

# Holy Rosary Messenger

Holy Rosary Parish, New Holstein, WI

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## FROM THE PASTORAL LEADER'S DESK

I want to say a special thank you to the many parishioners who helped make our new sound system a reality within our parish. The project was titled "Hearing and Understanding God's Word." There are few things that are as important in our lives. Earlier this month, we heard the story of God calling Samuel in the middle of the night. It was only after Samuel realized that it was God calling him, that he was able to respond. That is the very reason we invested in this new system for our church. Not only does it help us to hear God's Word, but in hearing it invites us to understand and embrace it more in our lives. And that, brothers and sisters, is how God calls us. The question for us is how will we respond to the call of God?

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## EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

Come and pray during a Eucharistic Holy Hour with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. As part of Bishop David Ricken's "Teach My People to Pray" initiative to create Disciples on the Way, he has requested that each parish in the Diocese of Green Bay hold a monthly Holy Hour. Holy Rosary will be hosting ours on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm.

St. Ann will be hosting their monthly Holy Hour on the first Wednesday beginning in March at 8:00 am. SS. Peter & Paul will host theirs on the second Wednesday of each month beginning at 6:00 pm. You are welcome to attend any or all of the Holy Hours.

Please join us in prayer, scripture, silence and song. Let us deepen our faith and bring ourselves closer to God and one another.

## QUIET HOURS

Have you been to church and want to spend some quiet time with our Lord but the church cleaners or workmen are there? We have now set aside every Thursday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm as Quiet Hours for people to come in for private prayer and meditation. Our lives are so busy and noisy we sometimes fail to create the quiet time we need with God. We invite to come and spend some time with God in silence!

## THANK YOU!

Sometimes we may forget to say "Thank You!" Sometimes we forget to let you know we are very grateful for all the little things you do. This month we would like to thank all the volunteers who most people don't see. Thank you to:

- those who clean out the votive candle stands
- those who straighten out the racks in the church pews
- those who do the sidewalk edging around the parish grounds
- those who volunteer at the parish office stuffing bulletins, collating mailings, money countering, etc.
- those who serve at funeral dinners held at Holy Rosary

*Thank you God for all the workers you have sent us in your vineyard!*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 7 – First Reconciliation
- February 7 & 8 – Bishops' Appeal Kick Off Weekend
- February 18 – Ash Wednesday: Masses at 8:15 am & 7:00 pm
- February 24 – Holy Hour from 1:00-2:00 pm
- March 11 – First Eucharist Parent Meeting 6:15 pm
- March 15 – Father & Son Breakfast
- March 19 – Lenten Reconciliation Service 6:00 pm
- March 22 – Mother/Daughter Breakfast
- March 28 – Faith Formation Department's Potato Pancake Supper & Spring Into Cash Raffle Drawing
- March 24 – Holy Hour from 1:00-2:00 pm
- April 8 – Easter Sunday

## PASTORAL COUNCIL SURVEY

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey the Pastoral Council had sent out to all parishioners in December. They appreciate the time you took to complete the survey. Much valuable information was received.

We realize several people commented on the waste of postage to have self-addressed stamped envelopes included with the mailing, but as we found out, so many more people completed the survey. We were amazed at how many we received-over 210. It was well worth the cost.

If you have not completed the survey, we would welcome your comments. Please feel free to return it.

## In Memoriam

Please remember in your prayers the following members of our parish community who have passed away since August:

Ruth Schmitz  
Joseph Depies  
Marcella Feider  
Margaret Halbach  
Charlotte Shaver  
Esther (Pitzen) Halbach  
William Depies  
Richard Hess  
Frank Schneider  
Loretta Rozman  
Ronald Escher  
Gilbert Meier  
Francis Krutzik  
John Kolodzik  
Rosalie Dins

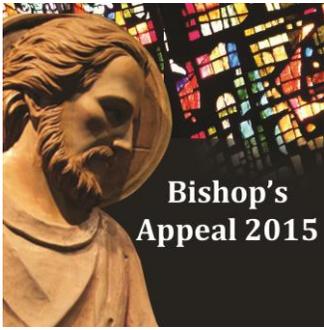
*May God grant them eternal rest!*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Mark Your Calendars. Our Faith Formation Department will be sponsoring a Potato Pancake Supper on Saturday, March 28 following the 4:00 pm Mass. Our Spring Into Cash Raffle Drawing will also be held that evening. Please watch the bulletin for more details.



## BISHOP'S APPEAL BY THE NUMBERS



The Bishop's Appeal reaches out and impacts the lives of thousands of people every year. Here are some interesting facts to illustrate how the Diocese is building disciples, and how the Bishop's Appeal is making a difference in the lives of all of us:

- 60 Catholic schools shared our faith
- 157 Parishes celebrated their liturgies throughout the year
- 906 Couples were joined in marriage
- 2,975 Members of our Diocese passed away
- 2,664 Adults and young people were confirmed in their faith
- 3,088 Children and adults received Jesus through First Communion
- 3,188 Infants and adults joined our parish communities through Baptism
- 9,623 Students participated in Catholic Schools
- 18,102 Students took part Religious Education classes
- 326,466 Catholics worshiped in Diocesan parishes

This year's Bishop's Appeal will be kicking off in a few short weeks. Through your donations to the Bishop's Appeal, the life of every worshipping Catholic is touched in some way. How many lives will you touch this year? Please prayerfully consider making a gift this year?

## BUILDING & GROUNDS UPDATE

It has been a busy fall for our Building & Grounds Committee. The new sound system and hearing loop was their biggest project. Just a few items need to be taken care of and we should be done. Thank you to everyone who has given to the project. No Building & Grounds funds have been used for the project, but we are still about \$3400 short of our goal. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated.

The other projects the committee has completed are the wheel chair ramp to the south entrance to church and to the east parking lot, added or updated hand rails by ramps and all entrances to church. The east parking lot lights were upgraded to better light up the north parking lot and entrance to the north wing. Six new rugs for the church vestibules were purchased as well as a new vacuum for picking up the sand and dirt from outside. The day after Christmas, new LED light bulbs were changed out in church. These bulbs should bring a cost savings to our electric bill.

Thank you to everyone who contributes to our Building & Grounds Improvement Fund collections which made these projects possible.

### 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

Revenues (Year to Date):	
Church support:	\$ 127,346.28
Fund Raising:	\$ 16,440.89
Restricted & Unrestricted	
Donations:	\$ 24,905.36
Miscellaneous:	\$ <u>13,546.58</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$ 182,239.11</b>
Disbursements:	
Personnel:	\$ 71,724.64
Purchased Service/Supplies	\$ 13,445.35
Building & Grounds	\$ 21,558.03
General & Office Supplies	\$ 6,028.73
School Subsidy	\$ 34,000.00
Other:	\$ <u>18,630.91</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$ 165,387.66</b>
Difference Between Year to Date	
Income & Disbursements:	\$ 16,851.45
Current Outstanding Bills:	\$ <u>(5,164.00)</u>
<b>ACTUAL YEAR TO DATE:</b>	<b>\$ 11,687.45</b>
Restricted Accounts Balance:	
Previous Bishop's Appeal & Diocesan Assessments	\$80,295.19
Still Owed to Diocese:	\$ 85,035.69

### BUILDING & GROUNDS IMPROVEMENT FUND

•July Receipts	\$1,170.00
•July Expenses	\$ 800.00
•August Receipts	\$1,227.42
•August Expenses	\$2,386.20
•September Receipts	\$1,608.85
•September Expenses	\$ 72.24
•October Receipts	\$1,505.44
•October Expenses	\$ 653.05
•November Receipts	\$1,498.52
•November Expenses	\$ 768.20
•December Receipts	\$2,644.30
•December Expenses	\$ 0.00

**•B & G Fund Balance \$10,592.43**

## ✠ CATHOLIC TRVIA ✠

## Blessings

*If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who won't survive the week.*

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 20 million people around the world.

*If you attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death, you are more blessed than almost three billion people in the world.*

If you have food in your refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of this world.

*If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.*

If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful, you are blessed because the majority can, but most do not.

*If you can read this message, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world that cannot read anything at all.*

You are so blessed in ways you may never even know.

*by Stephen Eardley*

- The change of bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ is called
  - Transfiguration
  - Transubstantiation
  - Transformation
  - Transportation
- What are the Hebrew Scriptures?
  - The Old and New Testament
  - The New Testament
  - The Old Testament
- Letters from the Pope to the whole world are called
  - Epistles
  - Apostolic nuncios
  - Encyclicals
  - Gospels
- For St. Paul, our faith is in vain if what did not occur?
  - The Incarnation
  - The Resurrection
  - The Ascension
  - The Exodus
- The Church's effort to teach people about Jesus is called
  - revelation
  - catechesis
  - indoctrination
  - transubstantiation