

Holy Rosary Messenger

Holy Rosary Parish, New Holstein, WI

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TOWN HALL MEETING

The Parish's Pastoral and Finance Councils have been looking at the possibility of replacing the gym roof and the school building boiler. A town hall meeting will be held sometime in late February/early March to present information to the parish community and to get parishioner feedback. Please watch the bulletin in the next few weeks for the date of the meeting.



MINISTRY HELP NEEDED

We all have many and varying gifts. In Romans 12:6 it states: "Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them: if prophecy, in proportion to the faith; if ministry, in ministering..." But what is ministering? For some, it is serving by being a priest, deacon, or pastoral leader. For the remainder of Jesus' followers it is in how we serve others.

We are in need of servants of our Lord. We are greatly in need of altar servers (both adult and student), ushers and greeters. Servers for weekend Masses are needed as well as for funerals, weekdays and holidays. Ushers and greeters are needed for weekend and holidays. Training is provided.

We will work around schedules and vacations the best we can and we will work to schedule you for your preferred Mass time. Please prayerfully consider serving in a ministry at our Lord's Great Supper.



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

The Pictorial Directories have arrived. If you had your picture taken for the directory and have not already picked yours up, the directories can be picked up at the parish office weekdays during office hours



"INSPIRING DISCIPLES" 2017 BISHOP'S APPEAL

The 2017 Bishop's Appeal will be kicking off the weekend of February 4 & 5. In the readings that weekend we will hear from Isaiah and Jesus inspiring his disciples to be the presence of God to others. We too are invited to be the presence of God to others. Through the Bishop's Appeal, we have an opportunity to help the larger Church in its mission of reaching out to those who are in need in our diocese. Whether it is through resources and training for our Faith Formation program and Parish Councils or through the work of Catholic Charities for those individuals and families who are struggling, we all have the opportunity to be the presence of God to others.

We invite you to Mass February 4 & 5 to hear the message from Bishop Ricken and hear stories of those the Bishop's Appeal has helped.

When that pledge card comes in the mail, please give some prayerful consideration to all the blessings that God has bestowed on you and we invite you to be that presence of God to others in need around us. Please give generously to this year's Bishop's Appeal.

SAINT BLAISE

Very little is known with certainty about St. Blaise. We know he was a bishop in Sebastea, Armenia and martyred there in 316 for his faith. Legend has it he was born of wealthy parents and made a bishop at a young age. When the persecutions began, he retreated to a cave in the mountains. Legend also has it he made friends with the wild animals, healing and blessing them. When captured and being returned to the ruler, he came upon a woman whose pig was carried off by a wolf. St. Blaise ordered the wolf to return the pig unharmed. Another legend has a woman bringing a child to him near death who had a fishbone caught in his throat and St. Blaise cured him.

While imprisoned, legend has it the woman with the pig brought St. Blaise supplies including two candles. Over time the stories of his curing throat ailments let to the blessing of throats on his feast day, February 3. Blessing of throats is done using two candles crossed at the throat or over the head.

St. Blaise is the patron saint for wild animals, woolcombers (used in his death) and of those who suffer ailments of the throat. For those who would like the throat blessing this year, it will be given after Masses the weekend of February 4 & 5.

Resource: Butler's Lives of the Saints, Complete Edition- Volume One. © 1995 Eaton Press, Norwalk, CT



POTATO PANCAKE SUPPER

Mark Your Calendars.
Our Faith Formation
Department will be

sponsoring their 3rd annual Potato Pancake Supper on Saturday, March 25 serving from 4:30-7:00 pm. Carryouts will again be available this year! Our 'Spring Into Cash' Raffle Drawing will begin at 7:00 pm. Please watch the bulletin for more details.



UPCOMING EVENTS

February 4 & 5 – St. Blaise Blessing after Mass
February 11 – First Reconciliation
February 17 – Helping Hands Food Pantry (3rd Friday of the month)
February 28 – Holy Hour, 1:00 pm
March 1 – Ash Wednesday, Masses at 9:15 am & 6:30 pm
March 25 – Potato Pancake Supper & ‘Spring Into Cash’ Raffle Drawing
April 9 – Palm Sunday, Holy Week Begins
April 16 – Easter
April 23 – First Eucharist



Please remember in your prayers these members of our parish community who have passed away this past year:

Virginia Petrie	Mary Ann Mytko	Phyllis Schneider
Lawrence Balthazor	Josephine Schneider	Harriet Stellflug
Norman Krebsbach	Roger Beck	Edmund Konopka
Vernon Freund	Josephine Schreiner	Brian Schmitz
Virginia Hau		Donald Jodar

May God grant them eternal rest!

‘SPRING INTO CASH’ RAFFLE!

We are well underway with this year’s “Spring Into Cash” Raffle. This raffle is one of our major fundraisers for our parish and we greatly appreciate everyone’s support.

The drawing will be held on Saturday, March 25 at 7:00 PM in the gym at the conclusion of the Potato Pancake Supper. This year we are paying out \$12,000 in prize money with the top prize being worth \$5,000. If you have not already done so, tickets can be picked up in the main wing of church. Additional tickets are also available in each wing of church or at the Parish Office for anyone hoping to sell a few extra. Ticket stubs and money can be dropped off anytime at the parish office or into the locked, metal boxes in the vestibule of each wing of church. All tickets and money need to be returned by Monday, March 20. So again, thank you for your support and if you purchased a ticket, Good Luck!

THE MEANING OF THE ‘HAIL MARY’ PRAYER

HAIL MARY (or Rejoice, Mary):

The greeting of the angel Gabriel opens this prayer. It is God himself who, through his angel as intermediary, greets Mary. Our prayer dares to take up this greeting to Mary with the regard God had for the lowliness of his humble servant and to exult the joy he finds in her.

FULL OF GRACE, THE LORD IS WITH THEE:

These two phrases of the angel’s greeting shed light on one another. Mary is full of grace because the Lord is with her. The grace with which she is filled is the presence of him who is the source of all grace. “Rejoice...O Daughter of Jerusalem...the Lord your God is in your midst.” Mary, in whom the Lord himself has just made his dwelling, is the daughter of Zion in person, the ark of the covenant, the place where the glory of the Lord dwells. She is “the dwelling of God...with men.” Full of grace, Mary is wholly given over to him who has come to dwell in her and whom she is about to give to the world.

BLESSED ART THOU AMONG WOMEN AND BLESSED IS THE FRUIT OF THY WOMB, JESUS:

After the angel’s greeting, we make Elizabeth’s greeting our own. “Filled with the Holy Spirit”, Elizabeth is the first in the long succession of generations, who have called Mary “blessed”. “Blessed is she who believed...” Mary is “blessed among women” because she believed in the fulfilment of the Lord’s word. Abraham, because of his faith, became a blessing for all the nations of the earth. Mary, because of her faith, became the mother of believers, through whom all nations of the earth receive him who is God’s own blessing: Jesus, the “fruit of thy womb.”

HOLY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD:

With Elizabeth we marvel, “And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?” Because she gives us Jesus, her son, Mary is Mother of God and our mother; we can entrust all our cares and petitions to her: she prays for us as she prayed for herself: “Let it be to me according to your word.” By entrusting ourselves to her prayer, we abandon ourselves to the will of God together with her: “Thy will be done.”

PRAY FOR US SINNERS, NOW AND AT THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH:

By asking Mary to pray for us, we acknowledge ourselves to be poor sinners and we address ourselves to the “Mother of Mercy,” the All-Holy-One. We give ourselves over to her now, in the Today of our lives. And our trust broadens further, already at the present moment, to surrender “the hour of our death” wholly to her care. May she be there as she was at her son’s death on the cross. May she welcome us as our mother at the hour of our passing to lead us to her son, Jesus, in paradise.

The Bible passages the above text refers to (marked in the text with quotation marks) in the order of their appearance in the text: Lk 1:48; Zeph 3:17b; Zeph 3:14, 17a; Rev 21:3; Lk 1:41, 48; Lk 1:45; Gen 12:3; Lk 1:43; Lk 1:38; Jn 19:27.

(From the Catechism of the Catholic Church)