is looking for someone to lead our livestreaming ministry, focusing on organizing and setting up livestreams for Mass and special events. This is a vital role in connecting our community, especially those who cannot attend in person.

If you feel called to this ministry and believe you have the skills and passion to contribute to our parish community, please contact the parish office at 715-748-3336 x247.

How to Schedule a Parish Activity

If you have an activity that is happening within the parish building, you **must** 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.

Calling All Singers

The Diocesan Chorale is an ensemble of singers from throughout the Diocese of Superior whose ministry is to serve as leaders of music at Diocesan liturgical events. These include the annual Chrism Mass, Rite of Election, Wedding Anniversary Liturgy, Priestly and Diaconate Ordinations, and others. Rehearsals are about once a month, and are usually held in Ladysmith. The Chorale is celebrating their 25th Anniversary this year and as part of this celebration, are touring several parishes in the Diocese. Some of the Chorale members will be coming to Nativity of Our Lord parish in Rhinelander on Saturday, Sept. 6th to sing at the 4:30pm Mass. We would like to invite any interested singers to join us for an 11:00am – 4:00pm rehearsal, which includes a potluck and breaks. After singing at Mass, there will be a “meet and greet” social to provide additional information about the Chorale and answer questions. For additional information, please contact Gary Hecimovich, Director, at 715-642-0566 or hecimovichgary@gmail.com.

Piano Donation



Thanks to the wonderful donation of a Kawai piano from Mr. Ken Kraft to our school we are looking to rehome our current piano in the Fireplace Lounge. It is a great opportunity for an aspiring musician or family looking to add music to their home. If interested in giving this piano a new home, please contact the 4-Parish office at 715-748-3336 x247. Thank you to Mr. Ken Kraft for your generous donation.

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

Prayer REQUESTS

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

Religious Education “News You Need to Know”

4-Parish Picnic & Pool Party

Thank you to everyone who attended the picnic, the turnout was fantastic. Three years ago, when we had our first picnic, I never imagined the event would become so successful. We served 427 ice cream cones, 200 brats, 225 hot dogs, and 200 slices of watermelon. We apologize for running out of food, and will work to plan for a larger crowd next year. The weather was perfect. Timeless Tunes provided good music in the pool. Most importantly, it was wonderful to see so many people enjoying themselves. Some were talking to friends they hadn't seen for a while, and others were making new friends. Both our priests jumped into the pool and swam with the kids. Thank you to everyone who helped set up, serve, and clean up. Without your help, the event would not be possible.

- The Packer tickets winner was Staci Egle.
- The cornhole winners were: Caleb Crabb, William Dixon, and Michelle Dyer.

Golf Outing

Thank you to everyone who entered and helped with the Golf Outing yesterday, August 16th. I will have a full report in next week's bulletin.

Upcoming important dates

- Good Shepherd Fall Festival **Sunday, August 24th**, Polka Mass at 9:30am, Dinner served 11:00am to 1:00pm. Additional activities start at 10:30am.
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) Fall Festival is on **Saturday, Sept. 6th**. The Festival will be held at the Whittlesey Lions Park. Activities start at 3:00pm.
- Religious Education welcome back Mass at Holy Rosary on **Wednesday, Sept 10th, at 6:30pm for students in grades 5-12**. Families are invited to attend with their children. Students in grades 1-4 will start classes at Holy Rosary at 4:00pm, and 5:30pm at Good Shepherd.
- Holy Rosary Fall Festival will be held on **Saturday, Oct 4th and Sunday, Oct 5th**. Watch the bulletin for more details.

Return your forms NOW!

If your children were in Religious Education last year, you should have received the registration information for this year in the mail. If you did not receive the information in the mail or if you are new to our parishes, please call the 4-Parish office at 715-748-3336. Michelle will help you get registered and mail you the correct forms.

Religious Education year classes will begin on Wednesday, Sept 10th. Calendars of the entire year are included in the registration packets and are available at the parish website.

- We need a 3rd-grade teacher at Holy Rosary. This class would go from 4:00pm to 5:00pm on Wednesdays.
- A 7th-grade teacher at **Good Shepherd** in Rib Lake, this class is from 7:00pm to 8:10pm on Wednesday evenings.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the Religious Education program, please contact Mike via e-mail at mhub@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

I believe that our school motto should be used in every classroom. It uses love and compassion. We need to put Christ in the center of our lives and in our motto. When we build relationships we are making Christ in the closest part of the school. Jesus told the parable of the sower and the seed. We are the seeds spreading the word of God. We are put in different places to try and spread the word. It doesn't always happen in my class. In my class we are mocking other people and we are not following this motto as we always need to. We are calling people names like they are stupid or dumb, but in reality they are children of God. We are not stopping the problem when there is one. We are just standing there looking. That is one of the worst things to be doing. These are examples that show we are not having Christ in the Center. We can always look to God when we are in the situation we are having. We will never always follow this motto like the way we should but we will try. In this way we will have Jesus in the center of our circle. When we do this it will make our school and lives better.

By: Everlee Nazer

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



Cans for Kids Donations

Thank you to all who have donated to Cans for Kids to benefit the Religious Education program. Together we raised over \$4,000 last year to benefit our youth. Aluminum cans can be bagged, and dropped off at Holy Rosary Church, Klingbeil Lumber, Strama's Gas Station, and Medford County Market in the marked Cans for Kids collection bins.

Holy Rosary School Open House

Wednesday, August 20th
2:00pm—6:00pm

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.

Daily Bible Readings for the Week of August 17

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/
Heb 12:1- 4/Lk 12:49-53

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab
and 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/
Mt 19:23- 30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a,
9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/
Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/
Heb 12:5- 7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

Free Large Print Missalettes

Large print missalettes are available to be mailed to your home monthly through Xavier Society for the Blind free of charge. If you could benefit from a large print missalette, please contact the parish office at 715-748-3336 x247.

Mission Statement for our 4-Parish Community of Holy Rosary, Good Shepherd, Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Sacred Heart

As a Catholic Community of disciples, guided by the Holy Spirit, nourished by the Eucharist, and formed by the Word, we are called by the Father to bring all to Jesus Christ our Savior.

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!

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Monday, August 18, 2025

7:00 pm Prayer Hour

Friday, August 22, 2025

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

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Finances

August 11, 2025

Adult Envelopes..... \$795.00
Loose..... \$183.00
Votives \$5.00
Fall Festival Raffle \$630.00
Total..... \$1,613.00

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: \$132,987.00

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 19, 2025

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

Saturday, August 23, 2025

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

Sunday, August 24, 2025

10:30 am Fall Festival until 4:00 pm

Good Shepherd Finances

August 3, 2025

Adult \$3,277.00
Loose \$229.00
Candles \$37.00
Energy & Bldg. Fund \$550.00
Liturgy Fund \$20.00
Black Top Fund \$25.00
Food Pantry \$50.00

Holy Day-Assumption \$500.00
Total \$4,688.00

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 Richard & Pat Gilge for their donation to the Servants of Shepherd.

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. Contact Patrick Matyka at 715-783-0492 to Register your Tractor.

Confirmation Students, we need help with the kids games and clean up, this is your chance to get Church hours for Confirmation! Call the office to volunteer.

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.

Religious Education Teacher

We are looking for a 7th Grade Religious Education Teacher for this school year. Please prayerfully consider this ministry.

4-Parish Directory

We are looking for a volunteer to help schedule appointments at Good Shepherd for the 4-Parish Directory in October.

Ministries

Please call the office and/or leave a message if you would like to join a ministry or volunteer in anyway. Thank you!

Keep in Prayer—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, Jimmy Gehrig, 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, Bonnie Dohn, Teri Zimmerman, Shirley Thums, Sharon Jorgensen, Lewis Deegan, Karen Dums, and all Nursing Home Residents.

Sacred Heart Parish

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

6:00 am Adoration until 4:00 pm

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

9:00 am Confessions until 9:30 am

Saturday, August 23, 2025

2:45 pm Confessions until 3:45 pm

Sacred Heart Finances

August 3, 2025

Adult Envelopes \$900.00
Loose \$518.00
Maintenance \$420.00
Candles \$36.00
Assumption \$10.00
Post Office Box Refund 35.00
Total \$1,924.00

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

Congratulations Karleen Sperl, 2025 Pax Christi Finalist!

Karleen Sperl was honored recently at the Superior Diocese's Council of Catholic Women convention in Woodruff as one of four finalists for this year's Pax Christi Medal. The annual award is given by Bishop Powers to recognize the devout, hardworking women in our parishes who live their faith as an example for us all. Sacred Heart is honored to have Karleen in our midst, and to be able to nominate her for this award. A recognition at Sacred Heart will occur later this year. Congratulations, Karleen!



Food Pantry Donations

Recent donations to Indianhead's food pantry included \$40 cash, an impressive \$350 in gift cards, and 28 pounds of food and miscellaneous items. Thank you for your ongoing support of others in our community! Donations can be put into the collection box in the church entry.

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.

Attention to All Involved in Music Ministries

All involved in parish music ministry are invited to attend the 2025 diocesan *Music Ministry Retreat and Workshop* taking place Friday, September 26th from 5:00pm to 9:00pm and Saturday, September 27th from 8:30am to 3:15pm at St. Joseph Church in Amery. Dominican Priest, preacher, composer and woodwind instrumentalist **Fr. Jim Marchionda, OP** will be our presenter. For more information and the registration flyer go to this page on our diocesan website: <https://catholicdos.org/diocesan-workshop-1>

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Set the Earth on Fire

My wife can get so invested in a sporting event where one of her favorite teams is playing that she sometimes must leave the room due to the stress. That is heavy-duty investment! I remember her on the sidelines for our son's soccer games or our daughter's lacrosse games. Her emotions were intense, and she cheered loudly for her children. She never yelled at a referee because it wasn't about them. It was about wanting to see her children, or her favorite team, achieve something great. Her passion was fueled by love and her connectedness to something or someone.

When we look at our Church, we need to see greater passion. Sometimes that passion is there, but many times, we approach our discipleship as just another aspect of who we have become. It needs to be more than that. As we call ourselves Christian, we need to "put on Christ" so that a world in need sees not us, but Jesus. By being serious about our discipleship and living as transformed Everyday Stewards, we bear witness to the power of Jesus Christ.

Jesus said in Luke 12, "I have come to set the earth on fire." Those words sound pretty emotional to me! If we are to be like him, then we need to set the earth on fire. We need to be bold and proclaim the Good News without apology. By our actions of love and justice, we need to show the world that with the Body of Christ on earth, it is not business as usual. Surely our emotions about these things should trump the emotions we have about a sporting event. We need to ask ourselves what truly sets us on fire.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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