

Holy Rosary Messenger

Holy Rosary Parish, New Holstein, WI

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FROM THE PARISH DIRECTOR'S DESK

When you hear the phrase "Anointing of the Sick" – what exactly do you think of?

If you are like most, you connect that sacrament with "Last Rites" or "Extreme Unction." And while there is some truth to that (the church does still practice Viaticum, which is an anointing and receiving of Eucharist one final time as "Bread for the Journey" as one nears death), the emphasis from the Second Vatican Council reshaped Anointing of the Sick away from a sacrament exclusively for the dying and gave it to the entire Church – for all those sick and in need of healing. As Jesus brought healing to those in his day, so this sacrament continues His healing work here and now.

In an effort to make this sacrament more available to all those in need, this year our three linked parishes are going to attempt something new when it comes to the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. In years past, we have held two Masses of Anointing each year. But unfortunately, illness has its own schedule. So beginning this January, we will now be celebrating the Sacrament monthly (on a rotational basis) following a weekend Mass at one of our three linked parishes.

As mentioned previously, this sacrament is for those who struggle with serious illness in their life or for those who are feeling the effects of age. It may be celebrated as often as one feels the continued effects of their illness or aging to be present. Those who wish to participate in the sacrament will be instructed to stay in the worship space following Mass and the rite of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated. It is for all those above the age of reason (generally thought to be age seven) and invites those participating to be anointed with the Oil of the Sick (blessed by Bishop Ricken at the Chrism Mass during Holy Week) on both the forehead and the palms of their hands.

The anointings will take place following a Saturday or a Sunday Mass, generally on the third weekend of the month. Our first scheduled anointing at Holy Rosary will be Saturday, February 17, following the 4:00 Mass. March will see the sacrament celebrated at St. Ann on March 18.

Are you in need of healing within your life? Join us for this sacrament which is for all of us.



MARIAN DEVOTIONS 24TH ANNIVERSARY

January 6, 1994 – January 6, 2018

In 1994, twelve people, which grew to 25-30 people, under the direction of Fr. Patrick Lloyd and Fr. Loren Nys, was the beginning of a weekly Thursday prayer journey. The Liturgy consisted of Rosary, Litany, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Reconciliation, and Holy Mass.

Today, we gather in church for prayer at 1:00 PM on the first and third Thursday of every month. The Prayer Service begins with Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion, Petition Box, and Prayer Requests that are included in the general intersessions. Rosary and Prayer Devotion follow Liturgy of the Word. Much grace is received when praying as a group before the Blessed Sacrament.

Many of our prayer warriors are now deceased or in nursing homes due to age and can no longer attend this devotion. Our Blessed Mother has asked at Lourdes, Fatima, and Medjugorje to pray the Rosary. She needs you to help pray for the Right to Life, for the Unborn, for Marriages and Families, for the Sick, Suffering, and Dying, for those who have turned away from God, and for our Nation and World Peace.

Please join those continuing to attend this prayer request of Our Blessed Mother. She needs you to help win this spiritual battle.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 3 & 4 – St. Blaise Blessing of Throats after Mass
Bishop's Appeal Kick-Off Weekend
- February 14 – Ash Wednesday, Masses at 10:00 am & 6:30 pm
- February 16 – Helping Hands Food Pantry (3rd Friday of each month)
- February 17 – Anointing of the Sick following the 4:00 pm Mass
- March 17 – Potato Pancake Supper & 'Spring Into Cash' Raffle Drawing
- March 25 – Palm Sunday, Holy Week Begins
- April 1 – Easter
- April 22 – First Eucharist

POTATO PANCAKE SUPPER

Our Faith Formation Department will be sponsoring their 4th annual Potato Pancake Supper on Saturday, March 17, 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.



In Memoriam

Please remember in your prayers these people from our parish community who died or whose funeral was here in 2017:

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| Irene Dickrell | Leland Tikalsky |
| Barbara Leitner | Winifred Mertens |
| Pauline Kolodzic | Janet Hauser |
| Cyril Niquette | Delores Shea |
| Melvin Davis | Wallace Stemper |
| Anton Mathes | Jerome Casper |
| Marie Muenster | Rosemary Gilsdorf |
| Margaret Feider | Anna Sprenger |
| Lucy Heus | Eugene Steiner |
| Vern Rolbiecki | Mary Schmitz |
| Eugene Ruh | Ruth Kennon |
| Frances Ninmer | Esther Daun |
| Norbert Kabat | |

May God grant them eternal rest!

Ten Commandment Reflection

*"I am the Lord your God ...
You shall not have other gods beside me."
(Exodus 20:2-3)*

You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength and with all your mind....
(Luke: 10:27)

We can find lots of bible quotes stating our God is the only God and we are to love Him with all we have. Sometimes we need to stop and reflect on this first commandment. Do we allow other things to take our time away from building our relationship with God? Do we sometimes allow earthly things to crowd out our God? Do we let friends, sports, television, our phones, play a bigger role in our lives than God? It's not bad to love music, talk/text our friends, play sports, but when they take precedence in our lives, are we creating another god in our lives?

Today would be a great day to take a few minutes to put that phone down, turn the television off, or stop whatever rules our lives and spend a few more minutes with God. Whether you spend a few minutes in prayer, open the bible or find some other spiritual reading, let God know you love Him and want to spend a few more minutes with Him. God will be glad you did.

BE A BOLD FLAME OF FAITH

HOLY ROSARY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Through the generosity of the parishioners and friends of Holy Rosary Parish, we have received gifts and pledges of \$263,455.20 toward our Capital Campaign. This total, as of December 31, was raised in just seven months. This is amazing. God Bless you all.

Although the work has begun on replacing the heating system, the Capital Campaign will continue to accept new gifts. The work of sustaining and growing our parish belongs to all of us and for those who are still considering a gift, please know all gifts will only be used for capital projects for our parish.

Phase I Progress Report

D. R. Kohlman has been contracted to complete the heating installation. They are being assisted by Pethan Air Services. Four Seasons Electric is doing the electrical work. Unfortunately, all of the contractors have had some manpower and work capacity issues with being able to get here and complete the work. This time of the year, with general and emergency service calls, it can be a problem keeping workers on site. With the cold winter we are having, we are very grateful for the work that has been done.

We currently have six of the eight furnaces operational, but not all of the ductwork and balancing has been completed for them. The second floor school units have been hung in place but have not yet been connected. The current working units in the school are set at 70 degrees which are able to maintain the heat on the second floor around 57 degrees. Once the second floor units are operational, we will then be able to better maintain the desired temperatures in various locations that the units serve.

In comparing the November-December natural gas usage, we are seeing a substantial saving on natural gas usage based on heating degree days already. Initially we were anticipating an approximate \$2,870 annual savings with the heating & ventilation updates. Based on the current savings, we may have been pretty conservative. This savings also did not take into consideration the water, chemical usage, annual backflow preventer and boiler inspection fee costs associated with the old boiler.

Phase I

Gymnasium Roof - We are finalizing a contract with Wrightway Inc. of Fond du Lac to install steel shingles on the gymnasium roof. They were the low bidder for what we feel will be a better installation with a better product. Through the generosity of our parishioners and the amount of gifts and pledges already paid, that work will take place this next summer as part of Phase 2 of the Campaign.



2ND QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

Revenues (Year to Date):	
Church support:	\$ 121,294.24
Fund Raising:	\$ 18,785.34
Restricted & Unrestricted	
Donations:	\$ 78,900.83
Miscellaneous:	\$ 14,307.73
TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 233,288.14

Disbursements:	
Personnel:	\$ 81,715.54
Purchased Service/Supplies:	\$ 14,130.03
Building & Grounds:	\$ 21,967.01
General & Office Supplies:	\$ 5,589.21
School Subsidy:	\$ 17,500.08
Capital Campaign-Phase I:	\$ 53,375.52
Other:	\$ 19,075.58
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 213,352.97

Difference Between Year to Date	
Income & Disbursements:	\$ 19,935.17
Current Outstanding Bills:	\$ 0.00
ACTUAL YEAR TO DATE:	\$ 19,935.17

Previous Bishop's Appeal	
Still Owed to Diocese:	\$ 54,206.69

BUILDING & GROUNDS IMPROVEMENT FUND

•July Receipts	\$ 1,585.49
•July Expenses	\$ 0.00

•August Receipts	\$ 1,233.37
•August Expenses	\$ 450.00

•September Receipts	\$ 1,535.67
•September Expenses	\$ 4,372.16

•October Receipts	\$ 1,623.39
•October Expenses	\$ 6,800.76

•November Receipts	\$ 1,352.85
•November Expenses	\$ 9.89

•December Receipts	\$ 1,288.94
•December Expenses	\$ 0.00

•B & G Fund Balance \$13,886.68

Restricted Accounts Balance:	
•Capital Campaign:	\$129,484.26
•Other Restricted:	\$ 61,930.92

CHRISTIAN PRAYER LINE

Are you, a loved one, or a friend going through a tough time? Have you ever sat up with a sick child, been called in the middle of the night because of an accident, had an illness, surgery, a death in the family, or a feeling of hopelessness? Was it difficult to pray? The purpose of the Christian Prayer Line is to help each other in time of spiritual need, through PRAYER. If you have a need where the Prayer Line can help you or have any questions about the Prayer Line, please call one of the following leaders:

Rita Greuel 898-5213

Helen Reinl 898-4867

'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 17 at 7:00 PM in the gym at the conclusion of the Potato Pancake Supper. Top prize is \$5000. 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 12. So again, thank you for your support and if you purchased a ticket, Good Luck!

✠ CATHOLIC TRIVIA ✠

- God gave the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai to
 - Jesus
 - Noah
 - Moses
 - Mary
- "You shall not take _____ of the Lord your God in vain."
 - the name
 - the land
 - the law
 - the church
- What is the purpose of religious objects like medals, holy cards and statues?
 - To heal illness
 - To give good luck
 - To remind us of God's presence
 - To worship
- "You shall not bear _____ against your neighbor."
 - arms
 - a grudge
 - false witness
 - children
- Which sacrament can we only receive once?
 - Baptism
 - Eucharist
 - Reconciliation
 - Anointing of the Sick
- There are how many gospels in the New Testament?
 - One
 - Two
 - Three
 - Four

Answers: 1. c, 2. a, 3. c, 4. c, 5. a, 6. d