

The Catholic Community of

Holy Rosary, Medford, Good Shepherd, Rib Lake,
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Whittlesey
and Sacred Heart, Stetsonville

OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY

215 S. Washington Ave., Medford, WI 54451

Mass Schedule

Monday — 12:15 pm
Tuesday — 5:15 pm
Wednesday — 8:30 am
Thursday — 8:30 am
Saturday — 5:00 pm
Sunday — 8:45 am and 10:30 am

Adoration

Tuesday from 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Thursday from 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Confession

Tuesday from 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Saturday from 3:45 - 4:45 pm

GOOD SHEPHERD

513 State Rd., Rib Lake, WI 54470

Mass Schedule

Tuesday — 6:00 pm
Saturday — 6:30 pm
Sunday — 9:30 am

Adoration

Tuesday from 3:00 - 6:00 pm

Confession

Tuesday from 5:00 - 5:45 pm
Saturday from 5:45 - 6:15 pm

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

W5409 Whittlesey Ave., Medford, WI 54451

Mass Schedule

Friday — 8:30 am
Sunday — 8:00 am

Adoration & Confession

Friday from 9:00 - 10:00 am

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

322 W. Cty. Rd. A., Stetsonville, WI 54480

Mass Schedule

Wednesday — 8:30 am
Saturday — 4:00 pm
Sunday — 7:15 am

Adoration

Tuesday from 6:00 am - 4:00 pm

Confession

Wednesday from 9:00 - 9:30 am
Saturday from 2:45 - 3:45 pm

Very Reverend Patrick McConnell, Pastor
Reverend Julian Druffner, Associate Pastor
Deacon Patrick Gierl

September 14, 2025 ~ The Exaltation of the Holy Cross



THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man." For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:13, 17

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4-Parish Office

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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

Fr. Patrick

Peace and Blessings. As we enter the season of change with fall, school, harvest, football and colder weather it's nice to remain rooted in something constant like the liturgical season of ordinary time. Yet this weekend pause and take a step back to remember another constant in our lives that isn't always pleasant to remember, the cross. This weekend's Masses falls on the 14th which is the solemnity of the Exaltation of the Cross. This major feast day in the church seems a little out of place, it's not Lent and don't we spend a whole special day reflecting on the crucifixion on good Friday?

On the 14th of September in the year 362 St. Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine, discovered the true cross on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Not many years later her son had a church built over this site which is called the Holy Sepulcher, and remains one of the most important places in the whole world. To this day we remember this day as the day when the actual cross of our Lord remains a sign to us all of the profound love that the Father has for us by sending His Son to die for us.

Christians "exalt" the Cross of Christ as the instrument of our salvation. Adoration of the Cross is, thus, adoration of Jesus Christ, the God Man, who suffered and died on this Roman instrument of torture for our redemption from sin and death. The cross represents the One Sacrifice by which Jesus, obedient even unto death, accomplished our salvation. The cross is a symbolic summary of the Passion, Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ — all in one image. The Cross — because of what it represents — is the most potent and universal symbol of the Christian faith. It has inspired both liturgical and private devotions: for example, the Sign of the Cross, which is an invocation of the Holy Trinity; the "little" Sign of the Cross on head, lips, and heart at the reading of the Gospel; praying the Stations (or Way) of the Cross; and the Veneration of the Cross by the faithful on Good Friday by kissing the feet of the image of Our Savior crucified.

Placing a crucifix (the cross with an image of Christ's body upon it) in churches and homes, in classrooms of Catholic schools and in other Catholic institutions, or wearing this image on our persons, is a constant reminder — and witness — of Christ's ultimate triumph, His victory over sin and death through His suffering and dying on the Cross. We remember Our Lord's words, "He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake shall find it" (Mt 10:38,39). Meditating on these words we unite ourselves — our souls and bodies — with His obedience and His sacrifice; and we rejoice in this inestimable gift through which we have the hope of salvation and the glory of everlasting life.

I am also grateful for all those who dedicated their time, talent and treasure for the successful festivals at both Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Good Shepherd. We give thanks to God for all the ways that so many support our church communities and pray it was a blessing to all who were involved.

I also want to invite all to a great opportunity for growth in faith. This Sunday, today, after the 10:30 AM mass at Holy Rosary we will be having another formation gathering. We will be emphasizing the great gift and importance of prayer with a guest speaker, Fr. Isaiah Sschiek from Rice Lake where he serves as an associate. Please pray for the fruits of the spirit to be poured out on all who are attending. If you haven't decided to come please consider this great gift of faith



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 13, 2025

4:00 pm	† Dorothy Wesle by Charlie & Mary Lavin	SH
5:00 pm	Larry & Barbara Born (60th Wedding Anniversary) by Family	HR
6:30 pm	† Wayne Tlusty by Mike & Bev Patrick	GS

Sunday, September 14, 2025

7:15 am	† Lora Ann Dynek by Deb Fierke	SH
8:00 am	† Robert Tlusty by John & Annette Tlusty	OLPH
8:45 am	For all the families of our 4-Parish Community	HR
9:30 am	† Ignatius & Abbie Wahl by Lucille Sauder	GS
10:30 am	† Terry Werner Sr. by the Family	HR

Monday, September 15, 2025

12:15 pm	Needs of Abiding Care Clients by Walking with Moms in Need	HR
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Tuesday, September 16, 2025

5:15 pm	No Mass at Holy Rosary	HR
6:00 pm	† Josephine Thums (Birthday) by Ken & Mary B Thums	GS

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

8:30 am	† Jerry & Shelby Brandner by Family	HR
8:30 am	No Mass at Sacred Heart	SH

Thursday, September 18, 2025

8:30 am	No Mass at Holy Rosary	HR
8:30 am	† Agnes Robida by SHCCW	SH
10:15 am	Communion Service Only	NHM

Friday, September 19, 2025

8:30 am	† Mike Tlusty by John & Annette Tlusty	OLPH
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Saturday, September 20, 2025

4:00 pm	† Marcella Hrabay by SHCCW	SH
5:00 pm	† Jim Hessefort (Anniversary of Death) by Mary Hessefort	HR
6:30 pm	† Allen Lang by Gerald & Joan Matyka	GS

Sunday, September 21, 2025

7:15 am	Justin Horacek by Dave, Tammy Kohler & Family	SH
8:00 am	For all the families of our 4-Parish Community	OLPH
8:45 am	† Frank Gasek by Audrey & Family	HR
9:30 am	† Joseph Zondlo by Dan & Mary Fliehs	GS
10:30 am	† Ben Seidel by Donna & 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:

Safety & well being for 1st Lieutenant Erik Tollefson by Leon & Lucille Brandner

Mass Intentions

There are Mass intentions available for several upcoming dates at Holy Rosary and OLPH. To purchase a Mass intention, contact the parish office. The cost is \$20 for each intention.

Holy Rosary Parish

Monday, September 15, 2025

6:00 pm Parent Gatherings in FPL

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

9:00 am Building and Grounds Mtg.

5:15 pm No Holy Rosary Mass followed by Adoration & Confession

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

8:30 am Holy Rosary Mass

Religious Education Classes

Thursday, September 18, 2025

8:30 am No Mass at Holy Rosary

9:30 am Grief Support Mtg. in FPL

4:00 pm Silent Adoration until 7:00 pm

5:30 pm Finance Council Mtg.

7:00 pm Pastoral Council Mtg.

Saturday, September 20, 2025

3:45 pm Confession until 4:45 pm

Holy Rosary Finances

August 26—September 8, 2025

Adult Envelopes \$10,626.00

Loose \$1,593.02

Diocesan Paper \$101.00

Fuel Collection \$25.00

School Collection \$101.00

Candles/Votive Lights \$190.82

Religious Ed Tuition ... \$1,890.00

Church Gen. Act. \$150.00

Rel. Ed. Gen. Act. \$65.00

Total \$14,741.84

Maintenance Fund

August 25, 2025

New Cash Contrib. \$1,124.00

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..... \$90,783.56

Balance due \$0.00

Total \$90,783.56 — 134 Families

Holy Rosary Capital Campaign Update

Pledges to date: \$2,302,063

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

Discipleship Formation Gathering

All are invited

September 14th from 2:00-5:00pm in the
Holy Rosary Social Hall and Church

Presentation by Isaiah Schick on Prayer
& Witness by 4-Parish Member

Please RSVP by September 11th to mickeyea6145@gmail.com
or 715-560-0081.

Feel free to invite others to attend with you and include them
with your RSVP.

Rest In Peace

Our sympathy to the
family & friends of

Ronald Lechmaier
&

Robert Thusty
may they rest in peace

Baptisms

September 7, 2025

Olivia Elizabeth Juedes

Daughter of
Ronald & Allison Juedes

Sponsors:
Jared Way & Madeline Way

September 7, 2025

Tyler James Wood

Son of
Brian Wood & Korissa Hrabý

Sponsors:
Peggy Hrabý & Kordell Hrabý

Wedding Banns

David Nelson & Aubrey Haenel II

Josh Thiede &
Sophia Pernsteiner I

Congratulations Jane Schiszik!



Jane was recently
installed as President-
Elect for the National
Council of Catholic
Women at the Conven-
tion held in Orlando, FL
on August 19-23.

Congratulations to Jane!

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.



Blessed Bloom Bar

Make & Take a Flower Bouquet

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



Thank you to those who attended on August 14, we
made over 35 bouquets!

Next Event—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 this
event, please call or text Kathy at 715-560-1777.

Religious Education "News You Need to Know"

Religious Education

Class for all grades of Religious Education will be held this Wednesday, Sept 17th, at Holy Rosary and Good Shepherd. Holy Rosary schedule:

- Classes for grades 1-4 is from 4 pm to 5 pm. Most students ride the bus from school to Holy Rosary. If parents are dropping off their student, please try to arrive by 3:50 pm. Parents may pick up their students in the school commons area at 5 pm
- Classes for grades 5 – 8 are from 6 pm to 7 pm. Students may be dropped off and picked up in front of the school entrance.
- Classes for grades 9 – 10 are from 7:15 pm to 8:15 pm. Students may be dropped off and picked up in front of the school entrance.
- Classes for grades 11 – 12 are from 7:15 pm to 8:45 pm. Students may be dropped off and picked up in front of the school entrance.
- **Parents of students in Grade 11 should attend class with their students on the 17th. We will be reviewing the requirements for Confirmation.**

Good Shepherd schedule

- Classes for grades 1-5 are from 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm. Students may be dropped off and picked up in front of the church entrance.
- Classes for grades 6-11 have class from 7:00 pm – 8:10 pm.
- Confirmation students in grade 12 have class from 7:00 pm to 8:10 pm Sept. /Oct.
- **Parents of students in Grade 11 should attend class with their students on the 17th. We will be reviewing the requirements for Confirmation.**

Did you forget to register your students? You can still register for Religious Education. Contact Michelle at the 4-Parish office at 715-748-3336. Michelle will help you get registered and mail you the correct forms.

Upcoming dates to mark on your calendar

Leaf Raking

Saturday, Oct 25th will be the Youth Group leaf raking date. Each year, the Religious Education students rake leaves for senior citizens in the City of Medford.

Confirmation date

Confirmation has been changed from a Sunday Mass to a Saturday Mass. Confirmation for all students in our 4-Parish community will be held on **Saturday, November 1st, at the 5:00 pm Mass.**

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

Holy Rosary Parent Gatherings

6 Week Parenting Series & Faith in the Family

Mondays: Sept. 15th, 22nd, 29th; Oct. 13th, 20th, 27th

Holy Rosary Fireplace Lounge 6:00-7:00pm

Contact Cindy at schoolsecretary@hrmedford.org
for more information

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.

We would love to have you join us for our prayer services. They are unique every Tuesday morning and hosted by different classes throughout the year. We prayed the Rosary on Tuesday which was led by our sixth-grade class. This is just a wonderful way to be a family and share in the love of Christ. Our Lady of the Holy Rosary pray for us.



Every year we teach lessons on creating a Circle of Grace. These lessons aim to equip our children by giving them the essential knowledge and skills grounded in the richness of faith. This curriculum helps children understand that we are all children of God. We are grateful to Bishop Powers for helping us implement this program for our children. These lessons are taught in the classrooms or at home by parents.

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

Catholic Services Appeal

The CSA will take place in all parishes across the Superior Diocese on September 20 & 21. It's important to remember that we are united with other churches in northern Wisconsin and with our Diocese as a whole. The appeal serves as a way for us to collaborate in love and support for the Church by sharing the gifts that God has bestowed upon us. Your participation is crucial, not only for the success of the CSA, but also for our parish. We invite all Catholics from the 16 counties of the Diocese to support this vital initiative. No Catholic parish within the Diocese can thrive independently without the CSA.

Daily Bible Readings for the Week of September 14

Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/
Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Jn 19:25-27 or
Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/
1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13



HOLY ROSARY PARISH & SCHOOL INVITE YOU TO OUR
FALL FESTIVAL
TOO GOOD TO JUST BE ONE DAY

OCT 4 HOLY HARVEST NIGHT
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

- LIVE MUSIC BY MEAGHAN OWENS | STARTING AT 6:30 PM
 - BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS
- KIWANIS BINGO | STARTING AT 7:00 PM
- KC FOOD STAND & DRINK STAND | STARTING AT 6:00 PM

OCT 5 ABUNDANT JOY SUNDAY
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

- INDOOR & OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES | FOR ALL AGES
 - CARNIVAL GAMES & PRIZES
 - PETTING ZOO
 - COUNTRY STORE
 - BUCKET RAFFLES & SILENT AUCTION
- FOOD & DRINK OPTIONS AVAILABLE - SEE EVENT FLYER

\$10/TICKET
OR
3 FOR \$25

RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER MASS OR
AT HOLY ROSARY PARISH OR SCHOOL OFFICES
37 PRIZES TOTAL | GRAND PRIZE OF \$5,000
DRAWING OCT. 5TH @ 3:30 PM

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Monday, September 15, 2025

7:00 pm Prayer Hour

Friday, September 19, 2025

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

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Finances

June 1-30, 2025

August 26—September 8, 2025

Adult Envelopes \$2,360.00
Loose \$591.00
Votives \$15.00
Fall Festival Raffle \$1,431.00
Gaza \$226.00
Total \$4,623.00

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

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%

Thank you

A HUGE, HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this year's OLPH Fall Festival a huge success. To all those individuals and businesses that donated either money, prizes, food, goods or their time, we thank you so very much. We truly could not pull this off without each and every one of you! - OLPH Fall Festival Committee

2025 OLPH Raffle Ticket Winners

1st \$500—Christian Freeman
2nd \$350—Kim Kasperek
3rd \$200—Linda Gollhardt
4th \$100—Vickie Dassow
5th \$50—Melody Best
6th \$50—Tim Fuchs

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.

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.

Good Shepherd Parish

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

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

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

2:00 pm Decorating Mtg.
5:30 pm RE for Grades 1-5 until 6:45 pm
7:00 pm RE for Grades 6-11 until 8:10 pm

Saturday, September 20, 2025

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

Good Shepherd Finances

August 31, 2025

Adult \$1,870.38
Loose \$1,021.25
Candles \$16.00
Energy & Bldg Fund..... \$100.00
Gaza Collection..... \$656.00
Total..... \$3,663.63

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

Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry needs for September are pasta sauce, spaghetti or pasta, applesauce, ketchup, mayo and cereal. The Food Pantry will be on September 17th. Please place your donations in the parish hall by September 14th. Thank you for your generosity to our neighbors in need!

Keep in Prayer—Donna Magnuson

Please Pray for Donna Magnuson and her family. Donna was a former parishioner of Good Shepherd until she moved to Tomahawk. The funeral visitation will be at St Mary's Church in Tomahawk on Friday Sept 19th from 10:30am until noon, with a Mass at Noon. May she rest in peace.

Parish Directory

Please sign up in the back of Church if you can help with Greeting and Registration on Picture Days. Also remember to sign up for a time slot to have your picture taken!

Ministries

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

Servants of the Shepherd Work Day

Please come to join the Servants of the Shepherd in our parish hall Tuesday, Sept 23rd, 9:30am to join in the fun. We will be making repairs to some of the hymnal book bindings. Supplies provided.

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, Julie Gehrig, Ryan & Audrey Metz Family, Wally Emmerich, Sue Thums, James Van de Castele, Donna (Mann) Lind, Dan Sackmann, Carol Long, Betty Brandner, Nicole Richardson, Steve Spurgeon, Richard Weinzatl, Randy Dums, Judi Hebda, Mary Salzman, Bonnie Dohn, Teri Zimmerman, Shirley Thums, Sharon Jorgensen, Lewis Deegan, Karen Dums, Isabel Olkives, All nursing home residents, Elaine Malitz, Glenn Mathias, Sharon Gall, Lorraine Jagielski, Barb Nordness, Leona Will, June Wilcox, Peter Paulson, Carol Brookner, William Jahsman, Dale Euclide

Sacred Heart Parish

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

6:00 am Adoration until 4:00 pm

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

No Mass at Sacred Heart

Thursday, September 18, 2025

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart
9:00 am Confessions until 9:30 am

Saturday, September 20, 2025

2:45 pm Confessions until 3:45 pm

Sacred Heart Finances

August 31, 2025

Adult Envelopes \$485.00
Loose \$696.00
Maintenance \$245.00
Building Fund \$50.00
Candles \$15.00
Gaza Collection \$437.00
Donation \$10.00
Total \$1,938.00

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

Reminder: Follow Our Entire 4-Parish Community

Our 4-parish community is increasingly working together to complete initiatives and offer activities. Be sure to read the entire bulletin each week - either in print or online at <https://parishesonline.com/organization/holy-rosary-our-lady-of-perpetual-help-good-shepherd-and-sacred-heart-catholic-parishes>. You'll find an amazing number of opportunities available for faith development, socializing, and volunteering to better both our faith community and our area of Taylor County.

Food Pantry Donations

Recent donations to Indianhead's food pantry included \$40 cash, \$50 in gift cards, and 57 pounds of food and miscellaneous items. Thank you for your ongoing support of others in our community!

Indianhead's Medford pantry is undergoing organizational changes, but efforts are underway to ensure continuation of a full-scale pantry in Medford. The new leadership is especially appreciative of cash donations during the transition. Donations can be put into the collection box in the church entry, or given to Peggy Hraby for delivery.

Sanctuary Light Intentions

A way to remember those close to your heart is via the weekly sponsorship of Sacred Heart's Sanctuary Light. Your intention will be printed in the bulletin and be effective for the subsequent week for a donation of \$5. Like Mass intentions, submit your sanctuary light intention and any date preference on the form in the church entry, or by contacting the parish office.

4-Parish Directory Sign Up is Open

We are doing a new pictorial directory for all 4-parishes. We encourage you to sign up online if able. If you are unable to sign up online, you can sign up after each Mass starting in September. Pictures will be taken on:

Tues & Wed	October 14 & 15	@ OLPH
Thurs - Sat	October 16 - 18	@ Holy Rosary
Tues & Wed	October 21 & 22	@ Sacred Heart
Thurs - Sat	October 23 - 25	@ Holy Rosary
Tues - Sat	Oct 28 - Nov 1	@ Good Shepherd

Weekday Photo Hours: 2:00 - 8:30 | Saturday Hours: 10:00 - 4:00

You can go to any location for your portrait session
Choose the date and time that works best for your schedule

All portraits will arrive before Christmas!

Schedule your Appointment Online!

Go to: www.ucdir.com

Then, click on:

Photography Session Sign-Up

Enter the Church Code for the location you choose

Note: Church Code & Password are lower case

Holy Rosary Church Code: wi420a

Sacred Heart Church Code: wi420b

OLPH Church Code: wi420c

Good Shepherd Church Code: wi420d

Password for All: photos

You can sign up using the website above, or simply scan this QR code.

For questions, please contact the parish office at 715-748-3336.



The Cross is Not Negotiable

"Holiness isn't for wimps," Mother Angelica famously said. "And the cross isn't negotiable, sweetheart — it's a requirement."

I love Mother Angelica, and I love this quote. Following God is *tough*, and to do it you have to make a decision to *be tough*, to endure tough things — and ultimately, to love the toughness of it all, because within that struggle God meets us with mercy and salvation.

But in light of today's readings, I think Mother Angelica would forgive me for tweaking her words a tiny bit.

Holiness *is* for wimps, *because* the cross isn't negotiable.

When the unfaithful among the Israelites were bitten by the serpents, they were healed by looking upon the instrument of their suffering: the serpent itself, mounted on Moses' staff. With a literary flourish that puts Homer and Shakespeare to shame, God inverts that primitive symbol. To heal us, he invites us to look upon the cross — the sacrifice which achieved our redemption.

Jesus came here to die on that cross for us. For the wimps.

Because we couldn't do it ourselves, even if we tried. We couldn't right all of our wrongs, not if we had a million years to do it. We would keep screwing it up. We would keep failing. We're wimps; that's what we do.

But the cross — the cross is a magnificent invitation to something more. Divinity Himself, assuming the cloak of flesh and the weight of sin, so that when we look at the cross we might recognize ourselves. So that we might see what we have been, what we are, what we could be.

And none of it is negotiable.

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Pre-Marriage Retreat Day

Saturday, October 11 from 8:30am—6:00pm

At Holy Rosary Parish

Cost: \$100 per couple

(includes lunch & materials needed for the day)

Register by October 1, 2025

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