



ONE FAMILY

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

SEPTEMBER 27 , 2026 - TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." - Mt 21:32

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

GLP's

PARISH OFFICE INFORMATION

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McConnell

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8:00am-4:00pm

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One Family Catholic Community Mission Statement

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



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH

513 State Rd, Rib Lake, WI 54470

Mass Schedule

Tuesday-----6:00pm

Saturday-----6:30pm

Sunday-----9:45am

Confession

Tuesday-----5:00-5:45pm

Saturday-----5:45-6:15pm

Adoration

3:00-6:00pm



HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

215 S. Washington Ave, Medford, WI 54451

Mass Schedule

Monday-----12:15pm

Tuesday-----5:15pm

Wednesday--8:30am

Thursday----8:30am

Saturday----4:00pm

Sunday-----9:00am & 10:45am

Confession

Tuesday-----6:00-6:45pm

Saturday-----2:45-3:45pm

Adoration

6:00-7:00pm

4:00-7:00pm



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC CHURCH

W5409 Whittlesey Ave, Medford, WI 54451

Mass Schedule

Friday-----8:30am

Sunday-----7:45am

Adoration & Confession

Friday-----9:00-10:00am



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

322 W. Cty. Rd. A, Stetsonville, WI 54408

Mass Schedule

Wednesday----8:30am

Sunday-----7:15am

Confession

Wednesday-----9:00-9:30am

Adoration

Wednesday-----9:30am-5:00pm

A NOTE FROM FR. PATRICK

This Sunday's Gospel gives us a simple but challenging question: Are we willing not only to say "yes" to God, but to live that "yes" with our lives? Jesus tells the parable of two sons—one who initially says no but later does his father's will, and another who says yes, but never follows through. The Christian life is not simply about what we say, but about allowing our hearts and our actions to be transformed by Christ. As the prophet Ezekiel reminds us, God is always ready to welcome the sinner who turns back to Him.

This is a beautiful theme as we approach the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4. We are celebrating the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis, and Good Shepherd is observing this special Jubilee Year with a wonderful series of opportunities for prayer and devotion. Francis heard the call of Christ and gradually allowed that call to change the direction of his entire life. His "yes" to Jesus was not merely words—it became a life of prayer, poverty, peace, service and love for Christ and His Church.

I warmly invite everyone to take part in the St. Francis Jubilee devotions at Good Shepherd. Beginning this Friday, September 25, we will have the Rosary and Novena, along with opportunities for Adoration throughout the Jubilee, culminating in the Transitus Service on October 3 and the Feast of St. Francis on October 4. We will also have the opportunity to venerate first- and second-class relics of St. Francis, and to pray in the newly renovated St. Francis devotional area. I hope many of you will take advantage of these opportunities. What a beautiful way for us, as a 4-parish family, to ask St. Francis to help us hear the voice of Christ more clearly and respond with greater generosity.

This weekend I will also be out of town helping the parishes in Ladysmith, who are presently experiencing the loss of a priest. This is another reminder of the great need for priests throughout our Diocese of Superior. I ask you to keep the people of Ladysmith in your prayers, but also to pray for our entire diocese—for our priests, seminarians, religious, and especially for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The needs are real, but so is God's providence. We should never underestimate what God can do when we faithfully place our needs before Him in prayer.

While I am away, I am grateful that Msgr. Steotzel will be with us and will celebrate the Sunday Masses at Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Good Shepherd. Please give him a warm welcome and thank him for generously helping our 4-parish family. And perhaps, as we celebrate St. Francis, we can each ask ourselves: *What is the "yes" that Jesus is asking of me today?* May St. Francis help us to move beyond simply saying "yes" to Christ and give us the courage to live that "yes" every day.



Saturday, September 26, 2026

4:00pm	† Everett Hale (Birthday) by Pearl Hale & Family	HR GS
6:30pm	† Paul Matyka by Allen & Melissa Thums	

Sunday, September 27, 2026

7:15am	For all the Families of our One Family Catholic Community	SH
7:45am	† Delbert & † June Brandner by the Family	OLPH
9:00am	† Nathan Meyer by the Meyer Family	HR
9:45am	† Mike Thums by John & Annette Tlusty	GS
10:45am	† Leora Reynolds by Rick & Laurie Spanbauer	HR

Monday, September 28, 2026

12:15pm	Fr. Patrick McConnell by Tim & Jill Koenig	HR
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Tuesday, September 29, 2026

5:15pm	† Bob Tlusty by Tom Tlusty	HR
6:00 pm	† Mary Jo Winnie by Ryan & MaDonna Enkers	GS

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

8:30am	† Dennis Mertens by MCC Past Presidents	HR
8:30am	† Pat Wesle by the Wesle Family	SH

Thursday, October 1, 2026

8:30am	† Michael (Doc) Doyle by Dick & Mary Hebda	HR
10:15am	† Fritz & Helen Heier by the Family	NHM

Friday, October 2, 2026

8:30am	† June Brandner by John & Annette Tlusty	OLPH
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Saturday, October 3, 2026

9:00am	Kimberly Williams	HR
4:00pm	† Les Buehler by the Family	HR
6:30pm	† Richard Weinzatl by Leroy & Marge Draeger	GS

Sunday, September 20, 2026

7:15am	† Alice Rindt by the Family	SH
7:45am	For the OLPH Ladies Sodality	OLPH
9:00am	† Carol Walczak (Birthday) & † Gene by David & Jayme Kohn	HR
9:45am	For all the Families of our One Family Catholic Community	GS
10:45am	† Shirle Rothamer 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
• CG Country Gardens Medford • OH Our House Medford

Abiding Care's Sanctity of Human Life Baby Bottle Campaign begins this weekend in our 4-Parishes.

The bottles will be available at each entrance of the church for you to take home and fill with spare change, dollar bills and/or checks.

Bring the bottles back to church by October 25, so they can be returned to Abiding Care.

This year we are celebrating 15 years of saving, supporting and transforming lives.

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.

Available Now! Print & Digital Ad Spaces! Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community.

Marsha Smith from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. We invite you to expand your reach & grow your business with print ad in our Parish Bulletin or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.come.

Please reach out to the Parish Office for more details.

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Wedding Banns

Jed Miller &
Emily Quante I
Jacob Patrick &
Sarah Brandt III
Collin & Megan Baumann
III

Baptisms

Kaysen Allan Denzine
Child of: Kade & Jaclyn
Denzine
Sponsors: Gage Dubiel &
Autumn Peissig

Kemerley Ann Ramsey

Child of: Aaron &
Morgan Ramsey
Sponsors: A.J. & Kirsten
Kleutsch & Sally Nazer

Emergency Priest Line

For urgent pastoral emergencies, please call 715-748-3336, option 4. We ask you to please call, not text a priest for emergencies to make sure they are answered timely.

Weddings

For anyone interested in getting married in the Catholic church, please contact the parish office at least 6 months prior to the wedding.

Baptisms

Contact the parish office to schedule a baptism.

Funerals

If using a funeral home, please work with the funeral home to coordinate the funeral with the church. If not using a funeral home, please contact the parish office to coordinate the funeral.

No one should walk alone.

One on one grief support is available to help process loss and find renewed purpose and hope. For more information, and to register please contact Mary Anderson at 715-748-2615



DAILY READINGS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11
or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

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

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13,
14-15/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc,
13-14/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10,
13-14ab/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75,
91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-14, 15-16,
19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

If your child is attending Rel Ed. but you have not registered them, please do this AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Please reach out to the Parish Office if you need paperwork.

Observances for the week of September 27, 2026

Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

Monday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

Tuesday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Wednesday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Friday: The Holy Guardian Angels

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
7:15am Mass SH 7:45am Mass OLPH 9:00am Mass & Sunday School HR 9:45am Mass GS 10:45am Mass HR	12:15pm Mass HR 7:00pm Prayer Hour OLPH	3:00-6:00pm Adoration GS 5:00-5:45pm Confessions GS 6:00pm Mass GS 5:15pm Mass HR 6:00-7:00pm Adoration & Confession HR 7:00pm Wedding HR	8:30am Mass HR 8:30am Mass 9:00-9:30am Confessions SH 9:30am-5:00pm Adoration SH Rel-ED- HR & GS	7:00am - 12:00pm Whittlesey Quilters OLPH 8:30am Mass HR 10:15am Medford Nursing Home Mass 4:00-7:00pm Silent Adoration HR	8:30am Mass OLPH 9:00-10:00am Adoration & Confessions OLPH 3:00pm Prayer Partners GS 6:00-8:00pm Family Adoration & Fun Night HR	8:00-8:45am Confessions HR 9:00am Mass HR 10:00am-12:00pm Altar Guild Meeting HR 3:00pm Wedding OLPH 2:45-3:45pm Confession HR 4:00pm Mass HR 5:45-6:15pm Confession GS 6:00pm Rosary GS 6:30pm Mass GS



HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL NEWS

"EACH STUDENT MATTERS, EVERY MOMENT COUNTS,
CHRIST IN THE CENTER"



FROM THE DESK OF
MRS. ANA TURINO

Thank You for a Wonderful Fall Festival!

A heartfelt thank you to all of our Holy Rosary families, volunteers, staff, and friends who helped make our Fall Festival such a wonderful success! Whether you volunteered your time, donated items, attended with your family, or helped behind the scene; your support made this special event possible. We are truly blessed to have such a generous and caring school community!

Cooler Weather Is Coming!

As the temperatures begin to drop, please make sure your children come to school dressed appropriately for the weather. Students will continue to enjoy outdoor recess whenever conditions allow. Please remember to send:

- A warm coat or jacket
- Hats and gloves (as temperatures get colder)
- Appropriate shoes for outdoor play
- Extra layers on especially chilly mornings

Please also label coats, hats, gloves, and other belongings with your child's name.

This makes it much easier for us to return lost items to their owners.



Staying Healthy

Fall also brings the beginning of cold and flu season. Please encourage children to wash their hands regularly, cover coughs and sneezes, get plenty of rest, and start each school day with a good breakfast.

♥ Thank You, Holy Rosary Families! ♥

We are grateful for the partnership between our families, teachers, parish, and school. It is through this partnership that we are able to provide our students with a safe, loving, faith filled environment where they can learn and grow. As the seasons change, may we continue to remember the many blessings God has given us and look for opportunities to show kindness and gratitude to one another.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION "NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW"

If you have any questions or comments concerning the Religious Education Program, please contact me via email at mbub@hrmedford.org or call me at 715-748-3336 ext. 248. ---Thank you, Michael Bub

Parent First Reconciliation Meeting

There is an important meeting coming up on Wednesday, October 14 for parents of 2nd grade students in the Religious Education Program and Holy Rosary School. As your children prepare for their 1st Reconciliation, we need your support at home to prepare the students for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The meeting is at 6:00 pm at Holy Rosary. At least one parent of each student is required to attend.

Need some volunteers for Rel Ed.

Due to some schedules changing, I'm now in need of some volunteers to help teach 9th grade Rel. Ed. at Holy Rosary. This would not be every week, only twice a month. If you would be willing to help, please contact Mike Bub. I also still need volunteers to help with snacks for middle and high school students each week. I would need help at 5:30 pm for the middle school and 6:30 pm for the high school students. This mostly involves serving snacks and then cleaning up after the students go to class. I do all the shopping for snacks; I just need help serving.

OCIA

We are starting to prepare for the OCIA program for this year. OCIA is a program for adults who wish to join the Catholic faith or adults who never completed their Sacraments of Reconciliation, the Eucharist, or Confirmation. The program will start in December (due to Easter being early this year). Classes will be held after the 10:45 Mass each Sunday. If you or someone you know is interested in the OCIA program. Contact Michele Armbrust at 715-748- 3336 ext. 253 here at the Holy Rosary office. Anyone interested in the program can join the classes. If a person wants more information or wishes to discuss their specific situation, please contact Michele.

Holy Rosary Fall Festival

Thank you for all who supported the Fall Festival via donation, time, or attendance.

*More information to come in a future bulletin insert.

2026 Holy Rosary Fall Festival Raffle Winners

Grand Prize \$5,000 - Ronald Werner

\$1,000 Winners:

Beatrice Dixon, Roger Ewan

\$500 Winners:

David Easterly, Kathy Jochimsen

\$250 Winners:

Don Clarkson, Roger Gebert

\$100 Winners:

Stacy Olson, Heidi Eckert, Lori Tlusty, Val Bach
Bill Vach, Araeli de Mujica, Gerry Jochimsen
Kristy Motte, Sue Kummer, Helen Dassow

\$50 Winners:

Grant Bub, Dan Sackman, Mike Bruneau
Jen Strama, Elise Van Ansem, Kim Poncek
Jake Starr, Jody Reilly, Norbert Matyka
Brian Herlihy

\$50 Scrip Winners:

Diane Kellner, Shirley E. Werner,
Kristen Onazem, Daniel Jaslowski, Food Pantry

2027 CFE Ticket Winners:

Alicia Canziani, Todd Timmers, Leon Kress
Eugene Draeger, Brock Clarkson

Pre-Marriage Retreat Day

Invited are couples who wish to exchange vows in a Catholic Church or couples who have married outside of the Catholic Church and want their marriage validated in the Catholic Church. This retreat offers a virtue based program, Living a Joy-Filled Marriage by Ascension Press, to deepen the couples' understanding of the sacrament of marriage. Many topics will be presented by the Marriage Prep team. Retreat will be held at Holy Rosary Parish on Saturday, October 10, 2026 from 8:30am - 6:00pm. Cost is \$100 per couple which includes coffee, snacks, lunch, and all materials needed. Please contact the Parish Office at (715) 748-3336 to register. Hurry! Registration deadline is Oct. 1, 2026 (Min. 4 couples, Max. 16 couples).



Join Edge of the Red Sea Ministries for our second annual fundraiser!

Bring a friend and enjoy a delicious meal prepared by **Steve DeLonay**. Learn how you can make a difference through prayer, volunteering, hosting a retreat, or financial support. Hear founder **Lacy Apfelbeck** share her inspiring story, listen to powerful client testimonies, and learn why so many are passionate about ERS and its impact on our community.

Holy Rosary Finances

September 21, 2026

Adult Envelopes.....	\$8,054.00
Loose.....	\$839.00
School Support.....	\$246.00
Candles/Votives.....	\$103.70
Religious Education.....	\$430.00
CSA Pledged.....	\$3,555.00
CSA Non-Pledged.....	\$60.00
Utilities.....	\$25.00
Total.....	\$13,312.70

Maintenance Fund

September 21, 2026

New Cash Contrib.....	\$378.00
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September 21, 2026

Checking Balance.....	\$580,703.77
Income.....	\$37,428.25
Expense.....	\$7,631.60
Ending Balance.....	\$610,500.42

Catholic Service Appeal

Total assessment.....	\$108,965.00
CSA paid to date.....	\$4,255.00
Pledges Due.....	\$0.00
Remaining Due.....	\$104,710.00

~Total \$108,965.00

Holy Rosary Capital Campaign Update

Pledges to date: \$2,321, 186.31

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

Thank you for continuing to use the Campaign envelopes.

2026/2027 CSA

Starting this weekend-
September 26-27, Holy Rosary Parish has been invited to collect a goal amount of \$108,965.

The Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) is a vital initiative that each Parish in the Diocese shares.

Please consider making a faithful contribution this year.

Thank you for your consideration and commitment!



EDGE OF THE RED SEA MINISTRIES 2026 FUNDRAISER

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RIGHTEOUSNESS

"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did."

MATTHEW 21:32

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OLPH Finances

September 21, 2026

Adult Envelopes.....	\$350.00
Loose.....	\$180.05
CSA Pledged.....	\$220.00
Votive Candles.....	\$20.00
Total.....	\$770.05

September 21, 2026

Checking Balance.....	\$39,540.11
Income.....	\$1,407.05
Expense.....	\$1,187.77
Ending Balance.....	\$39,759.39

Catholic Services Appeal

Total assessment.....	\$10,495.00
CSA paid to date.....	\$40.00
Pledges due.....	\$0.00
Balance due.....	\$10,455.00

~ Total \$10,455.00

On Saturday, October 17, OLPH will be having its Bonfire and Rib Night. Steve & Suzy Brandt and family will be making the ribs made famous at the Highview when Steve's parents owned it. The meal will include ribs, cheesy potatoes, a vegetable and dessert. Serving will start @ 6:00pm. More to come in future bulletins.

Please call Steve & Suzy Brandt @ 715-785-7099

by October 13 to make reservations.

We have a limit of 100 meals.



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 decade 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.



Prayer for Autumn

Dear God, As the weather changes, the birds migrate, and autumn's flowers, colors, and clouds make their entrance, we thank You for the gift of this beautiful season! Help us use this season to draw closer to each other and to You. Amen.



SACRED HEART

Sacred Heart Finances

September 16, 2026

Adult Envelopes.....	\$1,620.00
Loose.....	\$247.00
Maintenance.....	\$290.00
Candle Money.....	\$106.00
Total.....	\$2,263.00

Catholic Services Appeal

Total assessment.....	\$14,494.00
CSA Paid to date.....	\$0.00
Pledges due.....	\$0.00
Balance due.....	\$14,494.00

~Total \$14,494.00

Living Rosary & Pizza Dinner

Wednesday,
October 21st
- 6:00pm -

Sacred Heart
Catholic Church
- Stetsonville -

*Help us encircle our worship space in candlelight
as we unite our young and old voices in the praying of the Rosary.
A pizza dinner and social time will follow.
All are welcome, especially our youth
and their families who are on break from classes this day!*



Seeking Green Plants & Stands

We would like to add several large household plants to our worship space at Sacred Heart. If you have healthy plants, sturdy stands, or similar items to donate, please contact Mary Lavin, marylavin@tds.net or 715-748-5256.



Parish Family Sunday - October 4th



Take a bit of time next Sunday 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!*

Good Shepherd Finances

September 6, 2026

Adult Envelopes.....	\$2,335.00
Loose.....	\$643.00
Votives.....	\$137.00
Building & Grounds.....	\$70.00
Other.....	\$45.00
Total.....	\$3,230.00

Catholic Services Appeal

Total assessment.....	\$29,695.00
CSA paid to date.....	\$0.00
Pledges due.....	\$0.00
Balance due.....	\$29,695.00

~ Total \$29,695.00

Please see the insert for the St. Francis Schedule of Rosaries, Adorations, and Novena at Good Shepherd. Please join us in prayer and celebration of St. Francis.



Our Food Pantry is looking for donations of Ketchup, Cereal, Coffee, Pastas, Tomato Sauce, Cream of Chicken Soup, Mayo, Mac & Cheese, Canned Beans & Corn, etc. We also accept monetary donations. The next Food Pantry is on October 21.



Thank you for your generosity to our neighbors in need.

Upcoming Events

Servants of the Shepherd Mtg- Sept 29, 6:45pm
Partners in Prayer- Oct 2 & Nov 6 3:00pm
Sunday Social- October 11, 10:45am
Shepherd Knitters- October 12, 1:00pm
Food Pantry- October 21
Trunk or Treat- October 31, 7:30pm

There will be a Pet Blessing on September 30 at 6:45pm in front of the Church



Partners in Prayer will be Praying the Rosary for the sick on Friday, October 2 at 3:00pm. All are welcome to come & pray for your sick loved ones.



Please Join Us at Good Shepherd to **Pray the Rosary** on Saturdays at 6:00pm prior to the 6:30pm Mass.



Keep in Prayer- Fr. Mike Hayden, Fr. Oen, Ken Matyka, Shaun Bube, Lisa Peche, Jerry Gilge, Red Thums, Bonnie Fuchs, Barb Williams, Jerald Koch, Baby Armand, Lisa Dahl, Jimmy Gehrig, Mary Warner Plamann, Dave & Laura Kalmon, Dennis Niggemann, George Gunderson, Julie Gehrig, Ryan & Audrey Metz Family, Donna (Mann) Lind, Dan Sackmann, Carol Long, Betty Brandner, Nicole Richardson, Steve Spurgeon, Randy Dums, Bonnie Dohm, Karen Dums, Isabel Olkives, Julie Frahmman, Ron & Diane Eisner, Reed Roiger, David Weinatzl, Dean Berry, Betty Feuling, Jessica Will, Addison Garcia, David Moden, Janice Bullis, All nursing home residents, Glenn Mathias, Lorraine Jagielo, Leona Will, Carol Brookner, Monica Danen

Good Shepherd Church is providing Children's Liturgy of the Word during all 9:45am Sunday Morning Masses for all children 3 years old until they receive their First Communion



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