

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 28, 2025 ~ The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.'" - Lk 16:25

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4-Parish Office

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Holy Rosary School

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Good Shepherd Parish

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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

Deacon Pat Gierl

Grace and Peace to all! The reality of sin and brokenness in the world challenges all of us to once again and so often turn to the foundation of the human spirit innate in all of us. **"Charity in truth,"** to which Jesus Christ bore witness by his earthly life and especially by his death and resurrection, is the principal driving force behind the authentic development of every person and of all humanity." (Benedict XVI - Caritas in Veritate (truth in love) - 2009). As we listen this week to the sobering call from the words of Sacred Scripture, we have to ask ourselves difficult and oftentimes disturbing questions. How am I doing in the area of Catholic Social teaching? (at the heart of our readings today) The tenets of Catholic Social teaching encompass what it means to be Catholic. One of these great tenets is the area of concern for human dignity and the common good in society. **Catholic social teaching** is a central and essential element of our faith. Its roots are in the Hebrew prophets who announced God's special love for the poor and called His people to a covenant of love and justice. (that which is due to all) It is a teaching founded on the life and words of Jesus Christ, who came "to bring glad tidings to the poor . . . liberty to captives, recovery of sight to the blind" (Lk 4:18-19), and who identified himself with **"the least of these,"** the hungry and the stranger (cf. Mt 25:45). I have written on this subject in the past but it is good to revisit and renew our commitment to the three basic principles of Catholic Social teaching: Human Dignity, Solidarity and Subsidiarity.

Human dignity-The central principle of Catholic social teaching, which states that every person is created in God's image and likeness, making human life sacred. **Solidarity**-The virtue of sharing material and spiritual goods with others, even those you don't know or like. Pope Benedict XVI again said that solidarity is "first and foremost a form of assistance to the human person".

Subsidiarity-The principle that larger institutions should support local communities and not interfere with them. The term comes from the Latin word subsidium, which means help or assistance. Subsidiarity means that decisions should be made by the people most affected, and that larger groups should only get involved to help smaller groups. As stated, the central principle of Catholic Social teaching is Human dignity.

It is difficult to find the words to articulate the reality of a country divided by violence, by discourse in finding common ground and by the shadow of ignorance when seeking the good, the true and the beautiful. So I will again turn to the Catechism of the Catholic Church for just the right response to difficult realities we face everyday.

"Without the help of grace, men would not know how to discern the often narrow path between the cowardice which gives in to evil, and the violence which under the illusion of fighting evil only makes it worse." This is the path of charity, that is, of the love of God and of neighbor. Charity is the greatest social commandment. It respects others and their rights. It requires the practice of justice, and it alone makes us capable of it. Charity inspires a life of self-giving: "Whoever seeks to gain his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will preserve it." (CCC 1889) Let us pray for peace! Let us pray for unity! Let us pray for understanding! Let us pray and be the voice of reason...the voice of unobstructed good will to ALL. Lord Jesus, we turn our hearts and minds to the one who understands best the way we should go. Direct our country in a way that reflects the words our Savior gave us...Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

May God Bless your week

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 27, 2025

4:00 pm	† Agnes Robida by Gail Damm	SH
5:00 pm	Brent & Juleen Hallgren (40th Wedding Anniv.)	HR
6:30 pm	† Gayle Long Murphy by Bernice Matyka	GS

Sunday, September 28, 2025

7:15 am	For all the families of our 4-Parish Community	SH
8:00 am	† Bob Heier by John & Annette Tlusty	OLPH
8:45 am	† Duane Draeger by Bernie & Mary Wahl	HR
9:30 am	† Living & Deceased of the Lawrence Weinzatl & Joseph Acker Families by Weinzatl Children	GS
10:30 am	† Mary Salzman by Dan & Karen Firnstahl	HR

Monday, September 29, 2025

12:15 pm	No Mass Due to Funeral	HR
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Tuesday, September 30, 2025

5:15 pm	† Mary Buss by Tim & Jill Koenig	HR
6:00 pm	† Merne Gilles by Mike & Peggy Czerniak	GS

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

8:30 am	† Fr. Dennis Meulemans by Pat Mertens	HR
8:30 am	† Joe & Marcella Hruby by Alan & Peggy Hruby	SH

Thursday, October 2, 2025

8:30 am	The Williams Family	HR
10:15 am	† Betty Reichert by Family & Friends	NHM

Friday, October 3, 2025

8:30 am	† Russel & Signe Bergh by Tom Mertens	OLPH
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Saturday, October 4, 2025

4:00 pm	Living & Deceased members of the Catholic Order of Foresters by Dianne Gabavics	SH
5:00 pm	† Sister Shirley Wagner by Ann & Bryan Krause	HR
6:30 pm	† Bob Melaski by Jim & Joan Tlusty	GS

Sunday, October 5, 2025

7:15 am	† Jack Lundy by Karen Sulko	SH
8:00 am	† Cooper Resech by Lyn & Wendy Hartl	OLPH
8:45 am	† Carol Walczak by David & Jaymi Kohn	HR
9:30 am	For all the families of our 4-Parish Community	GS
10:30 am	† Nate Meyer by JaNae Pernsteiner	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 Sacred Heart
is lit with the following intention:**

† Gene Gebert by Becky Brost

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.

**Prayer
REQUESTS**

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

Holy Rosary Parish

Monday, September 29, 2025

No 12:15pm Mass Due to Funeral
5:30 pm 4-Parish Liturgy Committee Mtg. in Social Hall
6:00 pm Parent Gatherings in FPL

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

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

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

Religious Education Classes

Thursday, October 2, 2025

4:00 pm Silent Adoration until 7:00 pm

Saturday, October 4, 2025

8:00 am Confession until 8:45 am
3:45 pm Confession until 4:45 pm
6:00 pm Fall Festival

Sunday, October 5, 2025

10:00 am Fall Festival

Holy Rosary Finances

September 16-22, 2025

Adult Envelopes \$15,567.00
Loose \$1,030.35
Candles/Votive Lights \$55.99
Religious Ed Tuition ... \$2,855.00
School Tuition \$59,741.15
Fall Festival School \$2,440.00
Various Shares & Payroll from
other churches \$10,526.37
Var. School Income \$8,430.69
Other, Misc \$1,151.56
Total \$101,798.11

Maintenance Fund

September 22, 2025

New Cash Contrib. \$1,139.00

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 \$113,500.00
CSA paid to date \$15,525.00
Subtotal \$97,975.00
Pledges Due \$3,480.00
Balance due \$94,495.00

Total \$19,005.00 — 33 Families

Holy Rosary Capital Campaign Update

Pledges to date: \$2,302,537

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

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.

Abiding Care's Baby Bottle Campaign

Abiding Care's Respect Life Baby Bottle Campaign begins today! The bottles will be available at the back of the church for you to take home and fill with spare change, dollar bills and/or a check. Bring the bottles back to church by October 26th for Abiding Care to pick up. The theme this year is Stepping up for Moms and Dads. Your generous support is deeply appreciated and will help those facing unplanned pregnancies know they are not alone. Please note, they will provide year-end tax receipts for checks received but not for cash or change.

Wedding Banns

Josh Thiede &
Sophia Pernsteiner III

Kevin Rothmeyer &
Jessica Rothmeyer II

Dylan Kaae &
Sierra Johnson II

Lisandro Ibarra &
Yessenia Hernandez I

Donations

A donation was given to
Holy Rosary School by Jeff &
Joan Scheirer in memory of

Ray Deml

A donation was given to
Holy Rosary Church by Mark
& Catherine Kulig in memory
of

Ray Deml

Attention Bakers

Parish-wide call for pre-cut bars for Holy Rosary's Fall Festival on October 4th and 5th. Bars should be dropped off at the HR Social Hall by Saturday October 4th. If you have any questions, please call Ann Dassow.

Catholic Services Appeal

Thank you for completing a Catholic Services Appeal envelope. For those who have not yet filled one out, please do so before leaving Church today. No contribution is too small, and our parish aims for 100% participation. By making your gift today, you can save a volunteer the effort of mailing and calling, which saves both time and resources.

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Religious Education "News You Need to Know"

Fall Festival

Next weekend is the Holy Rosary Fall Festival. This year, the festival is a 2-day event. On Saturday, Oct 4th there will be live music, bingo, KC Food Stand, and a refreshment booth. On Sunday, Oct 5th, we will be having our traditional events. Chicken dinner, kids' games, ice cream (with our new machine). There will be a petting zoo, a cake walk, and basket raffles. The KC Food Stand with food and our famous cheese curds. Come out and join in the fun. All the proceeds from the festival go to support our school! If you wish to volunteer to help, please contact the parish office.

Sunday Preschool Program

We will not be able to have the preschool lesson on Sunday, Oct 5th. The fireplace lounge will be used for the Fall Festival. Class will then resume on Sunday, Oct 12th.

How to Help with Rel. Ed. at Home

Each year, we strive to provide a high-quality Religious Education experience for our students, but we cannot do it alone. We need the help of parents and grandparents. Here are some tips to help the children understand the importance of Religious Education.

- Take your children to Mass! You might not remember, but when your child was baptized, you, as parents, made a promise before God and the church. You promised to raise your child in the faith. To fulfill that promise, you need to take your children to Mass.
- Life can be busy, but if you don't make Mass a priority, why would your child? As students get older, they tend to follow your actions more than your words.
- Today, children as young as 12 are leaving the faith because their parents have stopped taking them to Mass.
- On Wednesday, ask your child what was discussed that afternoon/evening in class. If you show an interest in what they learned, they will feel that Religious Education is important to you.
- Come to parents' meetings when scheduled.
- If a parent of a Confirmation student, please come to class to help when scheduled. The small group discussions held in class allow the students to discuss their feelings about the church and faith. The small groups need the parents to help keep the students on track.

Confirmation Date

Reminder, Confirmation Mass this year is on a Saturday. Confirmation will be on Nov 1st at the 5:00 pm Mass.

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

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

Our students have been working hard!

The fourth graders worked in groups to put together a giant map of the United States. Soon they will be able to do this without looking at a map!



Grade 6 did a skit called Super Priest at prayer service. It gave examples of how important our relationship is with our priest and examples of some of the things they do for us.

These warm, summer days have been great for doing some outside learning while also getting exercise.



We are off and running in our fifth grade book clubs run by Mrs. Alsteens. Students selected a mystery for their first book titled *The Mystery of the Locked Rooms* by Lindsay Currie. Can't wait to see what happens.

Meet Ms. Brandy, our school librarian

All Holy Rosary students utilize our library. Ms. Brandy does library classes where she teaches the students how to use the library properly. She can sometimes be found reading a book and doing a craft with the younger students. It can also be a quiet place to take a test. We are very fortunate to have Ms. Brandy and our wonderful little library.



Daily Bible Readings for the Week of September 28

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/1 Tm 6:11-16/
Lk 16:19-31

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab,
2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 (458)/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/
Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/2 Tm 1:6-8,
13-14/Lk 17:5-10

Homebound Communion Minister Training

Monday, October 20th at 6:00 pm
at Holy Rosary

Please contact the parish office with any questions.



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 29, 2025

7:00 pm Prayer Hour

Friday, October 3, 2025

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

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Finances

September 22, 2025

Adult Envelopes \$575.00
Loose \$243.00
Votives \$5.00
Medford Coop Rebate \$28.35
Living Faith Booklets \$122.10
CSA Pledges \$540.00
Total \$1,513.45

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 \$9,719.00
CSA paid to date \$840.00
Subtotal \$8,879.00
Pledges due \$125.00
Balance due \$8,754.00

Total \$965.00 6 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%

Thank you

The Ladies Sodality would like to thank the family of Bob
Thlusty for their donation in his name.

Today is Priesthood Sunday

To honor the priests who have supported you throughout your life,
please consider offering a Spiritual Bouquet
by praying a Rosary on their behalf.

1. Offer the first decade for the priest who baptized you.
2. Offer the second decade for the priest who gave you first Communion.
3. Offer the third for the bishop who confirmed you.
4. Offer the fourth decade for the priest who witnessed your marriage, the bishop who ordained you or your current priest.
5. Offer the fifth decade for the priest who will anoint you at your death.

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.

Eucharistic Consecration Diocese of Superior

October 22nd—November 23rd
Sign up here or in the church office
by October 1st.



Good Shepherd Parish

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

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

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

Religious Education Classes

Saturday, October 4, 2025

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

Good Shepherd Finances

Catholic Services Appeal

September 14, 2025

Adult \$2,773.00
Loose \$1,394.00
Candles \$31.00
Energy & Bldg Fund..... \$2,423.00
Faith Formation \$1,010.00
Liturgy Fund \$100.00
Food Pantry \$550.00
Blacktop Fund \$1,000.00
Total \$9,281.00

Total assessment \$28,165.00
CSA Paid to date \$0.00
Subtotal \$0.00
Pledges due \$0.00
Balance due \$28,165.00
\$0.00 - 0 Families

Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry is always in need of donations. Please place your donations in the parish hall. Thank you for your generosity to our neighbors in need!

Servants of the Shepherd

The Servants of the Shepherd will be meeting after the Tuesday evening Mass at about 6:45pm on September 30th. New members are welcome to join.

Parish Directory

Please sign up in the back of Church if you can help with Greeting and Registration on the 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!

Partners in Prayer Rosary

The Partners in Prayer will meet October 3rd at 3:00pm in the Church to pray the Rosary for the sick. All are welcome to join.

Truck or Treat

Please plan for our Truck or Treat event that will be held on Saturday, October 25th after the 6:30 pm Mass.

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 Dohm, Teri Zimmerman, Shirley Thums, Sharon Jorgensen, Lewis Deegan, Karen Dums, Isabel Olkives, Julie Frahmman, All nursing home residents, Elaine Malitz, Glenn Mathias, Sharon Gall, Lorraine Jagielski, Barb Nordness, Leona Will, June Wilcox, Carol Brookner, William Jahsman, Dale Euclide

Sacred Heart Parish

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

6:00 am Adoration until 4:00 pm

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

9:00 am Confessions until 9:30 am

Saturday, October 4, 2025

2:45 pm Confessions until 3:45 pm
Family Social Following Mass

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Family Social Following Mass

Sacred Heart Finances

Catholic Services Appeal

September 14, 2025

Adult Envelopes \$1,585.00
Loose \$332.00
Maintenance \$265.00
Candles \$20.00
Donation \$10.25
Total \$2,212.25

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

Parish Family Weekend: October 4-5

Take a bit of time next weekend to join your parish family downstairs after Mass. Have a cup of coffee or juice, a light meal, and some wonderful conversation with old, and new, friends. Everyone is welcome!

Reminder to ...

- Sign your family up for a photo session. Sessions for the new pictorial directory are October 14th to November 1st, but you need to reserve a date and time now.
- Reply how you will participate in the Eucharistic Consecration occurring throughout the Diocese October 22nd to November 23rd, which includes reading the book 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory. A reply is requested by October 1st to establish the related discussion groups.
- Make your donation and/or pledge to the 2025-2026 Catholic Services Appeal, which funds critical Diocesan programs benefitting every parish. Donate online, or find envelopes in the pew or church entry.

EDGE OF THE RED SEA
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**EDGE OF THE RED SEA MINISTRIES
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24 OCT 2025 | 5:30 TO 8:30 PM | RSVP BY OCT 12

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Learn how you can make a difference through prayer, volunteering, hosting a retreat or financial support.

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.



Competing Like a Steward

Picture it: family game night. What are you playing? Monopoly? Clue? Chess? Poker?

Whatever your game of choice, I'll bet the night is a lot more fun when everyone tries their best to win. Sure, no one likes an obnoxiously competitive opponent — but if we're being honest with ourselves, it's actually more annoying to face off with someone who just doesn't care. A little competition gives the activity a pulse. It keeps everyone interested. It speaks to the worthiness of the endeavor.

We are told to "compete well for the faith." These are confusing words, perhaps, since cutthroat competition doesn't jive with the spiritual ideals of submission and humility. So why is God asking this of us? He isn't setting up some kind of cosmic contest to reward the smartest, strongest, and fastest among us with His mercy and grace.

Competition doesn't have to mean aggressive self-interest. It doesn't have to mean ferocity and lack of principle. Competition can — and should — mean witness. Think of the Olympics. There's a competition that isn't a conquest or a performance but rather a testimony — a feat of strength! A celebration of ability, hard work, and effort. Does anything glorify God more than that?

Let's strive to be competitive, but with the competitive nature of an everyday steward: that which seeks the good of all running the race.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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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